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A N N H . S I D O R O V I C H , recalled and again  
duly sworn by the Foreman, testified as follows:

BY MR. LANE:

Q Just a few questions, Mrs. Sidorovich. I want to  
take your mind back to your connection with Julius Rosenberg.  
How well did you know the Rosenbergs? A We were quite  
friendly.

Q Mrs. Rosenberg also? A Both, as a couple rather  
than individually.

Q How long had you known them? A Well, we met them --  
I met them when we lived -- the first year I was married.

Q When was that? A 1941; I think it may have been  
'42; I don't know exactly. And then the second year we  
moved to 10 Monroe Street, which was their residence also,  
and of course we visited each other frequently; and after we  
moved to Chappaqua we did not see very much of them at all.  
That was about a year and a half after we were married we  
moved to Chappaqua, and from then on we did not see too much  
of them.

Q Did either of the Rosenbergs ever try to enlist you  
in the Communist cause? A No.  
Q Did they ever ask you to work with them as couriers?  
A No.

Q Did you ever have any discussion with them in that  
respect? A No.

Q They ever ask your husband to act as a courier?  
A No, not to the best of my knowledge; I do not recall that

conversation.

Q Were you present in the apartment in the early part of January 1945 at which time David Greenglass was also present? A That's the time Mr. Harrington has been asking me about?

Q Yes. Do you recall meeting the Greenglasses at that time? A No, I haven't remembered meeting them there.

Q Did you ever meet the Greenglasses at the Rosenberg apartment? A I met Ruth Greenglass once.

Q When was that? A I do not remember the time I was visiting.

Q Was it prior to January 1945 or subsequent? A I couldn't say definitely whether it was or not.

Q What did you discuss when you were with -- A I do not remember any discussion. I just remember seeing her in a blue-green coat. I do not remember whether she was leaving or coming in. That is the only thing I remember of her.

Q Have you had any discussion with the Rosenbergs since their arrest? A No, definitely not.

Q Did you talk to your husband Mike about it since their arrest? A We of course discussed their being arrested as espionage agents.

Q Did that frighten you somewhat? A Yes, quite.

Q Why? A Well, we were friendly.

Q You think that you might be involved in it too? A No, but usually when someone gets in trouble, friends usually are brought up also.

Q Did you talk to Perl about it? A No, we did not talk to Perl about it.

Q Did you ever discuss it with him? A We had never discussed anything with Perl.

Q You do not deny knowing Perl? A Yes, I deny knowing Perl.

Q You still deny that? A Yes.

THE FOREMAN: You deny knowing him?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I deny knowing Perl.

JUROR: We were talking, I think it was yesterday, about the purchase of the car on a Sunday sometime in July 1948. You went out to see the owner of this Studebaker, wasn't it?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE JUROR: He had advertised his desire to sell the car in the newspapers in Cleveland. Now, were there other people there trying to buy the car at the same time you were there?

THE WITNESS: There were other people there. I do not know why they were there.

JUROR: You saw some people in the back yard, in the back of the house?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

JUROR: Did you see other people looking at the car when you were looking at it?

THE WITNESS: I don't know. No, I don't think so. I am not sure.

THE FOREMAN: You may be excused.

MR. LANE: Is there anything more you want to tell us about the Rosenbergs?

THE WITNESS: No, but I am willing to answer any questions about the Rosenbergs. I do not know of anything I can just give.

JUROR: Were you surprised to know that your friends, the Rosenbergs, were involved in a spy case?

THE WITNESS: Very definitely.

JUROR: You had no idea they were involved?

THE WITNESS: Definitely not.

BY MR. LANE:

Q Did you ever anticipate taking a trip to Denver, Colorado? A We did take a trip --took a trip to Denver, Colo. We did not anticipate it as such.

Q When did you take it? A Shortly after we got the car in 1948. It was about two weeks before Labor Day.

Q What was in Denver? A Just the Rocky Mountains.

Q No relatives? A We have no one there.

Q Did Julius Rosenberg ever ask you to go to Denver? A No. We hadn't seen Julius Rosenberg for years when we decided to go. We just got the car and decided to see the western part of the United States.

Q Did you ever assist Julius Rosenberg in any way, in any matter? A I think I have fed him once or twice.

Q What? A I had fed him, had him in to dinner.



Outside of that I do not know of any other assistance you mean.

Q Julius Rosenberg visit you at Chappaqua? A Yes.

Q Quite frequently? A They ever there for a summer vacation. They stayed about a month.

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Q About what? A They stayed about a month.

Q At your place? A Yes, in Chappaqua.

Q With you people? A That's right.

Q When was that? A Well, I think it was the only summer we were out there. That would have been the summer of 1945, I believe.

Q Do you recognize this picture? A Yes, that's Julius Rosenberg and his son.

Q And that was taken -- A On our property.

MR. LANE: May the record so indicate.

Q And do you recognize this picture? A That is Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

Q Was that taken up there, too? A I don't know about that one.

Q They stayed with you for months, so you knew them quite intimately? A I knew them well.

Q Did they ever enlist your services in any of the work that Rosenberg was doing as a Communist? A There was one time I did some typing for Ethel. I don't think it was anything to do with the Communists. I have an idea it had something to do with the war effort.

Q With the Young Communist League? A No. Somehow Rent Control or something comes to mind. She was working at this little office right across the street from our apartment on Avenue "B" and I think it was shortly after I met her she found I could type and she asked me to stop in

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one afternoon, and I did. But it had nothing to do with any Communist thing; it had something to do with the war effort.

Q Did you talk to Perl recently? A I have never talked to Perl.

Q Where do you plan to go when you leave New York?

A We should like to go up to Connecticut to see my parents.

Q How long will you be there? A Well, for the week-end.

Q And then where did you plan to go? A Back to Cleveland.

Q Does Mike hold a job out there now? A Yes, he does.

Q And you don't want to change your testimony at all?

A No.

Q Your recollection is still as clear as it was the last two times you testified? A Yes.

Q You don't want to change your testimony in any way?

A No.

Q And you still insist that everything you said was the truth? A Yes.

BY THE JURY:

Q Why did you decide to move to Cleveland? A Well, there were any number of reasons. We had to commute over an hour to get to Chappaqua from New York and an hour and a half Mike had to commute to New York to get out of Brooklyn. And then most of his friends were going into the Army and he was 4-F, so he felt lost and out of things. And then there were several other little things that came up and we

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just decided to sell at Chappaqua and go to a city.

Q Well, why Cleveland? A Well, I think we discussed going some place with friends and they suggested Cleveland as a good place for an engineer because there is much industry there that requires that kind of labor.

BY MR. LANE:

Q Who were the friends; the Rosenbergs? A I don't believe the Rosenbergs said anything. I don't know whether we talked to them about that time. But I think Mr. McNutt might have mentioned it and I think our neighbor, Bill Morrison, mentioned it too.

Q What does he do? A He was the carpenter. He is our neighbor in Chappaqua.

Q What does McNutt do? A I don't know what he is doing now. He has a farm.

Q Where? A In Frenchtown, New Jersey.

Q Did you talk to Alfred Sarant about it? A No. I don't know Alfred Sarant.

Q How about Joel Barr; do you know him? A I have never met Joel Barr.

Q Well, I show you a picture. Is that McNutt?

A No. That's Russell McNutt. That's not the McNutt I'm talking about. I'm talking about Waldo McNutt.

Q Are Waldo and Fussell -- what is their relationship?

A They are brothers.

Q Where did you meet Russell for the first time?

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A At his mother's farm in Connecticut.

Q How did you happen to know him? A We met him there.

Q Well, have you seen very much of him? A No. The only other time I saw him was at his brother's farm in Frenchtown.

THE FOREMAN: You know, my impression is that all the things that you want to say you say so fast -- I have nothing more to say.

MR. IANE: Can she be excused?

THE FOREMAN: She can be excused.

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M I C H A E L S I D O R O V I C H, called as a witness,  
having first been duly sworn by the Foreman, testified  
as follows:

BY MR. LANE:

Q How well do you know Julius Rosenberg? A Quite well,  
I knew him quite well.

Q Have you worked with him on different projects?

A I worked with him on one project.

Q What was that? A That was when we were both working  
on an experiment or, rather, development at the Williams  
Aeronautical Corporation, I think it was called.

Q What sort of an experiment was it? A Well, this  
Mr. Williams had an idea for a type of aircraft which  
employed a different principle and we set up the apparatus  
in a loft that he had rented, we made our own equipment and  
we ran tests on this experiment that he was trying to develop.

Q Well, what sort of an experiment was it, what prin-  
ciple? A Well, I believe it was the Brinouli principle  
that he was employing. The experiment was to determine the  
amount of lift that he could get on a flat surface, using  
a propeller to create a form of vacuum, and the experiment  
was the measurement of that vacuum to determine whether he  
could get sufficient lift to develop an aircraft that could  
operate on that principle.

Q Now, when was this, Mike? A This was in '39.

Q 1939? A 1939.

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- Q Did you work with him on any other experiments? A No.
- Q Did you ever take any pictures for him? A No.
- Q Did you ever develop any pictures for him? A No.
- Q Did you ever do any copying for him? A No.
- Q Did you ever do any drafting for him? A No.
- Q Did you ever make any notes for him? A No.
- Q Did you ever deliver any material to him? A No.
- Q Did you ever deliver any material to anybody that you obtained in Cleveland? A No.
- Q Did you ever act as a courier for anyone? A No.
- Q Rosenberg spent some time at your place at Chappaqua?
- A He came up with his wife and his first-born right after we moved out. He spent, I believe, a month or a little more than a month with us at the cottage we had in Chappaqua.
- Q Do you know Alfred Sarant? A No.
- Q Do you know Joel Barr? A No.
- Q Do you know Russell McNutt? A Russell I met.
- Q Met? A Yes.
- Q Do you know his brother? A I know his brother Waldo.
- Q Yes. What does he do? A Waldo is a farmer.
- Q Is what? A A farmer.
- Q And what is Russell? A Russell is an engineer.
- Q Whom does he work for? A I don't know.
- Q Do you recognize this picture? A No.
- Q Have you talked to the Rosenbergs since they were arrested? A No.

