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| 1      | 11/10/54 | NY. AAG Letter to HQ<br>enclosure to serial 2    | 2            | -        | outside the "R" Case   |
| 2      | 12/15/54 | HQ Letter to NY                                  | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 2      | 12/15/54 | copy of HQ Letter to NY                          | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
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| 8      | 4/13/55  | HQ teletype to NY                                     | 1            | -        | outside the "R" Case   |
| 8      | 4/13/55  | copy of HQ teletype to NY                             | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 9      | 4/16/55  | NY Airtel to HQ                                       | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 10     | 4/18/55  | NY Airtel to HQ                                       | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 11     | 4/22/55  | NY Airtel to HQ                                       | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 12     | 10/2/57  | Internal Memo   | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 13     | 1/10/58  | NY Post Newspaper Clippings                           | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 14     | 10/2/58  | NY Post Newspaper Clipping                            | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 15     | 10/23/58 | MP SA memo to SAC                                     | 2            | 2        |  |
| 16     | 12/1/59  | Anonymous Letter with newspaper clipping and envelope | 1/1          | -        | outside the "R" Case   |
| 17     | 2/26/62  | NY Teletype to HQ & copy Transmittal                  | 3/3          | -        | " " " "  |
| 17     | 2/26/62  | copy of teletype to HQ typed                          | 3            | -        | " " " "  |

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| 18     | 11/3/65 | NY letter to NY Capt. Friday<br>night forum &<br>attached search slip re: Cohn | 3/2          | 0/0      | see NY 65-15348<br>outside the "R" Case                                    |
| 19     | 3/16/69 | NY Times News-<br>paper clipping   | 1            | -        | outside the "R" Case   |
| 20     | 9/5/69  | NY News News-<br>paper clippings   | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 21     | 9/15/69 | NY teletype to<br>HQ   | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 21     | 9/15/69 | NY Teletype to HQ  | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 22     | 9/16/69 | HQ Airtel to SL  | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 23     | 9/24/69 | NY Daily News<br>Newspaper clippings   | 2            | 2        |  |
| 24     | 9/26/69 | HQ Airtel to L.S.<br>search slip re: Cohn                                      | 1/1          | -        | outside the "R" Case   |
| 25     | 9/29/69 | NY Teletype to<br>HQ   | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 25     | 9/29/69 | copy of teletype<br>to HQ  | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 26     | 9/23/69 | NY Teletype to HQ  | 5            | -        | " " " "  |
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| 27     | 9/24/69 | HA Airtel to NY                                  | 1            | -        | outside the "R" Case   |
| 27     | 9/24/69 | copy of HA Airtel to NY                          | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 28     | 9/25/69 | NY Teletype to HA                                | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 28     | 9/25/69 | copy of NY Teletype to HA                        | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 29     | 9/26/69 | NY Daily News Newspaper clipping                 | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 30     | 9/30/69 | NY Teletype to HA                                | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 30     | 9/30/69 | copy of NY Teletype to HA                        | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 31     | 10/3/69 | NY Teletype to HA                                | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 31     | 10/3/69 | copy of NY Teletype to B.S.                      | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 32     | 9/26/69 | NY Teletype to HA                                | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 32     | 9/26/69 | copy of NY Teletype to BS                        | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 33     | 10/7/69 | NY Daily News Newspaper clipping                 | 1            | -        | outside the "R" Case   |

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| 35     | 10/2/69  | NY Teletype to HQ                                | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 35     | 10/2/69  | copy of NY Teletype to HQ                        | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 36     | 10/14/69 | NY Teletype to HQ                                | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 36     | 10/14/69 | copy of NY Teletype to HQ                        | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 37     | 10/14/69 | HQ Airtel to NY                                  | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 37     | 10/14/69 | copy of HQ Airtel to NY                          | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 38     | 10/16/69 | NY Times News Paper Clippings                    | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 39     | 10/16/69 | NY News Newspaper Clippings                      | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 40     | 10/23/69 | Internal Memo                                    | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 41     | 11/4/69  | NY Letter to HQ                                  | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 42     | 6/23/69  | NY Magazine Paper Clippings                      | 2            | -        | outside the "R" Case   |

