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TO: SAC, New York
FROM: ASAC WILLIAM M. WHEELAN (65-15348)
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/11/53

Mr. A. H. BELMONT of the Bureau called at 10:05 p.m. and advised that the Director wanted to talk to the Agent who would be in charge of the interviews of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in the event such interviews are to take place. BELMONT said that he had advised Mr. HOOVER that they would be SAS THOMAS J. McANDREWS and JOHN A. HARRINGTON.

BELMONT said that the Director wanted them in Washington before noon on 6/11. I told him that they would be there.

I then called SA McANDREWS and SA HARRINGTON and told them that BELMONT advised that they need not be in Washington by 9 o'clock but that they should be in Washington before noon and they should report to BELMONT'S office first. I suggested that they make reservations on a plane leaving NY no later than 9 o'clock in order that they could be in BELMONT'S office between 10:30 and 11 o'clock.

6-11-53 9:45 AM plane to arrive A.C. 9:55 AM.
Assistant Director A. Belmont telephoned 4 PM to advise that agents McAndrews and Harrington had received specific instructions from the Director concerning certain points. Mr. Belmont was desirous of reviewing with me two of those points as follows:

1 - SA3 McAndrews and Harrington after the execution has been completed are to personally contact Judge Irving Kaufman and orally advise him, without identifying any of the sources of information, that type of information contained in our files which was not introduceable as evidence, which reflected the undeniable guilt of the Rosenbergs; such information is to be furnished for the purpose of easing the Judge's mind on the stand he took. Agent McAndrews has already been thoroughly briefed in this regard.

2 - There has been talk to the effect that David Greenglass has been fearful of the reaction of the inmates of Lewisburg and there is some thought that prior to and at the time of the execution there might be reprisals. It has therefore been decided that SA Leo Frutkin shall proceed to Lewisburg tomorrow morning after Frutkin has been briefed by McAndrews and Harrington. The SAC of the Philadelphia office is to be called and advised that SA Frutkin is proceeding to Lewisburg and the purpose for his so proceeding. When Frutkin does leave Assistant Director Belmont is to be advised. Frutkin will proceed to Lewisburg and first contact the Warden of Lewisburg Penitentiary and specifically tell the Warden that he will be in to see Greenglass every other day from now to the date of the execution of the Rosenbergs; that he is desirous of having the Warden immediately inform him, Frutkin, of any threats or problems coming to the Warden's attention. Frutkin can have the Resident Agent at Lewisburg accompany Frutkin on his first interview with David Greenglass. Thereafter it will not be necessary for the Resident Agent at Lewisburg to so accompany Frutkin. Frutkin will plan to contact David Greenglass every other day or of course if there is a compelling reason as frequently as is necessary. The purpose of Frutkin's contacting Greenglass is to discuss any problems that Greenglass might be having, be cognizant immediately of any fears that Greenglass is having. Frutkin is instructed to immediately advise Assistant Director Belmont telephonically at the conclusion of each visit with Greenglass.
TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SA T. SCOTT MILLER

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al (65-15348)
ESP-R

At 12:40 P.M. this date I called Inspector Henrich and advised him that AUSA James Kilsheimer told me that he had tried to call EMANUEL BLOCH but was advised that BLOCH was in Washington, D.C., today.

This was for Bureau's information.
At 2:45 PM, 6/12/53, Assistant to the Director D. M. Ladd telephonically informed me that if USA Lumbard calls relative to the presence of Agents and/or US Attorneys at Sing Sing 6/13/53 I should inform him that I don't know anything about the matter, that it is all being handled by the Department in Washington and that he can be doubtless advised by the Department as to any information he desires.

Mr. Ladd advised me for my information only that the department contemplates calling Lumbard on 6/12/53 to so inform him.
TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SA.T. SCOTT MILLER
DATE: 6/12/53

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al (65-15348) ESP-R

At 11:50 A.M. this date I telephonically advised Assistant Director Belmont that on the way to the chambers of Judge Kaufman this morning the Judge remarked to the agents that probably the most important time to have a bodyguard on him would be for the week following the execution of the ROSENBERGS inasmuch as that is the week of mourning (Sit in Shiveh) and during that period the Jewish people are very emotional.

I told Mr. Belmont this was merely an observation on Judge Kaufman's part and that up to now no direct request had been made for such an extended period of surveillance.

Mr. Belmont wanted to know on whose instructions we were continuing the surveillance up until the time of the execution of the ROSENBERGS and I stated that Mr. Hoover had given such instructions; that is, that the surveillance would be continued until the execution.

Mr. Belmont wanted to be advised immediately should Judge Kaufman request that the surveillance be continued beyond the date of execution.
Office Memorandum

TO: SAC, New York
FROM: SA THOMAS G. SPENCER (65-15348)
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
         ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/12/53

With reference to NY tel of this date concerning
individuals involved in the meeting at the residence of LOIS
ALLEN, 168-18 Liberty Avenue, Jamaica, NY, on the night of
7/11/53; the following is being set forth:

A review of the NY files reflected that there is some
information concerning the individuals whom the informant named
specifically and there is also some information about the persons
whom he only knew by first names. This information was communica-
ted to Mr. BELMONT at the Bureau and he stated it would not be
necessary at this time to send a comprehensive summary of the
information we have in our files concerning these individuals but
he would like to have a teletype today setting forth the fact that
we had pending files on certain individuals and also where we had
negative cases on other individuals which we were going to re-open and
conduct appropriate investigation. He stated that in the event any of
the individuals mentioned by the informant were subjects of closed cases
who are on the SI index, it would, of course, not be necessary to re-open
those cases.