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Q Did you talk to any representative of the Rosenbergs since they were arrested? A No.

Q Have you talked to Perl since you were subpoenaed? A No.

Q Did you ever talk to Perl? A No.

Q Do you know him? A No.

Q You still insist that you don't? A I can't recollect having met him.

Q You still say there was nobody with you on the Sunday that you bought that car from Mr. Pflieger? A That's right, sir.

Q And you still say that when you returned from your little trip around the square there was another car in the driveway? A As I recall, there was another car in the driveway.

Q Well, did you pull your car up in the driveway, too? A No. I pulled up on the side near the sidewalk, because, as I recall, that other car was in the driveway, it was pulling out of the driveway.

Q Was there any car in front of the house except for the one that you pulled up in? A I don't recall.

Q You pulled the car up to the curbstone in front of the house? A That's right.

MR. LANE: Any questions, Mr. Foreman?

THE FOREMAN: Any further questions?

You may be excused.

Q Just one more thing. This is your last opportunity,



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Mike; you will never get another chance to come back here and tell the truth. A I told the truth.

Q You still insist upon it? A I do.

Q All right. Do you recall my confronting you and Mr. Pflieger the other day out there? A I do.

Q Do you recall what he said to you? A Not exactly.

Q Well, in substance do you recall what he said?

A Well, he said that there was someone else with me.

Q And he also said, "You know, Mike" -- in substance -- "you know that's not so, when you say there wasn't anybody with you." Do you remember him saying that? A He said that. And I told him that he was mistaken.

Q No, I don't think that's what you said, Mike. That's what you might have meant. You correct me if I'm wrong. As I recall your statement to him, you said, "I'm not going to change my testimony." A No, I didn't say that.

Q Didn't you? Well, I thought you did. Maybe your recollection is better than mine.

MR. LANE: Well, if there are no further questions--

THE FOREMAN: I would just like to say, before you leave: The other day you might have thought that there was a little feeling here in the Jury. Now, I want to say that, again, as Foreman, on behalf of the Jurors and confirming Mr. Lane's statement, you could still be our friend, we still could be friends. Now, you still want to stand on all that you have told us?

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THE WITNESS: I do.

THE FOREMAN: Because we are trying to help and help you, we are trying to help your wife and the children.

THE WITNESS: And I'm here, gentlemen, to help you, too.

THE FOREMAN: You say that sincerely?

THE WITNESS: I say that sincerely.

THE FOREMAN: So help you God?

THE WITNESS: So help me God.

THE FOREMAN: That's part of the oath that you made.

THE WITNESS: That's right.

Q Now, Mike, one more question. You say you want to help us, sincerely. Have you ever been affiliated with the Communist organization? A I have.

Q When? A I was a member of the YCL, that is the Young Communist League, from about '35 or '36 until my -- until about '41 or early '42.

Q And you got out of it then? A And I dropped out of it then. And I haven't been a member of either the Young Communist League or the Communist Party or any other organization associated with them since then.

Q Has your wife ever been a member of either? A I'll say this: that to my knowledge -- and as her husband I'm speaking as her husband -- my wife has never been a member either of the Communist Party or the Young Communist

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League or any other organization that I can recall that is associated with or dominated by them.

Q Did you meet the Rosenbergs while you were a member of the Communist Youth Movement or League?

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A I met the Rosenbergs when I was -- rather, I met Ethel Rosenbrrg when I was a member of the Young Communist League.

Q Wasn't she quite active in that organization?

A Ethel Rosenberg I met at a Young Communist League social. I mean, this may seem as though I am trying to dodge it. I do not know whether she was a Communist or Young Communist League member. When you meet someone at a social they may or may not have been, or they may have been brought there as contacts to be introduced to the organization, and I never bothered to ask any of these people whether they were in the same group with me or not. I assumed they might be, and I did not worry about it. But Julius I had met before, I think I had met him once before that. I went to high school with Julius. I did know Julius in college, and when I met him again I believe I met him at a Young Communist League Social.

Q Didn't Julius talk about the Communist principles all the time? A Well, I imagine he did, because I believe I spoke about them at the same time, about the same thing at the same time.

Q Do you still believe in the principles? A No, I do not believe in the principles.

Q When did you change your views? A Well, it is not a question of changing my views. It is a question of growing out of them. I never broke with them in the sense that I am

violently opposed to communism or communists. I feel it is a personal choice that the people must make, and I don't find that I can think in parallel direction with them, so I dropped out.

Q And you dropped out when? A In '41 or late or early '42, shortly after my marriage.

Q Now, Julius Rosenberg visited you at your place in 1943? A That's right.

Q At that time he was a very active member in Communist activities, I believe he was a member of the Communist Party and also a member of the Young Communist League, he was very active in those days, so I assume he must have discussed it with you in 1943? A No, we did not talk about communism as such. I mean, after the war started there were so many other things to talk about without bringing in the question of whether this was right or that was right, although I recall that I went to one, I believe this was in '41, I went to one meeting that was held to urge the opening of a second front where some Russian General, I forget his name, gave a talk on the relative strength of the Soviet Red Army, and there was a collection made of course to help Russian War Relief, and I recall that I was there with Julius, or, rather, Julius was there.

Q When was that, 1943? A I believe it was in '41.

JUROR: We weren't in the war, how could we have a second front at that time,

THE WITNESS: Then I am wrong. It must have

been later. It was while I was still in New York.

Q Did you know that Julius had been active in these espionage activities? A I did not know that Julius had been active in these espionage activities until the FBI came to me and told me about it.

Q Did you know the Greenglasses -- Ruth Greenglass? A I will tell you frankly, I do not recall Ruth Greenglass at all. I do not even remember meeting her. But I knew Dave because I met him at the same social that the Young Communist League used to run, and where I met his sister too.

Q At the same time? A At the same time or about the same time; it was in that period.

Q Is there any reason why you should be protecting this fellow Perl? A Pardon?

Q Is there any reason why you might be protecting this man Perl? A I can't recall having met Mr. Perl and I can't think of any reason why I should.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

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Presented by Myles J. Lane, Esq.

W I L L I A M P E R L , recalled as a witness,  
having again been duly sworn by the Foreman,  
testified as follows:

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mr. Perl, you have consulted your attorney  
before you appeared here this morning, isn't that correct?

A I spoke to him over the telephone.

Q What is his full name? A Raymond L. Wise.

Q And his address? A 80 Broad Street.

Q And his telephone number? A Whitehall 3 -  
0266.

Q And did he advise you of your constitutional  
rights? A Well, what do you mean?

Q Well, do you understand what your constitu-  
tional rights are, that you have a right to decline to  
answer any questions which in your opinion may tend to  
incriminate or degrade you? A Oh, yes.

Q He explained that, and you understand that  
completely? A Yes.

Q Now, do you know a Professor Theodore Von  
Karman? A Yes, I do.

Q Who is he? A Well, he is in my opinion the  
number-one man in aerodynamics in the world. He is quite  
a well known scientist and consultant on aerodynamics and  
applied mechanics questions.

Q And is he affiliated with Columbia University?

A Yes. He has an honorary professorship of mechanical engineering at Columbia.

Q And what is his position today? A That is the only position I am at all sure that he holds. He has been the director of the Guggenheim Aeronautical Laboratory at Cal-Tech. Whether he still is the director, I don't know.

Q Isn't he a consultant for the Air Department? A Oh, yes, that's right.

Q And is he located at the Pentagon in Washington? A Yes, he has an office there. He has a secretary, or had a secretary, there.

Q How old a man is he? A About seventy.

Q Seventy? A Yes.

Q And have you worked with him? A Yes, I have.

Q When? A During my Columbia period, between 1946 and 1948.

Q What sort of work did you do with him, or for him? A Well, two types - academic; and I helped him in certain consulting activities for the Army Air Forces. I attended his lectures and wrote them up, I got to work on some research under him, and I also earned some money through him by assisting him in his consulting work at the Air Engineering Department Center Project for the Army Air Forces.

Q Where did you do this work? A At Columbia.



He had an office downtown, and I also did some on my own, although through him, at Cornell, in the summer of 1947.

Q Well, did you use the laboratory, or a laboratory, to do this work? A No; it was all theoretical design analyses or design estimates on various questions. I worked up some analyses for him and sent them in to this engineering concern, which I believe actually hired Dr. Von Karman to be their consultant -- that is Sverdrup & Parcel.

Q Q What sort of an experiment was it? A Well, it was not -- do you mean that work? -- it was not experimental; it was simply design studies of various components for some of the tunnels that the Army Air Forces were contemplating building at that time.

Q Is that wind tunnels? A Yes. I recall a design study on a steam ejector. I have forgotten the purpose of it, but it was probably part of a drive for the wind tunnel. I recall an analysis of the power required to operate a large wind tunnel.

Q And for this work he paid you somewhere in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars? A That sounds approximately right, for the total amount of money; yes.

Q Where does Professor Von Karman live? A I don't know where he is now.

Q Where is his home, where does he live -- do you know that? A Well, he has a home in Pasadena. That is

the only home I know that he has.

Q Does he have a family? A He has a sister.

Q He is not married? A No, he is not.

Q Was he ever married, do you know? A Not that I know of.

Q Does he have a home in New Jersey? A No, not that I know of. I had something to do with some friends of his in New Jersey.

Q Who are they? A Their name was Brown.

Q You say you had something to do with them?  
A Yes. I borrowed an automobile that belonged to Von Karman, which he had stored in their garage.

Q When was that? A This was in the summer of 1946 - - no, pardon me, that was in the summer of '48.

Q You borrowed a car from Von Karman? A Yes.

Q With his consent? A Yes.