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| 44     | 9/2/69   | N.J. The record Newspaper clipping               | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 45     | 9/23/69  | NY Times Newspaper clippings                     | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 46     | 9/23/69  | NY Daily News Newspaper clipping                 | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 47     | 9/5/69   | NY Life magazine Clippings                       | 7            | -        | " " " "  |
| 48     | 11/21/69 | NY Times Newspaper clipping                      | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 49     | 11/24/69 | NY Teletype to HQ                                | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 49     | 11/24/69 | copy of NY Teletype to HQ                        | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 50     | 11/21/69 | Internal memo                                    | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 51     | 11/26/69 | S.L. Teletype to HQ                              | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 51     | 11/26/69 | copy of S.L. Teletype to HQ                      | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 52     | 12/3/69  | NY Teletype to HQ                                | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 53     | 12/3/69  | NY Teletype to HQ same as above                  | 1            | -        | outside the "R" Case   |



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| 55     | 11/28/69 | NY Teletype to HQ<br>same to qs above            | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 56     | 11/28/69 | NY Teletype to<br>to HQ                          | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 56     | 11/28/69 | copy of HQ Teletype<br>to NY                     | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 57     | 12/2/69  | NY Airtel to HQ                                  | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 58     | 12/9/69  | NY Airtel to HQ                                  | 1            | -        | " " " "  |
| 59     | 12/16/69 | NY Times<br>Newspaper clippings                  | 2            | -        | " " " "  |
| 60     | 12/16/69 | NY Times<br>Newspaper clippings                  | 2            | -        | outside the "R" Case   |
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*CP*

TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS(100-8894) DATE: October 22, 1958

FROM: SA WILLIAM P. EFFERTZ

SUBJECT: MINNESOTA COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE  
OF MORTON SOBELL  
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PURPOSE: To record information contained in a written report dated October 6, 1958, received in the mail from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, by SA WILLIAM P. EFFERTZ on October 8 1958. Informant's written report is filed as [redacted]

DETAILS: Informant's report is set out verbatim.

"Oct. 8, 1958"

"Dear Sir:

"On Oct. 5, 1958, there was a social at the home of Mrs. Celia Schwartz 4038 York Ave. South Mpls. Minn. This social and short business meeting was sponsored by the Minnesota Sobell Committee an organization formed to free a Mr. Morton Sobell from prison in Atlanta, Ga.

"A recording of Counterpoint a New York radio program was played on a tape recorder the program recorded was one at which Mr. Roy Cohn was questioned as to the Rosenberg spy case and also the Sobell case. The following week another program was recorded, this was the interview of Prof Malcom Sharp of the university of Chicago law

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| 1 - 100-8894   | SOBELL COMMITTEE | 1 - 100- | [redacted] |
| 1 - 100-1246   | SWP              | 1 - 100- | [redacted] |
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cc - 1 Chicago (MALCOM SHARP) RM  
1 New York (ROY COHN) RM

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"school who voiced his opinion on the Rosenberg and Sobell spy case.

"The recording was followed by a short business meeting chaired by Mrs. Jean Brust and minutes taken by Billy Marks.

"There is to be a working committee of the Sobell groupe on Oct 16, 1958, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Zubay 4620 Third Ave So Mpls.

"The committee will at the time of this meeting map out action for this fall and winter, they will try to get on the U of M campus at a student meeting and also have some more socials, etc.

"There were 26 people at this meeting and the whole thing was run by members of the SWP. Ralph Zubay ran the tape recorder and Jean Brust was chairman.



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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# A Prosecutor Defends Himself

By ANTHONY BURTON

He came into court like a club fighter, his chin tucked in, his eyes alert for enemies. He knew there would be enemies, hungry for his defeat as for a feast.

The champion always comes into the ring last and Roy Cohn came into Room 110 of the Federal Court House here yesterday five minutes after the judge and attorneys had taken their seats.

Champion? Well, he had seen little but triumph in this courtroom. Here he had helped prosecute the atomic spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg; in this chamber he had worked with Sen. Joseph McCarthy on the Communist hunts of the '50s; here, five years ago, he had been acquitted of a perjury charge.

## Now His Prosecutors Are the Young

Now he was back, accused this time of bribery. It was a long way now from the days when a senator could rise to glory by waving a sheet of paper and claiming it was a list of Communists in the heart of the government.