He also stated that from a review of the names set forth in the above-
mentioned teletype, it did not appear that any of the individuals listed could
be considered in any way high functionaries of the Party. He commented that
he did not feel, therefore, that this was a policy-making group of the CP as
such. He also expressed an opinion that it probably was some of the leaders
of the Queens County CP unit.

He requested that an evaluation be placed in the teletype concerning
the fact that the NY files did not reflect that the persons identified as having
been at the meeting were actually CP functionaries but were in all probability
merely members of the Queens County unit. He did state, however, that every
effort should be made to identify as many as possible who were at the meeting
and where we do not have any information concerning these individuals, every
effort should be made to obtain background information concerning them.
TO: SAC, New York
FROM: SA T. SCOTT MILLER (65-15348)
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG
ESP - R

DATE: 6/13/53

At 1 PM on the instant date, Assistant Director BELMONT of the Bureau telephonically advised me that the following was the Bureau recommendation as to what should be done relative to the letter dated 6/11/53 received by the "New York Daily News" and turned over to the NYS.

He instructed me to contact SINDEY HOOK and tell him about the letter. He should be told that we are interested in getting the facts and the information this man "GRECO" has. HOOK should be told that we cannot promise immunity or make any promises. He should be asked whether it would be alright with him if we inserted an ad in the "Daily News", "Dear Greco - Telephone your friend and make the necessary arrangements".

He should be instructed that when GRECO calls, the latter should be told to come up to HOOK's office and they would discuss the matter. HOOK is to tell GRECO that he is in no position to promise him immunity or pass any matters on that but that he would be glad to put GRECO in touch with the proper authorities.

BELMONT said that HOOK should inform the FBI immediately and that we are to have agents present when GRECO calls on HOOK and we are to identify GRECO.

HOOK is to be advised that this matter is of strictest confidence and is strictly between the FBI and himself because of the seriousness of the allegations and that it is a matter within the jurisdiction of the FBI. HOOK should be told that he should not mention this arrangement to anyone else under any circumstances.

Mr. BELMONT stated the Bureau wanted to be called on the developments relative to the above.

I immediately called Mr. WHelan who stated that he felt that the agents should first sound out Dr. HOOK as to the cause of his past Communist activity and that he should be asked immediately after the letter is explained to him what advice he would give a man like GRECO who would come to him cold and state that he had participated in a Soviet espionage ring and...

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wanted HOOK’s advice as to what GRECO should do. HOOK should also be asked what he would advise GRECO if the latter asked HOOK for immunity.

Mr. WHELAN felt that the agents would then be in a position to more or less judge the cooperativeness of HOOK.

He should then be explained the Bureau’s desires in this matter and given the instructions as set forth above if that is agreeable with him.

He should be told that in the event GRECO asked him what would happen to him, Dr. HOOK could state that ELIZABETH BENTLEY and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had voluntarily come forward and cooperated with the proper authorities and they had never been prosecuted. He could state that even those who had been arrested and subsequently cooperated had received relatively light sentences such as HARRY GOLD and DAVID GREENGLASS. The agent should explain to him that he would be speaking factually and would not be making any promises in any way.

Mr. WHELAN also stated that HOOK should be warned that there was a definite possibility that this might be some sort of a hoax in connection with efforts by individuals to stay the execution of the ROSENBERGS.

I immediately requested SA JAMES J. FARRELL to telephonically communicate with HOOK and make an appointment.

I telephonically advised SA JAMES E. FREANEY to stand by.

SA FARRELL stated that he had talked with what sounded like a teenage girl at the HOOK residence who advised him that Dr. HOOK was out of town in Pennsylvania some place and would not return until 6 PM Sunday night, 6/14/53. SA FARRELL left his home telephone number with the girl and requested that Dr. HOOK call this number and ask for JAMES J. FARRELL as soon as he returned to New York because it was a matter of grave importance.
Memo
NY 65-15348

6/13/53

I telephonically advised Assistant Director BELMONT of the above who stated that it would be alright to wait until then. I told him that if the agent did not hear by 7 PM Sunday night, he would begin making more pretext telephone calls.

I advised Mr. WHELAN of the above.

I then telephonically advised SA FREANEY of the contents of the letter and of the instructions set out above and asked that he be available from about 5 PM on Sunday awaiting SA FARRELL's telephone call.

SA FARRELL was also given the above instructions and requested to immediately contact FREANEY when he made the necessary appointment with HOOK so that the two of them could immediately conduct the interview. SA FARRELL stated that he would be available Sunday afternoon and evening awaiting the call. He also advised that should he not receive the call by about 7 PM Sunday night, he would make additional pretext calls in an attempt to effect an appointment with HOOK.