Q And he had it stored - - A Well, it had been stored in New York for a while, and I drove it out to this garage in New Jersey, where it was for some time. I don't know actually when I drove it out - -

Q Well, when did you obtain this car? A I obtained the use of it in the summer of 1948.

Q What sort of a car was it? A A Plymouth.

Q A new one? A No, it was quite old. It was about a 1935 or '36 model.

Q And did you then register it? A Yes.

Q Where did you register it - in New York?

A Yes, in New York.

Q And what did you do with the car then? A I drove it to Cleveland and used it there.

Q Did you register it in Cleveland again?

A I don't know.

Q Well, how long did you have it in Cleveland?

A I had it -- let's see -- it wasn't a very long time.

Q Well, when did you register it in New York?

A It was before I drove it to Cleveland, which would have been at the beginning of June or at the end of May, 1948. I am not sure now - I had a lot of trouble getting plates for it, I recall, and I had to get a power of attorney from Karman's sister, in whose name the car was registered, and with that I got New York plates.

Q Where did you register it in New York? A At the Traffic Bureau, I presume.

Q In New York County? A Yes, in New York City.

Q Right up the street from here? A Yes, around here.

Q And then you drove it to Cleveland? A That's right.

Q When did you drive it to Cleveland? A Well, at the end of May, 1948.

Q And I assume that you must have registered it in Cleveland when you got out there? A What do you mean

by registering it - do you mean getting plates for it?

Q Yes. A I am not sure I ever got Ohio plates for it, because I didn't have it very long.

Q I show you a picture and ask you if these refresh your recollection as to whether this is the car?

A Yes, that looks like the car.

Q You may take a look at the dashboard there - - they have that peculiar radio. A Yes, I recall that.

Q Now, you take a look at this picture. You notice it has KT 938 - that is an Ohio number? A Yes.

Q And then there is this sign on the windshield - that is the place where you worked? A Yes.

Q So does that refresh your recollection as to - - A I don't recall that.

Q But you do identify the car? A Yes, it looks like the one I had.

Q And it has the Ohio registration there - - so do you recall registering it in Ohio? A I am sorry, I don't, but I must have since it has the Ohio plates.

Q Do you recall the color of the car? A It was a sort of dark blue, a drab-looking color.

Q And it looks like an old car to me - - was it? A It was old in years.

Q And sort of shabby-looking? A Yes, but it was in pretty good shape, I think.

Q How long did you have the car in Cleveland?

A Well, a comparatively short time. Von Karman wanted it back again. I would say a couple of months, or so.

Q And did he write to you and ask you to send it back to him? A Yes, he did.

Q And did you bring it back? A Yes, I drove it back.

Q To New York? A To New Jersey.

Q And did you put it in the garage at the Browns'?

A Yes, I did.

Q Did Brown know that you had taken the car out?

A Yes, he did. I believe he did, because I had some correspondence with him on that.

Q And you figure you took it back some time in September, or the latter part of August, maybe? A That sounds about right.

Q In 1948? A Yes.

Q And did you notify the professor that you had returned it? A Yes, I did.

Q Did you give him the keys to the car? A I don't believe so. I think I just left them in the car, or <sup>them</sup> left/with the Browns.

Q Did you know the Browns very well? A No - only on these two occasions, on which I put the car in their garage originally and brought it back again, did I meet them.

Q Now, who was this Mr. Brown? A I don't know,

except that he was a friend of Von Karman.

Q How old a man? A Oh, middle-aged. I think, from one of his letters, that he was in the publishing business; he had a letterhead.

Q Does he have a family? A Yes; there was a daughter, a girl, there when I brought the car back - - or the other time; I don't recall now.

Q How many children, do you know? A No, I don't.

Q How old is the girl? A Fairly young.

Q What does that mean? A About fifteen.

Q And any sons? A I don't recall any.

Q Was his wife, Mrs. Brown, there - - did you ever meet her? A Yes.

Q Is it a large place? A Well, yes, it was a fairly substantial house.

Q With a five-car garage it must be fairly substantial. A A five-car?

Q Wasn't it five-car? A I don't recall the garage as large as that, but it was a large house, yes. And it had some ground around it.

Q Do you recall ever having met a Mr. Pflieger in Cleveland? A Pflieger?

Q Robert Pflieger? A No, I don't.

Q Do you recall ever going with anyone to look over some second-hand cars? A No, I don't.

[Group of photographs marked Grand Jury Exhibits 1 to 7, this date, respectively.]

Q Now, I show you Grand Jury Exhibits 1 and 4, and ask you if you have ever seen that person before?

A I recall the pictures, but I don't recall the person.

Q You never met that man before? A No.

Q You don't know him? A No, I don't.

Q And you never met him before? A No, not to my knowledge.

Q Now I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 2, and ask you if you recognize the man in the middle there? A No, I don't.

MR. LANE: May the record indicate that I am showing the witness a picture of Michael Sidorovich.

Q Now I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 2 again, and ask you to focus your attention on the woman in the picture, on the left-hand side of the picture, and ask you if you recognize her? A No, I don't.

Q Have you ever seen her before? A No, I don't recall her.

Q Now, I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 5 and ask you if you recognize the woman in that picture? A No, I don't.

Q And I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 6 and ask you if you recognize the woman on the left? A No, I don't

Q I show you Grand Jury Exhibit 7 and ask you if you recognize the woman on the right? A No, I don't.

Q I show you Exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize the woman on the left? A No, I don't.

MR. LANE: Now may the record indicate that the exhibits which I have just shown the witness are pictures of Ann Sidorovich.

Q You are positive that you don't know either Ann Sidorovich or Michael Sidorovich? A Well, so far as my recollection can carry me, I am positive.

Q And you never saw them before? A Yes, that's right.

Q Do you know where you were in July, 1948? A In Cleveland, I presume, and working at the Cleveland Laboratory of the N. A. C. A.

Q Did you ever take a trip in your automobile out to Palmer, Ohio? A I couldn't say; I don't remember it.

Q Did you ever look at any second-hand automobiles for anyone during the month of July, 1948? A Well, I very possibly looked at some for myself.

Q You did? A Because I bought one in -- oh, some time in '48, I believe,

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and as a matter of fact I did go with a friend to look at some.

Q Who was the friend? A It was my colleague at work, Milton Klein.

Q Milton Klein? A Yes.

Q You went with Milton Klein to look at some cars?

A Yes.

Q Do you know where you went? A I couldn't say. That is to say, I recall looking in the paper and investigating a few private possibilities.

Q And when did you buy this car? A Oh, I don't know. I think it was in the fall of '48.

Q In the fall of '48? A Yes.

Q When did you start looking for this second-hand car? A Well, you mean a car for myself?

Q Yes. A I don't know. I think I kept an eye on the paper off and on during the summer and fall.

Q Did you ever go out and look at any prospects during the summer? A I very possibly did.

Q Do you know where you went? A I couldn't say. No, I don't recall.

Q Did Klein have a car? A No, I do not believe he had a car at that time.

Q Did you use your car when you went out to see these prospects? A I must have.

Q Do you know whether you did or not? A Well, I do not know positively, but Klein did not have any car and I must

have used mine, yes.

Q How many places did you visit? A I am sorry; I don't know.

Q What days did you visit these prospective sellers of cars? A Well, it would not have been during working hours, so it was either after working hours or on week-ends.

Q Do you specifically recall that Klein went with you on all of these occasions? A No, I do not.

Q How many prospects would you say you looked at? A It's a little hard to say. Possibly a half dozen, possibly a dozen, something like that.

Q Do you recall ever going out to Palmer and looking at a car, second-hand car? A Not specifically.

Q Do you recall going out with a woman and a man to look at a car at one time? A No, I do not.

Q In these -- on these occasions that you went out with Klein to look at second-hand cars, was there any occasion that you took a woman with you? A I don't remember any such occasion.

Q Were you going around with any girl in Cleveland at that time, in July of 1948, say? A I don't recall that I was.

Q Is this fellow Klein married? A No; he's single.

Q Was he going around with any girl at that time? A I don't know.

Q When you went around to look at these second-hand cars, did you ever look at the motor? A At the motor?

Q Yes. A Yes, I think so.

Q Did you ever turn the hood up or take the cover off, lift the hood up? A I could have done that, but I do not recall/<sup>such</sup>act specifically.

Q Did you ever enter a house during the period that you were looking over these cars? A Did I ever enter a house? You mean of the owner of the prospective car?

Q Yes. A I don't know; I don't know.

Q When did you eventually buy your car? A Well, I suppose I could find out, but it was in the fall of '48.

Q What sort of a car was it? A It was a Studebaker.

Q What model, what year? A Oh, '41, four door black car.

Q You bought a '41 four door black car? A Yes.

Q In the fall of '48? A That's right.

Q Whom did you buy it from? A I don't remember the name.

Q You must have a bill of sale somewhere? A Yes, I must have it, or at least I had it. I don't remember his name offhand. I recall entering his house though.

Q The man that you bought the car from? A Yes.

Q Whereabouts in Ohio -- I mean, whereabouts did you buy it in Ohio, what city? A Cleveland.

Q Whereabouts in Cleveland, what street? A It was on the east side, I do not know the street.

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Q Was it in Palmer, Ohio? A I don't think so.

Q Well, you ought to know. A Yes. As far as I can recall, it was on the east side of Cleveland, and Palmer is a suburb; it was not in Palmer.

Q Is Palmer on the east side of Cleveland? A I don't think so. I think it is south of Cleveland.

Q What sort of a house was it that you entered, can you describe the place? A It was a private house on a street with trees, nothing special, that is. It didn't have ground around it. It was one of a row of houses.

Q Have a driveway? A Yes, it had a driveway.

Q Was the man's wife present? A Yes, she was present. Yes, I recall her present on one occasion.

Q How old a man was it that you purchased the car from? A Oh, fairly -- well, I'd say 35, 40.

Q How old was the wife? A I couldn't -- I don't know; maybe a little younger.