Once Cohn had been the ridiculously young prosecutor taking on men old enough to be his father. But now he was 42 and the wrinkles showed on his forehead and the crown of his scalp peeped through his thin hair and it was the three assistant U.S. attorneys waiting to prosecute him who looked too young for such a proceeding.

Cohn, in a blue, pin-striped suit, his features tanned, tried hard to win postponements. Each time, he was turned down by Judge Inzer Wyatt, a heavy-set Southerner with short pepper-and-salt

hair who obviously was determined to get the trial moving without delay.

Cohn expressed distress when forced, by the withdrawal of the defense counsel, to act as his own attorney. He had quoted to the judge the saying: "The man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client."

But he caught the eye of a nearby newsman and whispered: "Now we'll see how good a lawyer I am." It was the champ tossing a remark over the ropes in a fight movie.

During a recess, he talked. "I've been a prosecutor and I've been a defendant," he said, "but never before have I defended in a criminal case. It certainly should make me well rounded in law, if a little schizophrenic."

How about the McCarthy days now? "I never look back," Cohn said.

## A Talk & a Handshake in the Sun

A reporter reminded him of a bet he had made during his earlier appearance as a defendant. Cohn had bet \$100 that he would be convicted.

He nodded at the memory and recalled that when the reporter declined to collect following the acquittal, Cohn gave \$500 to a newspaper-supported charity.

Cohn talked in the sunshine on the courthouse steps with TV camera on him, in spite of the judge's warning that participants in the case not make public statements. When he turned to go back into court, a working man grabbed his hand and wished him luck.

The rest of the day was spent in jury selection. So far, nobody was placing any bets on this one.

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# Choose Jury for Cohn Trial

By NORMA ABRAMS and JOSEPH McNAMARA

A Federal Court jury of eight men and four women was sworn in yesterday to weigh bribery-conspiracy charges against lawyer-financier Roy M. Cohn, who lost his defense counsel and two motions to stave off the trial.

At day's end, after the selection of five alternate jurors, Judge Inzer B. Wyatt recessed the trial until tomorrow morning. It was the only concession the 42-year-old Cohn was able to pry out of Wyatt during the session at the Foley Square courthouse.

Wyatt began the morning session by denying Cohn's motion that he step aside and assign another judge to the case on the grounds that he was prejudiced. Cohn had accused the judge of being too chummy with the prosecution, including loaning his Monte Carlo beach tent to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul L. Perito, who is helping present the government's case.

## His Own Counsel

Cohn, ruffled and appearing somewhat unsure of himself, decided to act as his own attorney in the face of Wyatt's refusal to delay the trial so he could get a new lawyer after defense counsel Myron J. Greene stepped down.

During the day's proceedings, the government obtained a severance of trial for former city appraiser Bernard Reicher amid indications he would testify for the prosecution.

Thus, Cohn will stand trial with two co-defendants—John S. Curtin, Philadelphia transportation expert and appraiser, and John A. Kiser, a former law partner of Cohn's. They are charged with conspiracy, bribery, extortion and blackmail in connection with the city's condemnation of Fifth Ave. Coach Lines in 1962. Cohn was a director of the company then.

The judge refused to reveal the names of the jurors yesterday. Reporters noted that the foreman is a checker for a refrigeration company. Other jurors included an architect, housewives, a secretary, an auditor, a salesman, a retired druggist and a truck driver.

In selection of the jury, the defense exercised 13 challenges, the government six.

Two other prospective jurors were excused after being questioned by Wyatt about an article in Life magazine they admitted reading. A male juror who also



NEWS photo by Evelyn Straus  
Roy M. Cohn arrives at Federal Court.

said he had read the article, critical of Cohn, was permitted to remain on the panel.

Cohn had failed in a motion before Wyatt and an appeal to a higher court to put off the trial on the grounds of the unfavorable publicity given his case.

Judge Wyatt turned down Cohn's request that he disqualify himself, ruling that the motion was neither timely nor sufficient to comply with requirements of the law.

When Wyatt turned to the question of Greene's withdrawal, Cohn said he and his counsel had disagreed on policy in the case. "He may be right and I may be wrong, but it is my life," said Cohn. Wyatt asked Greene if he wished to be excused, and the attorney said he did. He was excused and left court.

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