6/14/53 - 3:00 pm - SA Farrell called. Said he has made contact with Hook, Farrell & Freaney have appointment for 10 AM 6/15/53. /N/K

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TO: SAC, New York
FROM: ASAC WILLIAM M. WHELAN (65-15348)

DATE: 6/15/53

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

I called Inspector HENNCHRICH at the Bureau and advised him that SA MAURICE W. CORCORAN had called me from the Warden's Office at Sing Sing Prison and that the following information may be of interest to the Bureau:

JULIUS and ETHEL have told the Warden that they would prefer to have no visitors at all on Thursday, June 18th. The families of the subjects will visit them for the last time on Wednesday. The Warden indicated he will permit JULIUS and ETHEL to spend most of Thursday together. He will, of course, supervise their meeting but he feels that he will know in advance if they want to talk with anyone and he will be able to tip us off.

Warden DENNO further advises that there will be no one permitted on prison property so he feels they will have no problem with any crowds gathering.

The Warden's garage, which is located on the prison property, but outside the prison walls, is a large building with a second floor. He has suggested that we could have a leased line run into the garage and could have Agents standby at that point. The Warden's office can be reached in less than five minutes from that garage and there is a direct line between the Warden's office and his home. In the event the Agents should go to the prison they can enter the prison from the garage through what is known as Gate 18. By going through this gate they would not be observed by newspaper reporters or anyone else at the main gate.

As far as facilities to interview the subjects are concerned the Warden has pointed out that on the second floor of the men's wing of the death house he could provide facilities for such an interview. Electric lights and power sources are available and if we cared to, a telephone could be placed in that room. Sound equipment can also be brought in. As a matter of fact the prisoner could be interviewed there for any length of time and taken care of as he could be fed and could sleep, etc., thus eliminating the necessity of him seeing or talking to the other prisoners which would be necessary if he went back to his own cell.
Memo
NY 65-15348

6/15/53

As far as ETHEL is concerned there is no problem at all because in the women's wing of the death house at the present time she is the sole prisoner so the matter of interviewing her could be taken care of very easily.

Mr. HENNICH thanked me for this information and then requested that we determine and later advise him how many prisoners besides JULIUS are presently in the death cell. He also wished to be advised where the death chamber is in comparison to where JULIUS and ETHEL will be during most of the day or will be located from 6 p.m. on.
Assistant Director A. H. Belmont called at 4:00 P. M., 6/15/53 and furnished the following information to the writer in connection with the arrangements for the execution of the ROSENBERGS. The following is noted:

1. The Director of Prisons James Bennett will not attend the execution.

2. No Assistant United States Attorney will be present at Sing Sing.

3. No one will talk to the ROSENBERGS other than the FBI Agents assigned when and if the ROSENBERGS indicate a desire to talk.

4. No visitors will be permitted the ROSENBERGS after 7:00 P. M., 6/18/53.

5. If the ROSENBERGS desire to talk through their attorney or anyone else, no conditions will be accepted.

6. For the confidential information of this office, any reprieve will depend on whether or not the ROSENBERGS talk and give pertinent information.

7. In connection with NY teletype indicating that DAVID ROSENBERG might contact this office, we will accept any information which DAVID ROSENBERG or anyone else might wish to give. No information should be provided DAVID ROSENBERG or anyone else. No suggestions, promises, or advice can be given anyone. We will accept information only. Personel advised not.

8. SAS Harrington and Minihan will leave for Sing Sing on the evening of 6/15/53. They will advise the Warden as to their hotel accommodations and the fact they are in Ossining. No one else should be advised. The Bureau does not want it known that the Agents are in Ossining. - Harrington of Minihan en route.

9. Since the Bureau is going to make a recommendation on reprieve or execution, no one is to know that the Bureau is to make this recommendation. All personnel should be so cautioned. None. - Rep.

CC: ASAC W. M. Whelan
    SA T. J. McAndrews

TJM: KFB
(10) The Director desires only seasoned telephone operators to be on the switchboard on the night of 6/18/53. - separate memo to War Lennon. - kept

(11) On the night of 6/18/53, no one is to use the tie-line between NYO and the Bureau for any reason whatsoever other than the ROSENBERG case. For all other calls use Long Distance.

(12) The Director emphasizes the necessity that the press have no knowledge that we are in Sing Sing.

(13) The male stenographers Harold F. Doherty and Anthony Villano must be cautioned to avoid discussion of anything connected with this case with anybody, including their families.

(14) Assistant Director A. H. Belmont will arrive in NY on Wednesday, 6/17/53, and will travel to Sing Sing with SAs T. J. McAndrews and Maurice W. Corcoran on the morning of 6/18/53, and will take charge at Sing Sing.

I told Mr. Belmont that I had been contacted by Warden Dennø on this date and the Warden told me that the U. S. Marshal had indicated to him that FBI Agents would be present at Sing Sing on the night of the execution; further that they would be manning telephones and in touch with their superiors; that any information furnished by the ROSENBERGS would be relayed by these Agents to their superiors and any reprieve would be directed back to the Marshal by his superiors. Mr. Belmont instructed that the U. S. Marshal be told that we do not want any publicity or discussion about our presence at Sing Sing, with anybody. This will be done 6/15/53. The Mars had received his information from Mr. Rogers of the Department on Friday, 6/12/53, at 6:00 P. M. I so advised Mr. Belmont.

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Done 6/15/53
by Harrington
At 10:12 PM inst. date MR. JAMES B KILSHEIMER, USA, SDNY, telephonically advised writer to tell SA J.A. HARRINGTON that he (Kilsheimer) has been called to Washington and leaves tonight on the 2:10 AM (EDST) train. He said that on 12th inst. he can be reached thru the Solicitor General or thru Mr. Erdahl of Dept. of Justice.