Q Were there any children around? A I am not sure. I think there was a child, yes.

Q Was there anyone with you on the day you purchased the car? A I think Klein was with me.

Q Anyone else? A No, I don't think there was anyone else.

Q Klein look at these cars each time? A He looked at some of the cars I looked at. I don't know whether he went around with me all the time.

Q Well, who went around with you when Klein didn't go around? A I do not know if there were any such occasions or whether I just went myself. I don't recall anybody besides Klein with whom I looked at cars.

Q And you drove around in Professor Karmen's car each time? A Presumably, yes; at least, most of the time.

Q Are you certain that you never took the Sidoroviches out to look at second-hand cars? A Yes, I am.

Q You are positive that you never took the Sidoroviches out? A Yes, I am positive.

Q Are you positive that you never took the Sidoroviches out to ~~xxx~~ Mr. Pflieger's house in Palmer, Ohio, on a Sunday in July 1948? A Yes, I am positive.

Q Is there anything else that you want to tell us in way of explanation of your visit with Vivian Glassman in Cleveland? A To me the great mystery is who sent her, and that is nothing to tell you but simply something to ask you.

Q Have you done any thinking about this since the last time you were here? A Yes.

Q Do you recall anything else that you might have neglected to tell us at that time? A I believe I recall Sobell in my City College days.

Q What do you recall about him? A I don't know, just his presence. I do not think I could have or did see him after City College days, but I think I knew the person in City College.

Q Where does this man Klein work? A He works at the NACA Cleveland laboratory.

Q NACA? A Yes.

Q What is that? A National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Q In the Cleveland laboratory? A Yes.

Q Is he working there now? A Yes, he is working there now. He is planning to take a leave of absence to come back to New York to attend NYU.

Q When does he plan to do that? A He thought he would leave this week sometime, early this week, today or tomorrow. We are finishing up some papers there and he's attending to the last minute details.

Q Did you two work together up there? A Yes; when he came out in '48 we got to work on some projects of mutual interest. He worked with me.

Q He worked with you? A Yes.

Q Did he go to NYU too? Or did he go to City College? A Yes, he went to City College.

Q In your class there? A He was in my class in a few, but I believe he was a chemical engineer.

Q What did you work on in Cleveland together? A Some questions connected with transonic flow past airfoils and bodies of revolution.

Q What does that mean? A Well, the phenomena are -- the theoretical calculation of the pressures on bodies of revolu-

tion, which shapes such as this (indicating) and on two-dimensional shapes such as this (indicating) -- as the shapes travel at speeds which are in the neighborhood of speed of sound, the phenomena in this range are quite different from phenomena at low speed and at supersonic speeds, so there is a gap to be filled in in the theory of what happens in this speed range.

Q You were doing this for whom? A For the NACA.

Q Where is he going to live in New York? A He has a family here.

Q Has he? Where? A It's in my neighborhood; I do not recall the exact address.

Q What is his father's name? A I don't know.

Q You say he has a family. You mean he lives with his father and mother? A Yes.

Q He is just obtaining a leave of absence though, is that correct? A Yes.

Q Are you obtaining a leave of absence? A I resigned.

Q When do you take up your duties at Columbia? A This week.

Q You going up there as a --<sup>A</sup> As an Instructor in physics.

Q Is there any particular reason why you might not want to say that you knew the Sidoroviches? A No, no particular reason.

Q Is there any reason at all? Would there be any

reason for your -- if you do know the Sidoroviches, for your failing to divulge that information? Are you afraid that it might connect you up with some communistic activities?

A No, I am not.

Q Because I recall that you testified when you were here before that you tried to play down the fact that you knew certain people who were affiliated with communist activities. A Yes, that's right.

Q That you thought it might hurt you in your particular sphere of activity. A Yes.

Q Isn't that so? A Yes; I am afraid of anything that would tend to prevent me from doing physics.

Q So you are sure that in the light of that fact that you do not know the Sidoroviches? Are you positive you do not know them and never saw them? A Yes, I am positive.

Q Do you recall ever having met a Mr. Pflieger? A No, I do not.

Q Do you recall ever having been present in Mr. Pflieger's house when a car was sold to two other people? A No, I do not recall any such thing.

MR. LANE: Mr. Foreman, do you have any further questions?

THE FOREMAN: Any questions by the jury?

MR. LANE: Do you want to step outside for a moment? First of all, is there anything else that you want to tell this jury, any statement that you want to make?



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THE WITNESS: No, I don't think so.

MR. LANE: Would you be good enough to just step outside?

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(Witness was recalled at 1 P.M.)

THE FOREMAN: You are still under oath.

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mr. Perl, do you still have that Studebaker car of yours? A No, I don't. I traded it in for my present car.

Q Where did you trade it in and when? A To the Hughes Burnett Company in Cleveland last November.

Q The Hughes Burnett? A Yes. It is now called Frank Hughes Burnett.

MR. LANE: Witness presents a card reading "Hughes Burnett, 1950 East 105th St., Cedar 0640." It is now the Frank C. Grismer Company

Q And this Al Kelly, is he the one you bought it from? A Yes.

Q He still with them? A I saw him there a month or so ago.

Q When did you say you traded this in? A Last fall. I think it was November.

Q What did you pay for that Studebaker car? A Oh, about \$800.

Q \$800? A Yes.

Q You sure? A Yes, I think so.

Q Did you make a down payment on it? A No; I bought it outright from the owner.

Q You paid the \$800 in cash? A Cash or check or something like that.

Q You do not know who the owner was? A I'd have to look over my papers. I think I have it written somewhere -- or had it. I could get in touch with you on it.

JUROR: Which was it, cash or check?

THE WITNESS: I don't know. It was probably a check. I don't think -- wait a minute.

Q Do you have the cancelled check? A I don't think so.

Q What bank did you have a checking account with?

A It would have been the Central National Bank.

JUROR: Did you have \$800 in cash to lay out for it?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I think so.

JUROR: Wouldn't it be clear in your own mind whether you used cash or check?

THE WITNESS: I recall some cash there. I do not know whether it was the entire amount or not. The psychology there was to buy a car and people demanded cash. Now, whether he wanted all of it or not, I do not recall. I ought to have a receipt somewhere.

Q Did you get this car as the result of looking at an ad in the paper? A Yes, I think so.

Q Do you recall in what paper you saw the ad? A Well, it was either the Cleveland Press or the Plain Dealer.

Q Do you recall what day of the week you bought the car on or was it at night? A That I couldn't say. This is the Studebaker you are referring to?

Q Yes. Did you drive the car before you purchased it? A Yes, I drove it, a little, not enough.

Q You drove it? A Yes, I drove it a little, drove it around the block a few times, looked at it.

Q Then you must recall what day it was that you went to buy it? A What day? Oh, I think it was a week day because it was either the first time I looked at it or -- let's see, it was dark at one time.

Q You looked at it a couple of times? A I don't know. I think I may have bought it the first time I saw it, but if that was the case it was a week day.

Q You said the first time you looked at it it was dark. A That may have been the time I bought it.

Q Was it in the garage the first time you saw it? A Yes, it was in the garage. He drove it out for me, and then I drove it around the block.

Q Did you have the lights on? A Well, I don't know. They must have been on.

Q The man drove it out and let you take the car around the block? A Yes.

Q No one else in it but you? A Klein may have been in it with me.

Q Don't you know whether he was or not? Surely you must remember. A Whether he was in the car with me or not?

Q When you bought the car. A Yes, I am pretty sure he was there when I bought the car.

Q Have you talked about it since you were here last? A No.

Q Have you talked with Klein about your appearance before the grand jury? A No, I haven't. He is aware that the FBI is investigating me.

Q How is that, did they investigate him too? A I don't know. I don't think so.

Q Why do you say he is aware, why do you say that? How do you know that? A I told him.

Q When did you tell him? A Oh, I should say a month or two ago, a month or so ago.

Q That was before you came before the grand jury? A I couldn't say. Possibly.

Q What did you tell him, exactly. A I may have told him I was going to appear before the grand jury.

Q What did you discuss with him? Did you tell him about Vivian Glassman? A Oh, no, no. I did not tell him any of the details concerning this case as it involves me.

Q Is he a Communist? A Not that I know of.

Q Is he affiliated with any of the Young Communist groups or anything? A Not that I know of.

Q Does he know Vivian Glassman? A I don't think so.

Q Does he know Julius Rosenberg? A Not that I know of.

Q Did he ever discuss Julius Rosenberg with you?

A Well, yes, I discussed it with him. I believe it was after I came back from appearing before the grand jury the last time.

Q Then you did discuss -- A Yes, I guess he did know I had appeared before the grand jury. I think I told him why I had come to New York.

Q What did he say? A I don't know.

Q That's only a month ago. You must know what you said. You know you have -- pardon me for saying so, but you have a rather odd habit, I do not know what the cause of it is, of forgetting these things that happened only a week or two ago. Certainly you do not forget what you told a man two weeks ago; at least, I don't. A I recall one thing. I asked him specifically, I asked him whether he remembered Julius Rosenberg.

Q And what did he say? A He said he did not. I do not know if he said that he did not, but he certainly did not say that he did.

Q Did he know Morton Sobell? A I don't think I asked him about Morton Sobell.

Q Did he know the Greenglasses? A We did not discuss them.

Q Did you discuss Sarant? A No.

Q Or Barr? A No -- oh, I may have mentioned Barr to him.

Q Does he know Barr? A I think he does.

Q What did he do before he went to Cleveland? A He got a Master's degree, I think at NYU. He worked with NACA before he got his Master's degree at NYU. That was at Langley Field.

Q When was that? A I think around '44 or so, '44 or '45.

JUROR: What field is that?

THE WITNESS: Langley Field. I think I may have informed him about Langley Field way back.

Q That was in '44. But then what did he do? A He went back to NYU, got a Master's degree, I think it was NYU, came back to the Cleveland laboratory in the summer of '48.

Q In the summer of '48. Do you remember when he came back? Was it August or September? A No, it was in the summer.

Q That's in the summer, at least August -- at least, I think it is. A I couldn't say any closer than that. It was quite long after I had come back.

Q You got back about the first of June, didn't you?  
A Yes.

Q And he came back shortly thereafter? A Yes, I'd say in the order of a month or so, perhaps two months thereafter.

Q Did you see much of him out there? A At work I saw a lot of him, and I occasionally saw him socially.

Q Where did he live out there? A Well, he lived in some furnished rooms and also lived at the so-called Roosevelt Coop -- Roosevelt Cooperative. It is a students' housing group.

Q Where is that located? A That's on Cornell Road, I do not know the number, corner of Cornell Road and Euclid Avenue.

Q That was the last place he lived? A Yes. I believe he lives there now.

Q Is he married or single? A No, he's single.

Q How old a man? A Oh, my age or possibly a year or two older.

Q How old are you? A 32. So that would make him between 32 and 34.

Q Was he in the service? A I don't think so. I think he was in the NACA for the latter part of the war. I do not know what he did in the first part.

Q Were they exempt? A Well, we were all taken into the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Q And I assume that you registered that Studebaker car in Cleveland? A Well, yes, I would say I did judging from the picture of the license plate.

Q I don't mean that one. I mean the Studebaker car.  
A Oh, the one I had. Yes, that was registered in Cleveland.

Q Do you remember when that was registered? A I remember a license number, I had a tab which I carried around until I threw it away.

Q What was the license number? A BT 6555.

Q That was the license number? A Yes.

Q Do you recall when you registered the car? A I must have registered it when I got it, which was in the fall of '48.

Q In the fall of '48? A Yes. It may not have been the number then, it probably wasn't the number then, because this is the most recent number for which I carried this tab around.

Q You bought it in the fall of '48? A Yes.

Q September or October? A Yes, around that time.

Q When did you bring back Prof. Karmen's car?

A At about the same time or a little before.

Q Was it after Labor Day? A It was -- I do not know; I think it was around Labor Day.

Q But you had Prof. Karmen's car during the summer time? A Yes.

Q You bought this in the fall of '48? A Yes.

Q Do you recall where you registered the car in Cleveland? A Well, with the Motor Bureau. You mean which particular one there?



Q Yes. A Probably the downtown one on St. Claire Avenue. That's the main Motor Bureau there.

Q Where did you garage the car? A Well, I left it in the street.

Q In front of your place? A Yes.

Q You did not garage it at all, kept it out there during the winter? A Yes, I believe I didn't have a garage for it until I traded it in. That was one of the reasons why I did.

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A (Cont.) It didn't stand up well in the street.

A JUROR: Speak a little louder.

THE WITNESS: I believe I didn't have a garage for it at all.

THE FOREMAN: Can't you just say "I did" or "I didn't." It is getting to a point where -- "I probably registered" or "I believe I didn't" -- you were talking to us a few minutes ago about aerodynamics, and you were pretty straight. This "probably" business is getting on our nerves. Now go on.

THE WITNESS: I hope it will be understood that this is all to the best of my recollection; it is in a different kind of class from my technical work. I did not have a garage for it at least for practically all of the time I had the Studebaker. It was in the street, in front of where I lived.

Q What did you pay for this new car that you purchased? A It was a little over two thousand dollars, and I got an allowance of about four hundred dollars for my Studebaker. I paid the difference, which was about sixteen or seventeen hundred dollars.

Q Did you pay that in cash? A No, not in cash; I paid it by check.

Q Do you have the cancelled check on that?

A I don't know whether I have the cancelled check. I don't think I do.

Q But you paid it in one lump sum? A Yes; except for an initial deposit.

Q And you purchased it when, do you say?

A Last fall; probably last November.

Q Do you know what the motor number was on your 1941 Studebaker? A No, I don't know what it is, and I have no record of it at the present time.

Q Now, what sort of a Studebaker was it that you purchased - what model, what type? A It was a four-door sedan.

Q What color? A Black.

Q Was it in good condition? A Well, it appeared to be when I bought it, but actually it was not in good mechanical condition.

Q What was wrong with it? A Oh, it wouldn't start on cold and wet mornings.

Q Did it start on the day that you looked at it? A Yes. It had been in the garage for quite a while, and I believe that is the reason it didn't give me any trouble when I looked it over originally.

Q Did it have a radio in it? A Yes, it had a radio, but not in/<sup>too</sup>good shape; and it had a heater.

Q How much mileage was on it? A I don't know. It was not excessive, but a repair-man, when I had to get

it repaired after a wreck I had with it, told me it was probably over one hundred thousand miles. That was not clocked on it, however.

Q It looked as though someone had turned it back, is that right? A I suppose so.

Q When did you have the wreck? A That was on New Year's Eve.

Q I suppose someone else was a drunken driver? A Nobody was in it at the time. I had left it parked outside, and went to a party, and as I was approaching the car with some people, to take them home, another car came careening around it and smacked into the telephone pole right there. He hit the car, which was next to the pole, and just thinned it a bit.

Q When was that - New Year's Eve, 1949? A Yes, that would be January 1st, 1949.

Q So you had it repaired then? A Yes.

Q When you took this car around the block, when you first bought it, was there anything else wrong with it - - were the lights all right, and the brakes, and so forth? A Yes, that was all right, but some of the glass was broken, and that's all I can recall.

Q Was the paint scratched at all? A No, I don't recall anything about the paint.

Q Were the doors all right - they didn't jam or wedge - and were the windows of the doors all right?

A I think some of the windows were cracked.

Q Did you try the brakes? A Yes, I presume I did.

Q They must have been in pretty good shape?

A Well, actually I found that they weren't, later. It was all right when I tried it, but apparently they had to be relined.

Q Is that the foot-brake or the hand-brake?

A The foot-brake.

Q Were the lights all right? A Yes, as far as I can remember the lights were O. K.

Q Did you look at the engine and lift up the hood, when you were buying the car? A I think I must have.

Q Well, wasn't it dark? A Well, the car was in this garage, and - -

Q So you turned the lights on in the garage?

A Actually I didn't examine it very closely, because I don't know too much about it.

Q But did you lift up the hood to look at it?

A I don't recall specifically, but I probably did.

Q Does Klein know anything about cars? A Well, I don't think he considers himself very expert on it, but I felt I wanted an independent judgment.

Q Did he look at the car, too? A Yes, he looked at the car.

Q The same day? A Yes, the same day.

Q Is that the day you bought it? A Yes.

Q Did you come back afterwards, or did you buy it right on the spot? A I believe I bought it - - well, I looked at it and discussed it with Klein a little bit - - that is, we went away from the place - - and I believe I went back and closed the deal.

Q How long after that? A Not very long after; about a half hour or so.

Q Did you look at any other cars in the interim?  
A No, I did not; not that same evening.

Q This must have been after work, then? A Yes, it must have been.

Q And you drove out in your car, or did you go out by bus? A I don't remember that.

Q Did you usually use your car going to work - - I am talking about Professor Von Karman's car - - you may recall you had a sticker on there which permitted you to park? A No, I don't believe I had Professor Von Karman's car then, but we went out by public transportation.

Q And you had already returned the car to Professor Von Karman? A Yes, I believe so. I did.

A JUROR: Did you look at any other Studebakers before you bought this one?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I did. I recall one other that I looked at. It was another sedan, but I

don't recall much about that. The price, I think, was too high.

Q When did you look at that one? A Oh, some time previously; not very long previously.

Q A couple of days? A I would say a couple of days, yes.

Q Did you have Professor Von Karman's car at that time? A I don't think so, no.

Q And did Klein look at that car with you, too? A Yes, I think he did.

Q Do you remember where it was that you looked at the car - - I am talking about the other Studebaker?

A No, that I don't recall at all.

Q And you don't recall the man that you talked to? A No, I don't.

A JUROR: What time of the day does your work end?

THE WITNESS: At five o'clock.

A JUROR: Then would you be taking a street car or a bus at that time of day, to go out to look at a car?

THE WITNESS: Yes. The car that I bought, I think I got to by public transportation. The bus comes into the laboratory and takes us downtown.

Q Was this downtown that you got the car? A No.

First you go downtown and then to the East Side.

Q It was on the East Side? A Yes.

Q What part of town was the other Studebaker that you looked at? A I don't know.

Q But it was in Cleveland? A Yes, it was in Cleveland.

Q You are going to get these other materials for us? A Would you mind recapitulating what it is?

Q Yes; I think you are going to try to find out the name - you think you have a bill of sale somewhere, where you bought that car from? A Yes.

Q And also you are going to try to find out whether it was by check. A Yes.

A JUROR: Mr. Lane, did Mr. Perl say from whom he bought the car?

MR. LANE: He is going to find out - the bill of sale would determine that.

THE WITNESS: That's right.

Q By the way, what time do you work in the daytime at Columbia? A My schedule has not been set yet.

Q When do you start? A I believe classes begin next week, but what my classes will be I don't know yet.

Q Supposing you communicate with me next Tuesday afternoon, and let me know what your schedule is. A A week from tomorrow?

Q Yes. You communicate with me a week from



tomorrow, but tentatively your schedule is to be back here a week from Wednesday. So you call me a week from tomorrow, but you are to report here a week from the coming Wednesday.

A All right.

Q What is Klein's full name? A Milton M. Klein

Q And his address - what is that? A It is in the East Bronx. I can probably reach him when he comes in at N. Y. U.

Q I wish you would. I want to talk to him and check with you, too. Suppose you call me - - A You have no objection to my checking with him on this business, too, do you?

Q No, I don't have any objection.

A JUROR: Do you know his father's business?

THE WITNESS: I think his father is a tailor.

A JUROR: A local tailor or a merchant tailor?

THE WITNESS: I don't know whether he works for somebody else or for himself. I have known Klein for a long time, and I have met his folks.

THE FOREMAN: If you were going to get in touch with Klein, how would you do it?