Forging info was telephonically given to SA J.A. Harrington at 10:22 P.M., to Supw. T.J. McClaire shortly thereafter, and to Mr. Martin of Bur. at 10:45 P.M.

For accordance with McClaire's instructions, Martin was told that Kilsheimer's trip is probably in connection with Justice Douglas' promise to consider on 16th next the application for another stay being made by Rosenberg's attorney.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: ASAC WILLIAM M. WHELAN
FROM: NEW YORK (65-15348)
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG et al
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 6/15/53

At 12 noon, 6/15/53, Judge IRVING KAUFMAN called and inquired as to how long it was contemplated we would maintain a guard on Judge KAUFMAN and the members of his family. I asked him whether he had any specific reason for inquiring and he stated he did; that he had some views on the matter. I, therefore, encouraged him to present his views. He stated that usually for about a week after the execution the family would be in mourning and that they would probably be sitting around brooding about the situation. He stated that not only would feelings be running high as to the members of the family but also as to those persons who either attended the funeral or were visiting with the members of the family. He had discussed the situation with his wife and they had concluded that insofar as the children are concerned, they feel it would be well to continue the guard up till June 29, which is the date the children leave for camp. He stated that insofar as his wife and himself are concerned, they would leave the question concerning protection completely up to us.

He stated that in talking with the Director last week, it had been concluded that there was no need for his presence in New York on Thursday, 6/18/53, and, therefore, he contemplated taking himself and members of his family up to the Rosenstell estate from Wednesday until the following Monday. He asked that instead of the usual three, there be four Agents present. I told him we would plan to have four Agents accompany him. He suggested it might be well to have MC CAFFREY, ROBERTS, LEEN and MAFPEI. I told him that this arrangement would be effected. I also told him that his observation would be given consideration and I would let him know what conclusions were reached.

I thereafter telephonically contacted Assistant Director A. BELMONT, apprised him of the above, and he stated the matter would be presented to the Director for his opinion and that I would be advised.

Insofar as four Agents accompanying Judge KAUFMAN from Wednesday on up on the Rosenstell estate is concerned, I desire that the above named four Agents be made available, if possible. If not, please advise me.

LVB: SLM
Assistant Director A. BELMONT telephoned at 12:35 to advise that it was contemplated we would maintain the guarding for a week after the execution and at that time reconsider the entire situation.

I telephonically so informed Judge KAUFMAN.
TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SA T. SCOTT MILLER
DATE: 6/15/53

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG (65-15348)
ESF-R

At 12:15 P.M. this date Mr. Whelan telephonically advised Mr. Belmont, Bureau, that the agents had contacted Dr. SIDNEY HOOK, who was very cooperative. HOOK pointed out to the agents that he thought there was a possibility this was a scheme to discredit him.

Mr. Whelan told Mr. Belmont that DR. HOOK preferred that the notice in the newspaper read as follows:

"Greco - get in touch with the man you trust in Brooklyn to make arrangements for meeting."

Mr. Belmont stated it would be alright to run this ad.

Mr. Whelan then called Norma Abrams of the New York Daily News and gave her the ad and requested that it be run for a couple of days. Miss Abrams stated she would be able to make the earliest edition today and all editions thereafter.

I requested SA J.J. Farrell to immediately contact DR. HOOK and tell him when the ad would start running in the Daily News.
Assistant Director A. H. Belmont telephonically advised the writer at 4:00 P. M., 6/15/53, that the Bureau wanted the following instructions carried out explicitly:

(1) The Director desires ONLY seasoned telephone operators to be on the switchboard on the night of 6/18/53.

(2) On the night of 6/18/53, no one is to use the tie-line between New York Office and the Bureau for any reason whatsoever other than the ROSENBERG case. For all other calls, use Long Distance.

(3) The male Stenographers Doherty and Villano must be cautioned to avoid discussion of anything connected with this with anybody, including their families.

The Director desires that all personnel be cautioned to keep any information coming into their possession concerning the Bureau's operations in this matter to be kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and not to be discussed with ANYONE. Personnel are to be advised individually when they are placed in a position to become aware of activities and not as a general announcement.

CC: SA Ian D. MacLennan
    SA Eugene W. Walsh
    ASAC W. M. Whelan
DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, WFO (121-29184)

ALEXANDER SAMUEL PARKAS,
aka Samuel A. Parkas
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
LGE

ALEXANDER SAMUEL PARKAS, residence The Majestic Apartments, 3230 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., employed as a Aeronautical Engineer, Bureau of Aeronautics, Department of the Navy, was interviewed 6/10/53 at the Washington Field Office by Special Agents HOWARD PLETSCHER, JR. and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL.

PARKAS admitted that while a student at the City College of New York he had attended a number of meetings of the Young Communist League at the school. He stated that these meetings were well publicized and open, and were well attended by students at the school. He estimated that he had attended not more than a half dozen of these meetings, primarily during his sophomore year, and said that he did not actually become a member of this organization, or actively participate in any of its programs and activities. He stated that at the time he merely had an intellectual curiosity concerning the Young Communist League and attended the meetings just to listen to the speakers. He stated that at meetings of the Young Communist League he had received some of their literature which was passed out, but did not recall ever having received any of their literature through the mail.