THE WITNESS: He may call me when he gets in, and if not I will call N. Y. U. He was going to leave today or tomorrow, depending upon when he gets in.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

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S T A N L E Y     E .     P R I C E , called as a witness,  
having first been duly sworn by the Foreman,  
testified as follows:-

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mr. Price, will you give your address and telephone number? A 5601 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio; Olympic 1-3809.

Q How old are you? A 22.

Q Are you married? A Yes.

Q Were you in the service? A Yes, sir.

Q When? A From July 7th, 1945 to August 6th, 1946.

Q What branch of the service were you in? A Navy.

Q Where did you serve? A Well, I went on the West Coast; I went through boot camp at San Diego and then I went aboard a destroyer.

Q Which destroyer? A SS LOWRY.

Q Where were you, in the Pacific? A Pacific.

Q Are you married? A Yes.

Q Where did you go to school? A Los Angeles, Cal.

Q Southern California -- University of Southern California? A No. I went to Junior High School, High School and University of California at Los Angeles.

Q Did you go to school anywhere after that? A In Cleveland, to Cleveland College and Dyke.

Q Are you still going to school there? A N .

Q Are you going to school at all? A I intend to, but  
~~at the present time I am not.~~

Q Are you working? A Yes, sir.

Q Where? A General Motors.

Q Doing what? A Running a machine.

Q How long have you been working there? A I started there this week.

Q Where were you working before that? A Prudential Insurance Company.

Q Selling insurance? A That's right.

Q Did you have occasion to sell a car in the summer of 1948? A Yes, sir.

Q What sort of a car was it? A It was a 1941 Studebaker Champion.

Q Did you insert an ad in the newspaper prior to selling that car? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you recall approximately when you inserted the ad?  
A Approximately July 20th.

Q What newspaper? A That is in the Cleveland Press.

Q You advertised to sell this automobile? A That's right.

Q How many people came to your home and looked at the automobile over? A Well, there were three individual parties that came to look at the automobile.

Q Will you tell me these parties were? A The first parties that came to look at it were two fellows. The second party that came to look at it was just one fellow; and the third party was a young lady who had bought the car.

Q She eventually bought it? A Yes. It was sold that afternoon.

Q This morning in my office I had you meet a man down there by the name of William Perl. Had you seen him before?

A Yes, sir.

Q Will you tell the jury just where and when you had seen him? A He had come to my home to look at my car, and I had another occasion of seeing him, in the FBI office in Cleveland.

Q Will you tell the jury the approximate date when you say that you had seen this man Perl the first time?

A Approximately July 20th or July 21st; it was one of them two days.

Q Will you tell the jury just what happened on that particular occasion, in your own words? A Well, this man had come to my home and came up on the porch and he requested to see the owner of the automobile. So my dad was home at the time, and he called me, and I went out and I started showing him the automobile. I lifted up the hood for him because the first thing he requested to see was the motor, and I remember I was joking with him because he was so tall about getting under the hood of the car. So he passed that by, and he had noticed some special gasket cement there that was on the side of the block, and he was asking me what occasion I had to take it off or why it was there and so on and so forth. So I started explaining it to him, and he just like changed by day to night and he snapped me off real quick.

He told me I couldn't tell him anything about motors when it came to motors, and he could tell me. So then right away I got a little scared, and I noticed there was another man sitting in the car that they drove up in, and he didn't get out of the car, and I was thinking in back of my mind, "What are these two fellows up to?"

Q What time of the day was it? A It was in the morning, approximately around 11 o'clock.

Q How far was the car parked, in back of your car? A The two cars were face to face and their car was approximately 25 feet away from my car.

Q You had a pretty good view of the front side of their car? A Yes. My vision at that time was good and it still is good.

Q What is your vision? A 20-20, and I could see very easily the man who was sitting in the car. Of course he was sitting in more or less a slouched position, leaning up against the door.

Q How was he dressed? A He had a sweat shirt on and all that was exposed to me was the bust of the man.

Q Continue with the story of the conversation. A Then, after he snapped me off like that, I did not say anything more to him, I just kept my eye on this other man figuring maybe this fellow is going to jump me, or anything like that -- I just wasn't looking for any trouble. Time went on and then he asked me the price, and I told him, and

then he indicated to me that he had looked at a few others prior to looking at my car and that was too much money. I says, "Okay, that's it." Then he left, got back in his car and drove away.

Q Now, will you tell the jury the circumstances under which the FBI contacted you in the last few weeks? A Well, I was still working for Prudential then, and I was out late this evening, and I came home about 7:30, and there was an Agent sitting in the house there talking to my wife. I walked in and had never seen the man before and did not know he was there. He showed me his credentials from the FBI, and right away I was wondering what he came to see me for, and he had an envelope in his hand and had about nine or ten pictures in it. He asked me if I owned a Studebaker. I told him yes. He asked me when I sold it and I told him. He said, "I want you to look at these pictures and see if anybody in these pictures are familiar to you." So I was glancing at these pictures and I picked out this William Perl, his picture. Well, then this other fellow, the picture of him wasn't too clear and I wasn't satisfied in my own mind that that actually was the fellow and I wasn't going to say that was him when I knew in my own mind I wasn't satisfied, so I told this agent that came to my home that I'd recognize the other man but I am not too sure about the short one. So he said, "Maybe we can arrange for you to see him in person." I said, "That would be perfectly all right." So a few days later he contacted me again and he said,

"We want you to come down to the office and take a look at one of these men." I did not know which one he was going to show me. So he had me sit in the waiting room there in the office and I was reading a magazine and then William Perl came through there and shot through there like a streak of lightning. I got a three or four second look at him, but it was enough that I was there. That was the man.

Then there were two other Agents -- there were three of them altogether -- they were questioning me about this other man, and I told them the same story that I told this Agent Body who was at my home, that I wasn't too sure about it. He said, "Well, we'll give you a good look at him." So we had set a tentative appointment but the man wasn't working and we had to cancel that.

A week later he finally contacted me again -- that was a week ago tomorrow. It happened to be raining this day and he took me to this place in his neighborhood and we were standing in the doorway and there was a store across the street. So we were talking there, and all of a sudden he says to me, "Go in that store over there and see if there is anybody in that store who looks familiar to you. I will wait for you here."

I went across the street, went in the store, bought a pack of cigarettes, looking around, looking round, I didn't see anybody. So I decided I'd walk down this aisle. It was an aisle obscured by a high display there, like a cereal display. I walked down that aisle and I noticed Sidorovich,

but he was bundled up like this. It was raining that day and I still couldn't get a too good look at his face. I came outside and told the Agent that that man in there looks familiar to me but I am not still satisfied because I can't see his face too good. He said, "Stand at the door there and stare in there until you are satisfied." I was standing out there until he called me over again and asked me what I thought. I said, "No, I am still not sure. I am not satisfied in my own mind yet that that is the man." He said, "I will get you a better look at him."

Friday he took me to where he worked. So the president of his company took me like on a tour through the plant. We had entered the room where Sidorovich was working on this draftsman's board. I do not know whether he recognized me there, but when he seen me his head went down on his board. I was standing by his board. I didn't get a good look at him and I didn't want to look too obvious. I asked if there was any other place I could look at him without him seeing me. He took me to another place that had a glass enclosure there, and I was watching him for approximately twenty minutes, and I could see then just every view of him, side view and front view of his face and everything. So then I left and met the Agent outside again and told him, "Yes, I am positive that was the man."

Q Did your dad meet this fellow Perl? A Well, my dad has a good memory but unfortunately in February he had a bad



heart attack and he's been laid up since, and it just seems these things, the heart attack has affected him to the point where it sort of affected his memory a little bit, and of course the day we were there talking to him he was pretty sick that day.

Q You met Perl this morning in my office. Did you notice any difference in his demeanor from the day he came out to buy the car? A Yes. I noted one thing. The day he came to buy my car he was more or less a little arrogant in his ways, and he gave me the impression that he was bold -- I don't mean that he was actually a real character or something like that, but I noticed in the office this morning he talked awfully quiet, more or less in a monotone, and that was altogether different from the day he was in my house, because I could hear him very well, and this morning in the office he talked very very quiet, I had a little trouble hearing him then.

BY JURORS:

Q When you returned home and the FBI Agent was there, you say he showed you about eight or ten pictures? A Yes, sir.

Q Of which you picked out Perl without any trouble. He prompt you in any way? A No, he did not prompt me. In fact, these pictures were of a lot of different people. He never gave me any encouragement. If he gave me anything, it was a lot of discouragement.

Q After you picked out Perl did he ask you if there was anybody else? A After I picked out Perl's picture I

told him about that man, I had Sidorovich's picture in my hand, and I said, "This here man too," but then as I told you before I wasn't too sure about it and I related it in that manner.

Q What kind of a car was it that Perl drove up in in your driveway? A It wasn't a Plymouth. It was a Ford. It was either a '35 or '36 Ford.

Q You mentioned that he mentioned the price was too high. What price did you ask him for your car? A \$875.

Q When you saw Sidorovich he was the man in the automobile? A Yes.

Q Did you say you saw him full face through the glass or did you get around to see him through the side where there was no glass? A You see, the window was rolled down where he was sitting, and my car was flush right up against the curb. Their car might have been a foot away from the curb or something like that, and I was resting my foot on the bumper and kept looking around, like that.

Q You were close enough to see him without any glass being between you and him? A Yes.

Q You are satisfied you had a good view of him the first time you met him? A Yes.

BY MR. LANE:

Q How was he dressed? A He had a sweat shirt on.

Q Did you say Perl indicated he looked over other cars? A Yes. He said, when I told him the price, "I looked at a few others and that's too much money for this one."

JUROR: Was Perl dressed well at the time?

THE WITNESS: Yes, Perl was in a suit, dressed up.

Q Have a hat on? A No, he had no hat on and he didn't have glasses on.

Q Didn't have glasses on? A No.

JUROR: Did you find out what time of the day that was?

MR. LANE: In the morning.

JUROR: Was that a week day?

THE WITNESS: Yes, that was a week day.

Q Did Perl indicate he looked at any other Studebakers, do you recall? A Well, apparently, from the way I understood him to say, he had looked at a few others and that was too much for this one. He didn't say definitely it was Studebaker, Ford or what type of automobile it was.

Q You probably inferred he was talking about Studebakers? A That's correct, yes.

Q You have no question in your mind that he is the same man, you talked with him this morning down there, at least I had you talk or had him talk. A That's right.

Q You recognize the voice now? A The only thing is, in your office he talked in a monotone and was very very soft, which definitely was not the way he talked to me.

JUROR: Did you talk to Sidorovich at all the first time you met him?

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THE WITNESS: No, I did not have any conversation.

MR. LANE: Did you ever talk to Sidorovich?

THE WITNESS: Never.

JUROR: Did Perl recognize you this morning?

THE WITNESS: No. He said he had never seen me before.

THE FOREMAN: Has he since recognized you, since talking to him?

THE WITNESS: He still says he has never seen me.

JUROR: Is your address on the east side of Cleveland?

THE WITNESS: No, sir. / When I sold the car, that was on the east side of Cleveland.

BY MR. LANE:

Q What was the address? A 113-34 Knowlton Avenue.

Q That is where your dad lives? A Yes.

JUROR: Now you live where?

THE WITNESS: On the west side.

Q Whom did you sell the car to? A To a girl. I do not recall her name.

Q How much did you sell it for? A \$875, exactly what I asked for.

JUROR: What was your general conversation with Mr. Perl?

THE WITNESS: You mean this morning in the office?

JUROR: Yes.

(Answered by Mr. Lane.)

THE WITNESS: As far as the height goes, that was another question I forgot to bring out. The Agent, when I picked out Perl's picture, he asked me right away -- you give me a description of him -- and this agent himself is about six feet and he's a pretty big fellow, and I says, "Well, I think he's a little taller than you." He said, "In other words, you would say he's tall?" I said, yes. He said, "Would you say he's as heavy as me?" I said, "As far as my recollection goes, I remember him like a pin-ball more or less." That's all he asked me.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

Helene Elitcher

HELENE ELITCHER, called as a witness,  
having first been duly sworn by the Foreman, testified  
as follows:-

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mrs. Elitcher, you are married, are you? A Yes,  
I am.

Q To Max Elitcher? A Yes.

Q When were you married? A May 8th, 1943.

Q Do you have any children? A Yes, I have two children.

Q How old? A My little girl who is the oldest is four  
years old; she was born May 29, 1946. And my little boy is  
eight months old; he was born on January 8th of this year.

Q Are you a college graduate? A Yes, I am.

Q What college? A Brooklyn College.

Q A year? A January of 1941.

Q Did you specialize in any particular thing? A Yes,  
I did. I majored in psychology.

Q I trust you have used that on various people since  
then? A It is something that most psychology majors are  
accused of.

Q When did you first meet Julius Rosenberg? A He came  
to my house on -- it was the first time that I met him, and  
I believe that it was in the spring of 1944.

Q Where was your house at that time? A It was an  
apartment in Washington, 247 Delaware Avenue, Southwest.

Q Will you tell the jury what transpired at that first

meeting? A It was I believe a week day evening, I am just trying to remember back what I was doing that particular evening, it was after dinner and there was a phone call which my husband answered, spoke for a brief while, and then hung up and said that someone by the name of Julie Rosenberg, a fellow that he had gone to school with, had called, was in town and was going to drop over to see us. And then shortly thereafter he arrived. I was introduced to him; he was a jovial, talkative kind of person, sort of a "hail fellow-well met", if that describes my own impression of the kind of person he was, not my idea of my own impression of my husband who is an engineer, if he was a technical person his personality did not give you the feel that he was, not a, well, like a sort of regular guy who might have been a salesman or something other than a scholarly type.

Q What did he talk about at that time? A Small talk -- "How long have you been living here, and how long have you been married, you have kids, your wife, my wife." Sometime during that evening Julie and Max, both -- Max being my husband -- said they wanted to talk together for a little while, would I mind being busy elsewhere. It was a three room apartment. We had been sitting in the living room, there was a kitchen and bed room in back. I do not remember exactly where I departed to, but I did leave the room, I did not leave the apartment but I went in the kitchen or went into the bed

room, I do not remember which really, for a brief while, and then I wandered back in again in just what I felt was an interval of some kind. He stayed a little while longer and he left.

Q Did you overhear the conversation between him and your husband? A No, I didn't. I questioned my husband about it to a limited extent afterwards. If I can enlarge upon this point a little bit. I met my husband in January, sometime in the middle of -- late in January, actually, of 1943. We were married on May 8th of that same year -- a very short courtship. My reason for bringing up this point is that we did not know one another too well, I didn't know too many people that he knew. When I asked him who is this guy and why did he want to talk to you, why was I sort of asked to leave, he said, "Oh, it was nothing; he just wanted to talk to me." Our relationship wasn't such, between my husband and myself -- the point I am trying to make -- that I would push it home. We had a lot of getting to know one another to do yet, since we went through subsequent to that, and at that point he did not tell me exactly what the score was on that particular situation. There were a lot of other things to my mind that I did not know the score of, in my relationship, which did not make it stand out.

(Cont by IFG)



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(From LB)

Re: John Doe  
(Mr. Lane)

H. Ellitcher

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Q Well, did he tell you what Rosenberg talked to him about? A No, he didn't. He just said, "Oh, nothing very much. He just wanted to talk to me," and never did answer it; and I didn't push it home.

Q When next do you remember seeing Julius Rosenberg? A The next occasion, which has been recalled to me, which I only remember very vaguely and do not even recall the date of, was that Julie came to our apartment again on a morning that I was leaving the house to go to the C. I. O. United Federal Workers headquarters, to have a picture taken, that was to be published in the FEDERAL RECORD.

It was concerning price control - the picture that was to be taken was to be with some other people - - there was a price control campaign on which I had been doing some work.

I know that he came as I was about to leave, and my husband and he drove me, in our car, to the union headquarters; that I went inside and had my picture taken, while Max and Julie stayed behind, and then I came out again; and Julie left us, and then Max and I went off to do some shopping.

As I say, this incident has been recalled to me, and I don't remember the date, and I don't remember any conversation about it.

Q Well, do you remember seeing Rosenberg with

William Perl? A Yes. That would be the third occasion. That occurred in the summer of '44.

Q And where did you see them? A I met him - - I was with my husband and with my sister-in-law, and we met Julie and Bill Perl and a young G. I., wearing khaki, whom I was introduced to as Bill Perl's younger brother - - I met him somewhere around Seventh Avenue and I would say - - I am under the impression that it was the corner of Macy's, but it might not have been actually the corner.

We were going to dinner, and we walked for quite some distance along either Seventh or Eighth Avenue, to a restaurant - - we eventually got to the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant, which was not our original destination; we were headed for some other restaurant, but we couldn't get in because the fellows were not wearing jackets, and we had dinner at the Bird-in-Hand.

Q How many were at the dinner - five? A There were six, including my sister-in-law.

Q What is her name? A Ruth Alscher.

Q Miss or Mrs.? A Mrs. - she is my husband's brother's wife. A seventh person joined us. I believe that Julie Rosenberg went to a 'phone - at least, it is my impression that he did, as best I can remember - that he called within the very restaurant; that he went to the 'phone and called someone by the name of Joel Barr, who joined us.

Q What did you talk about at the table? A At the table nothing, except the weather and the dinner and "Where do you live?".

Q At the conclusion of the dinner, where did you go? A We went to Joel Barr's apartment.

Q That is everybody? A Everybody. And I would say we spent about an hour on a sort of roof adjoining his apartment, sort of like a penthouse affair; and his mother and father and sister returned - they had been out during the evening - they came back and - -

Q Where was this apartment located? A I would say in the West Nineties, off Broadway, towards the river. It is my impression that it was west of Broadway.

And we left after his parents and his sister returned. We were introduced and stayed a very short while, and left. Some records were played - -

Q On that same evening, did you go to Alfred Sarant's apartment? A Yes, we did.

Q That same evening? A Yes. We took a cab from where we were, and took my sister-in-law home. She was pregnant at the time, and it was getting on to being quite late. Her husband was in service, and we took her to her house, which was in Manhattan also, around 100th Street and Madison Avenue, and it wasn't too far from where we were, and we continued down into the Village.

In the cab - - no - - yes, it probably was in

the cab, according to my memory of it -- we went to Alfred Sarant's place.

I had never been there before, and I remember it very well, because it was a very long climb up into his apartment; it was at least five stories, and it might have been more.

Joel Barr preceded the rest of us. I would say it was at least midnight that we got there, and it might have been later. I was under the impression that Al Sarant was a bachelor, and someone that Joel Barr knew very well, a sort of intimate friend; and he ran ahead on all of these flights, while we were plodding up; and he awakened Sarant from his sleep, and the man came out in a robe and quite groggy, and Barr treated it as a sort of gag, his awaking him at that hour, and he knew he could awaken him up at night.

Q Perl was there at that time? A Yes.

Q Was Vivian Glassman there? A There was no other woman except myself, at that point.

Q And you spent some time at the apartment?  
A Yes.

Q Playing records? A Yes. And Sarant played a guitar.

Q Was he pretty good? A Not bad. The records he had was of a very well known classical guitarist. The name escapes me, but he is very well known, because he plays

classical music, like Bach and Beethoven, which is unusual for a guitar; and Sarant was studying along those lines, playing classical music.

Q Did you see Rosenberg again? A Yes.

Q When did you next see him? A My next recollection of seeing him was in the summer of '45, when my husband and I came to New York and spent a week-end. Prior to this, all of the week-ends that we spent in New York, we spent at my sister's apartment. My mother also lived with my sister, and my sister had a child; and it was an apartment with just one bedroom, and under very crowded conditions, and we were put up on a studio couch in the living room.