PARKAS advised that while at CCNY he agreed with many of the principles advocated by the Young Communist League, such as their ideas concerning more liberal labor policies, their views of unemployment, unemployment insurance, social security and the Spanish Civil War question. He recalled that on one occasion a number of CCNY students had been expelled for having participated in a "peace demonstration" on the campus and that the Young Communist League was most active in disagreeing with the school's action. He stated that he went along with the Young Communist League's attitude in this matter.

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(1-65-5128)(COPLON)
PARKAS advised that he was not in agreement with all Young Communist League policies, pointing out that he did not agree with this organization's feeling that the Soviet Union could do no wrong. He stated that at meetings of the YCL he never expressed this disagreement but that in informal discussion groups with other students, during which the subject of Communism was brought up, he opposed the belief that the Soviet Union could do no wrong.

In connection with the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Brigade, PARKAS stated that he realized that a large number of the members were Communists but that he sympathized with the Brigade because they were fighting in support of the Spanish Loyalists. In connection with the Spanish Loyalists PARKAS stated that he might have participated in one or two pro-loyalist mass demonstrations during the time of his attendance at CCNY. He thought that he made "small change" contributions to the loyalist cause at that time.

PARKAS admitted that he was sympathetic to the Communist Party in 1942 because he agreed with the Communist in their thinking concerning relief, unemployment, racial equality, labor unions and social security. He stated that he had always been on the side of labor but that he was not anti-capitalistic, believing, however, in a more equal distribution of wealth. PARKAS advised that he never completely agreed with the theory of Communism in that he did not believe that revolution was inevitable because of the clash between labor and capitalism. He stated that he had always believed that social change could be brought about by peaceful means.

PARKAS advised that he did not recall having signed any CP Nominating Petitions during 1939 or 1940 and that he did not recall his mother having signed such a petition. He stated that he may have signed one but that he did not recall ever having signed such a petition.

PARKAS stated that he is not now and has never been a member of the CP or any CP sponsored organization. He stated that he had attended no meetings of groups of this type since leaving CCNY. In discussing his own political leanings he said
that he would classify himself as a "liberal" who agreed to reforms but not to the revolutionary theory of change.

PARKAS advised that he disagreed with the Russian-German Pact entered into in 1939 because he disliked the policies of Germany at that time. He recalled discussing the Pact with JULIUS ROSENBERG who he stated offered all kinds of excuses for the Pact, saying that the Russians had entered into it because England and France had refused to enter into such a Pact with Russia, and that Russia was trying to prevent England and France from "ganging up" on her. He stated that at this time he considered ROSENBERG to be very pro-Russian and pro-Communist but that he never knew ROSENBERG to have been a member of the C or any C front organization.

With regard to JULIUS ROSENBERG, PARKAS advised that he believed he had first met ROSENBERG when they were young boys together, residing on the lower east side of Manhattan, New York. PARKAS stated that at that time he would have been approximately fifteen years old and that ROSENBERG was about twelve years of age. He said that he did not recall any activities engaged in with ROSENBERG at that time but that he might have played handball with him.

PARKAS stated that he moved from the lower east side of New York City in about 1932, moving at that time into the Bronx. He said that he next came in contact with ROSENBERG at CCNY, having probably made contact with him there through association in classes in which they participated together. He stated that he did not recall having seen ROSENBERG at the time that he, PARKAS, attended Fordham Park High School in New York City.

PARKAS stated that at CCNY he knew ROSENBERG well during the latter part of his engineering career during which time he and ROSENBERG attended some classes in engineering together. PARKAS said that he began college as a science major and then switched to mechanical engineering. He stated that ROSENBERG was in the Electrical Engineering Department at CCNY. PARKAS advised that the extent of his association with ROSENBERG at CCNY consisted of their contact in and outside the classroom around the school. He said that while attending CCNY he did
not associate socially with ROSENBORG. He mentioned that while he was going to CCNY he resided at 2353 Davidson Avenue in the Bronx and he presumed that ROSENBORG was still residing on the lower east side.

FARKAS advised that while at CCNY he belonged to an engineering society at the school, name unrecalled, and that ROSENBORG may also have been a member. FARKAS further stated that he had been a member of the American Society of Engineers.

Concerning ROSENBORGS political ideology FARKAS advised that ROSENBORG followed the CP line in his statements made in discussion groups at CCNY. He pointed out that most of the students in attendance at CCNY at that time were in favor of the Spanish Loyalists and that ROSENBORG was also in favor of the Loyalists. He further stated that at that time from general conversations with ROSENBORG, he considered him to be pro-Communist and a Communist sympathizer. He advised that he did not know if ROSENBORG had been a member of the Y.M.L or if he had ever attended any Y.M.L meetings while at CCNY.

FARKAS advised that after graduating from CCNY he next came across ROSENBORG at the Offices of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians where they both did voluntary clerical work for this organization. He stated that at the Offices of the Federation he and ROSENBORG took a course in Aeronautical Drafting at the same time. He said that the course was taught by PAUL WILLIAMS, believed by FARKAS to have been previously employed with the Glenn L. Martin Airplane Company. FARKAS advised that WILLIAMS had advised him that he was a member of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Brigade. He stated that he had no knowledge of WILLIAMS having signed a CP petition in 1939.

FARKAS advised that toward the end of 1938 he learned that WILLIAMS had organized the Williama Aeronautics Research Laboratory located on West 25th Street, New York City. He stated that he asked WILLIAMS for a job there and after securing a position with WILLIAMS learned that ROSENBORG was also employed by him.
He explained that WILLIAMS had an idea of design embodying a conventional method of propulsion of aircraft in which he advocated the placing of propellers at the top of the plane. PARKAS advised that at the Williams Research Laboratory he assisted in the design of an airframe in which this idea was to be incorporated, noting that while he was there a scale model fuselage which operated with an electric motor was built. PARKAS stated that WILLIAMS had only a small organization working for him, including PARKAS, ROSEBERG, FOGARSKY, a mechanic whose name he did not recall, and an electrical engineer from Canada, also name unrecalled. He advised that his employment with WILLIAMS was only part time and that his salary was at first set at $30.00 a week but later he received nothing, mentioning that WILLIAMS employees frequently had to donate money to WILLIAMS to help keep him operating. PARKAS stated that he continued this employment with WILLIAMS for between six and eight months.

PARKAS advised that in 1940 he secured a position as an inspector of ordnance materials with the U.S. Army and moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut. He stated that while so employed he on occasions went to New York on weekends where he would telephone ROSEBERG and on several occasions got together with him. He stated that during this period they were still both mutually interested in the WILLIAMS project. PARKAS advised that during this time he visited the ROSEBERG home on one or two occasions.

PARKAS advised that in 1941 he obtained employment with the Air Force Technical Training Command in Illinois where he taught aircraft maintenance. He admitted that while in Illinois he corresponded "once in a while" with ROSEBERG. He stated that toward the end of 1942 he came back to the East Coast still with the Air Force and began teaching at Yale University. He stated that while at Yale he saw ROSEBERG once or twice but lost all contact with him sometime in 1942.

Regarding visits to the ROSEBERG home PARKAS stated that he specifically recalled visiting ROSEBERG'S home on one occasion shortly after ROSEBERG had taken over an apartment on
Monroe Street in New York City. He recalled that the last time he visited ROSENFELD at his home was in 1942 at which time the ROSENFELDS had a new baby a few months old.

PARKAS advised that ROSENFELD had never asked him for any information during any of his contacts with him between 1940 and 1942 because ROSENFELD knew he was only concerned with aircraft maintenance "mostly nuts and bolts", and ROSENFELD would not have been interested in this. PARKAS said that the highest classification of material on which he worked at that time was "restricted".

PARKAS advised that he came to Washington, D.C. in 1944 to work for the Navy Department and that he had no contact of any kind with ROSENFELD since he has been in Washington, D.C. He stated that he had not seen, corresponded with, or heard anything about ROSENFELD from 1942 or 1943 until he read in the newspapers in 1950 that ROSENFELD had been arrested for espionage.

PARKAS advised that he used ROSENFELD as a reference in 1944 in connection with his present employment because he thought that ROSENFELD was working for the Government at that time and so thought he would make a good reference. In this connection he pointed out that ROSENFELD had been employed with him at the Williams Research Laboratory.

PARKAS advised that he was acquainted with ETHEL ROSENFELD. He stated that he did not recall when he first met her but that it was either while she was "going steady" with ROSENFELD, or after they were married. He stated that in addition to seeing her at the ROSENFELD home he had seen her around the offices of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians and at the Williams Research Laboratory.

Regarding MAX FLITZER, PARKAS stated that he was slightly and casually acquainted with him at CCEY, and later came in contact with him at the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. He stated that he frequently saw him in the lunchroom in the Navy Department and once or twice lunches with him there. He stated that this was the extent of his association with FLITZER.
PARKAS stated that he had been casually acquainted with MORTON FELL at CCNY but that he had not seen or had any contact with him since college days.

PARKAS stated that he was not acquainted with ALFRED SARANT, WILLIAM PAL, DAVID OR INCLANS, HARRY GOLD or ABRAM FUCHS.

Concerning ROSENBERG'S trial and sentence PARKAS advised that he supposed ROSENBERG was guilty because the trial did not indicated but that he thought the sentence meted out was pretty drastic. He added that he is opposed to violence and to capital punishment. PARKAS advised that he had not been contacted by the ROSENBERG Committee and that he had taken no action whatsoever in protest against the ROSENBERG'S sentence.

With regard to MARCUS POGARSKY, PARKAS advised that he knew him, having attended classes at CCNY in which both POGARSKY and ROSENBERG were also in attendance. He stated that POGARSKY was also a member of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians and had also worked for PAUL WILLIAMS at the Williams Aeronautics Research Laboratory on West 26th Street in New York City. In connection with the Federation, PARKAS stated that it was made up of a heterogenous group of both radical and conservative members. He stated that he dropped out of this union after he began working at Yale University in 1942. PARKAS described POGARSKY as a close friend and associate of ROSENBERG, pointing out that they were both married and visited in each others homes. He stated that POGARSKY was not in his opinion as pro-Soviet as ROSENBERG but was sympathetic to Russia and thought that the Communists had a great deal to their credit doing a necessary job in their "advocacy of certain reforms. He stated, however, that he did not know of any connections which POGARSKY had with the CP or any Communist front organizations. Regarding his own acquaintance with POGARSKY, PARKAS advised that he knew him rather casually, never having corresponded with him and not knowing him socially.
Concerning JUDITH COPLON, PARKAS advised that in the summer of 1947 he and a fellow employee at the Bureau of Aeronautics, Department of the Navy, named IRVING HOFFMAN, went to a summer camp operated by the Potomac Cooperative Federation near Annapolis, Maryland. He stated that they spent one week at this camp during which time a great deal of their time was used in repairing HOFFMAN'S Oldsmobile. He stated that they had put new rings in this automobile and had reconditioned the engine. PARKAS advised that there was nothing much to do at camp but mentioned that there was square dancing, boating and swimming in which activities he participated to some extent. He stated that the camp was made up mostly of married couples and that there were only about two single girls there. He stated that one of the single girls was JUDITH COPLON, but said that when the publicity concerning her Soviet espionage activities appeared in the newspapers in 1949 he did not recognize either her picture or her name. He said that HOFFMAN, however, called to his attention that COPLON was the same girl who was at the camp and who along with another girl, had driven back with them to Washington, D.C. PARKAS advised that at the camp COPLON was spending her time mostly with one man whose name he did not recall. He stated that he had a recollection of seeing COPLON in a bathing suit and that he might have swum and square danced with her but could not specifically recall it. He advised that in some manner COPLON and the other single girl whose name he did not recall, (MARISE HIGDON) learned that he and HOFFMAN were driving back to Washington about the last Sunday in August and asked HOFFMAN to take them back with him, which he did. PARKAS said that he did not recall where they dropped the girls in Washington but that a short time later, probably within one or two weeks, one of the girls called HOFFMAN and invited them to a dinner at COPLON'S apartment located some place in Georgetown. He stated that he and HOFFMAN attended the dinner, details of which he could not now recall, and thereafter never saw either of the girls again.

PARKAS stated that he did not think that HOFFMAN had had any subsequent association with either COPLON or her friend, adding that the other girl was not actually a friend of COPLON but had gotten together with her to share the automobile ride from the camp to Washington, D.C., and assisted in giving the dinner at COPLON'S apartment to, in a sense, repay them for the ride.
TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SA T. SCOTT MILLER

DATE: 6/16/53

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, et al (65-15348)

At 9:20 A.M. this date SA N.E. Bliss telephonically advised me that Judge Kaufman had remarked last night that he had received a call from Miss Singerman, his father-in-law's secretary, who was the woman who received the threatening telephone call which started the instant bodyguard detail.

SA Bliss said Miss Singerman had read the accounts of the telephone call received by the police early last Saturday and that it would appear to her that it might be the same person who called her.

It is to be pointed out however that the police describe the voice as a well modulated and cultured voice whereas Miss Singerman had described her caller as having an accent. I did not comment on this to the agents.

SA Bliss also advised me that Judge Kaufman was going to the Yankee Stadium for a baseball game this evening with a friend, name unknown, and would be sitting in Box 80-A, Section #16. I assigned SAs William R. Klein and Aubrey Park and requested they immediately contact SE Paul Gleason whose brother works in the ticket office to obtain tickets in either the box immediately adjacent to the Judge or in the reserved seats immediately behind.

Bliss subsequently advised that Judge Kaufman had decided against the ball game and would attend a movie instead.
TO: SAC, New York

FROM: ASAC WILLIAM M. WHELAN

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL ESPIONAGE - R

I called Assistant Director A. B. Belmont, Bureau, and advised him we had just received information that EMANUEL BLOCH took the ROSENBERG children to Sing Sing to see their parents and that they had a very pleasant visit. BLOCH asked the Warden when the last visiting hour on the Eighteenth would be. The Warden advised him that it would be 7:00 P.M. BLOCH then asked if he could witness the execution. He was advised by the Warden that he could not. BLOCH told the ROSENBERGS that there was not much hope left in their case. They both signed a petition, addressed to the President, requesting clemency.

I told Mr. Belmont that Warden Denno has advised us that he has called the Coast Guard and requested that on the evening of 6/18/53 they dispatch a picket boat to patrol the river outside of Sing Sing and prevent any possible disturbance or demonstration. The Coast Guard had advised him that this was a very unusual request and the Warden told the Coast Guard that this was a very unusual case. I indicated to Mr. Belmont that Warden Denno would like to have us contact Coast Guard and see if we can assist him in getting his request approved. I pointed out to Mr. Belmont that the Coast Guard, of course, has been very cooperative with this office and performs many favors for us, such as taking us to meet incoming ships, etc. I recommended that we be permitted to contact the Coast Guard and inquire of them whether or not it would be possible to recognize Warden Denno's request. Mr. Belmont said he would let me know.

Mr. Belmont called back and advised that he had recommended to the Director that we be permitted to contact the Coast Guard and relay to them that we understood that Warden Denno had requested that they provide a picket boat to patrol the river outside of Sing Sing on the night of 6/18/53, up to midnight, and inquire of them what action they were going to take. If they ask for our observations, we should advise them that we see no objection whatsoever if they can do it without any publicity.

I furnished the above information to Supervisor T. J. McAndrews.
June 16, 1953

UPostmaster Office
Hempstead, Long Island, New York

HARRY P. GOLDBERG
Re: 90 Harriman Avenue
Hempstead, Long Island, New York

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, received by the above individual for a period of thirty days:

1. The name of addressee if different from above.
2. Name and return address of sender.
3. All postmark data including date, time, and place mailed from.
4. All information on return cards.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

LELAND V. BOARDMAN
Special Agent in Charge

65-15348-2407
TO: SAC, NY
FROM: JH (not) 
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG; ETHEL ROSENBERG

DATE: 6/12/53

At 6 1/2 P.M. Inst. date Mr. Henrich called from Rex and said FYKE FARMER left word at Clerk of Court (in Wash, D.C.) that he will be at Hotel Tudor, NYC, to 11:00. Mr. H. said Solicitor General wants to serve Farmer with copies of "Application to convene Court in Special Term and to review stay of execution granted by Mr. Justice Douglas or to reconsider and reaffirm this Court's order of June 15 denying a stay." Solicitor General wants ref. cce delivered to Farmer to 11:00 and receipt for same obtained from him.

Mr. H. instructed to contact Farmer & tell letter that ref. documents are on their way from Washington, and will arrive to 11:00 -- for delivery to F. to 11:00. Mr. H. advised that the copies would be brought to 11:00 by SA TOM MENDENHALL who would catch next plane.

Hotel Tudor is at 30 E 42nd St., NYC, Mgr. 3-3200. At 7:10 P.M. written word for Farmer. He was not in. Mr. Henrich was so notified at 7:06. Writer left word at hotel for F. to call him on urgent matter.

At 7:15 P.M. Mr. H. advised that left Mendenhall would be on flight 176 to Wash 7:15 EDT arr. La.
August 8, 1951

At 10:50 A.M. Corcoran advised he and Mendenhall were then at the hotel. Anderson, Berman, and Miller were with Corcoran.

It was mentioned that Farmer registered at the hotel on 6/11/51 and that Daniel Marshall, having some interest in captor's case, does not know Marshall was in the hotel. But at 11:02 A.M. Martin of B.I.R. advised against contacting Farmer for the time being.

Mr. Mullan was advised of all developments at 11:05 A.M. He instructed that B.I.R. be asked to whether consideration has been given to serving some paper on Emanuel Block. At this point Mr. Kennrich pointed out that the Farmer affair is separate and distinct from anything Block is doing, and that Block has opposed Farmer's action. It said Block should not be served.

At 11:23 A.M. Mr. H. advised that 1/2 earlier Farmer (in 1940) was in touch with Dept. of Justice and was told about the papers.

At 12:39 A.M. Mr. H. said it would be OK for Marshall to sign Farmer's name "per marshall" at 12:50. McAndrew advised that Marshall was not then in his room. At 12:30 A.M. B.I.R. advised that Farmer & Marshall had just returned together to hotel & both men signed for the papers. Mr. Martin was so advised at 10:50 A.M. 18:50.
COMPLAINT FORM

 Anonymous
 Name of Complainant

 Address of Complainant

 Telephone Number of Complainant
 6/11/53 2:05pm
 Date and Time Complaint Received

Subject's Name and Aliases

Address of Subject

Character of Case

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT:
Telephonically stated that 'We are going to blow up 1635 Park Avenue within the next 24 hours.' It should be noted that Fed. Judge Kaplan resides at this address.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

[Handwritten notes]

Notified at 2:12pm

[Signature]

Edward H. Mayo

Special Agent

New York

65-1534 8-24/12
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York
FROM : ASAC WILLIAM M. WHELAN

SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL
ESP. R.

Mr. J. M. McGuire, Bureau, called to make sure that the instructions of Asst. Dir. A. H. Belmont concerning the telephone operators and switchboard were being carried out; that the best operators were working on the board tonight. He also advised that the Bureau line would be cut off for normal use at 5:00 P.M.; that anyone who wanted to call the Bureau would have to call Long Distance inasmuch as the only calls to be put through on the direct line were those from Assistant Director Belmont to the Director. No one except Mr. Belmont was to use the direct line, and there should be no delays in putting him through.

The above instructions were furnished immediately to all Supervisors, ASACS, and Inspector B. C. Brown; and Mrs. C. Mathus, at the Switchboard.

WMW: MFB

6/18/53
Assistant to the Director D. M. Ladd called at 5:35 P. M., 6/18/53 and advised that, should the Supreme Court rule in this matter this evening, an Agent would be dispatched to Sing Sing from Washington to deliver necessary papers; that arrangements should be made to have someone available to meet the Agent at La Guardia Airport, to drive him from there to Sing Sing.

I furnished the above information to SA T. S. Miller.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, New York
FROM: ASAC WILLIAM M. WHIELAN
SUBJECT: JULIUS ROSENBERG, ET AL.

ESP. R.

6/18/53

DATE:

Inspector Carl Henrich called and furnished following descriptions for Agents who are coming up from Washington with the certified papers and who are to be met by NY Agents and taken to Sing Sing from La Guardia Field at 3:55 P.M. today.

WILLIAM DUKE -- wearing brown suit, tan shirt, age 34, 5'11" to 5'12", 175 Lbs, green tie, wearing summer hat.

WILLIAM DALY -- 5'9", 175 Lbs., wearing dark blue suit, white shirt, summer hat, about 30 years old.