But that particular week we decided to stay at my mother-in-law's place, and my mother-in-law lived - and still does live - in a very run-down tenement on 101st Street and Lexington Avenue; and there were bed-bugs, and I spent a rather sleepless night the first night of the week-end, and I swore I would not spend another night there. - I still itch at the memory of it - - and the bed was very small, which was my other complaint about it, and the window opened on a shaft.

We went to see A BELL FOR ADANO at Radio City, which I asked some members of your staff to check for the date, because all I remember is that it was this particular night. I remember that we came out from Radio City, and I

said, "I am not going there to sleep. Period. You can go there, and I will go to my mother's house," so Max said, "Well, Julie's wife spends the summer away, and Julie 'baches' by himself in his apartment at Knickerbocker Village, and we could give him a ring and find out if he could put us up," which we did.

That was close to midnight, after theater time - say, about eleven-thirty or thereabouts - and he called up, and we went there. Julie was by himself, and the apartment was obviously not being cared for by a woman during these months. That is, you could see a man "baching" there.

And we spent the night there, and got up in the morning and had breakfast in a nearby drug store; and that is all of the next time that I saw him.

Q Did you see him again - - were you at his apartment? A Yes, I saw him again, the next time that I remember - - Helen and Mortie Sobell were in New York, from Schenectady, where they lived, and we met Helen and Mortie, and Julie Rosenberg and Perl and Barr in front of Sarant's apartment building, downstairs, and we were to have dinner together. Sarant was not there.

Q When was this? A This was approximately Christmas of 1946.

Q You say Julius wasn't there? A No; I said Sarant wasn't there.

Q But the two Sobells and Rosenberg and Perl and

Barr were all there? A That's right.

Q And Max? A Yes, and Max - my husband and myself. By this time I had a child. My child was born in May of that year. The reason I mention it is that it helped me to remember - it helps me to place it in time, because we were looking for Even-Flow bottles, which were hard to get; there was a shortage at that time, and we would drop into drug stores any time we passed one, to ask if they had any, and so I remember that.

We went to a nearby restaurant, within walking distance of Sarant's apartment, and as I remember the name of the restaurant vaguely, or it could be something like that, it was The Blue Mill - that sort of sticks in my head.

We had dinner and went up to Sarant's apartment very briefly - I am quite sure I didn't even remove my coat. There was a party going on in his apartment, and we were not introduced to the people who were present. It was a crowded place, because even if I had wanted to sit down and stay I don't think there would have been room.

We all trudged up these flights of stairs, and stayed a very short while, and we were not introduced to anyone. I have a feeling that there was an occasion going on in that household - that is, they were celebrating something of which I was not aware, and no one informed

me, because we had just dropped in and went out again; and all the people I mentioned then went to Rosenberg's apartment.

I there met Ethel, Julius' wife, for the first and only time. I remember the season of the year because there was a small Christmas tree, and a Chanukah menorah - - the two holidays generally occur at approximately the same time - - and the discussion was about <sup>what</sup> to do, about these holidays, if you have Jewish kids.

That is, do you honor both holidays, or does it confuse the children, if they are Jewish, to celebrate Christmas for them as Christmas, or would it be better to celebrate just Chanukah alone; or, if you are not particularly religiously inclined, and let us say would not celebrate Chanukah yourself, do you let Chanukah go by the board, and celebrate Christmas, because it has become a sort of national holiday.

Q Did Perl enter into the discussion? A Yes. I remember the discussion particularly, because the two bachelors were so sure of themselves, and all the married people with kids were so damned unsure of themselves. The bachelors had the feeling that you didn't have to worry too much about what the kids thought - - they said, "Why do you worry about that? If it comes Christmas, it is Christmas, and you don't bother about it," and here we all had been reading the best on the subject - you



know, Gesell and so on- and I had a brand-new baby and was sure I was going to run into a million and ten problems, and was trying to prepare myself unto the nth degree, and they were very blase about it.

Q Whose apartment was that? A Rosenberg's.

Q How about Sarant - was he there? A No, he was not there. The last time I saw him was in his apartment - the one time he played the guitar and the next time there was the party going on.

Q Now, is that the last time you saw Rosenberg?

A Yes.

Q Do you know the Danzigers - William and Sylvia? A Yes, sir, I do.

Q When did you first meet them? A When they came to Washington from the West Coast. I don't remember, really, the date, but I think it was in '45; but I don't remember whether it was early or in the middle or late.

Q Did you and your husband associate with the Danzigers in Washington? A Yes, we did.

Q Were you members of the Communist cell down there? A Yes, I was.

Q Who else were in there with you? A Bill and Sylvia were both. None of these people I have mentioned. There were other people I could attempt to recall.

Q What did they call that - the Navy Department

cell? A Yes, it was.

Q And did Rosenberg ever discuss it? A No. Certainly never with me.

Q Now, I understand you were a member of the Communist Party at that time? A Yes, I was.

Q Were you registered? A There was no registration.

Q I thought there were registered voters - - you weren't? A No.

Q And was Max also a member? A Yes.

Q How about the Danzigers - were they members, too? A Yes, they were.

Q And how often did the cell meet? A Either twice or once a month, depending upon the season of the year, or the - - various things that would determine it; but I would say roughly every two or three weeks.

Q Who was in charge of the particular cell that you were associated with? A Well, it varied - - there were elections that were held once a year, and some member of the group would become the chairman of the group. I don't remember offhand who exactly it was at one particular time.

Q How many members were in the cell? A That also varied, and it would be roughly seven, eight, or maybe nine.

Q Where did they meet? A In members' homes.

Q And what was the purpose of the cell? A The cell was, generally speaking, a continuation for some people of previous Communist affiliations - education, largely; that is, maintaining a contact with what Communist thought was on various matters.

We would, for instance, have at every meeting a news report. Someone would try to get up all of the DAILY WORKERS during the period intervening between meetings, and would read the papers, since they were difficult to obtain by all members, and would give a digest of the news.

There would be sometimes a report on the part of the chairman, from his contact with a person whom none of the other members of the group knew.

Q Did you have cards, too? A No, there were no such things as cards.

Q Did you have to take any oath or anything?  
A No, none whatsoever.

A JUROR: Were there any dues paid?

THE WITNESS: Yes, there were.

Q What were the dues? A The dues were not uniform. It worked something like this: There was an amount, roughly seventy-five cents to a dollar, or maybe a dollar and a quarter, that was a basic amount to be paid per month.

Then there was something above that, which would become the total figure, of a contribution which was put up

to you as a person, to decide as to how much you wanted, but it was suggested that in some way it be commensurate with your salary; so that if you were earning two thousand dollars, you would give perhaps no contribution, if you had a family, but if you were earning five thousand dollars, and were single, you might give five dollars.

A JUROR: What was done with that money after it was collected?

THE WITNESS: The chairman of the group took that money, and that money went on to a person who was called "the contact." That was the way it was used. It was someone that the members of the group did not know.

Q Just how did the cell work - how did it operate? A I am not sure I know what you mean. If I am not answering the things you want to know, tell me. Well, the membership was largely static, because the fact that you were a member was not supposed to be known by anyone else, so that you couldn't go around and recruit people. That is, you couldn't just know somebody quite casually, and say, "How would you like to join the Communist Party?"

So that there was a static membership. Occasionally, someone such as Bill Danziger, to use an example, who had formerly been a member and had been known in that city to other people and just came back to live there again, would be picked up - - he might come to see you socially,

and say, "I am back; how about putting my name through?" Which meant that at the next meeting someone would speak to the chairman privately, the person who knows, say, that Bill was back, and say, "Danziger is back in town. Will you pass his name on and let us know when he can come to his next meeting?"

And that is what would happen. The chairman, on seeing the contact next, I presume, would pass the information on, as I have just described. What happened to it after that, I don't know.

Q How long were you and Max a member of the cell? A Max was when I married him. I wasn't a member until, I would say, either very late '43 or early '44. I would be pretty sure that it was early '44.

Q And how long were you a member, how long did it last? A Until we left Washington, which was October, 1948.

Q And how about the Danzigers - how long were they members of the cell? A Well, to actually tell you of my own knowledge of how long he was a member, it was from the time that Danziger came back, and for as long as it took for him to be picked up, which might have been two months or something around there.

If that was some time in 1945, which I can't tie down too tightly, but I am sure you can probably inform yourselves as to when he came back to Washington - - that

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was until I went on maternity leave in April, 1946. That is of my own knowledge.

MR. LANE: Mr. Foreman, at this juncture would you temporarily excuse Mrs. Ellitcher, because we have some work here.

Q Would you wait outside, Mrs. Ellitcher, please? A Certainly.

[WITNESS LEAVES ROOM]

H E L E N        S O B E L L , called as a witness, having first been duly sworn by the Foreman, testified as follows:

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mrs. Sobell, are you married? A Yes.

Q How old are you? A 32.

Q Are you a college graduate? A Yes.

Q What college? A Wilson Teachers College.

Q Where is that located? A Washington, D. C.

Q You have a lawyer in the building, haven't you?

A Yes.

Q You have talked with him? A Yes.

Q And he has advised you of your Constitutional rights? A Yes.

Q And he no doubt advised you that you don't have to answer any questions which might tend to incriminate you?

A Yes.

Q Or degrade you? A Yes.

Q And he probably has advised you that you don't have to testify against your husband if you feel that the testimony -- A Yes.

Q Naturally you do not have to testify as to any conversations with your husband, private conversations, but I am not going to ask you any questions about your husband if I can avoid it. I mean, I am going to try to avoid it, and that may put you at ease a little bit. You are married to Morton Sobell? A Yes.

Q And you have children? A Yes.

Q How many? A I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that you mentioned.

Q You mean that it would tend to incriminate you if I ask you if you have children, is that the ground? A It might tend to incriminate or degrade me.

Q The fact that you have children? Are you serious or is this just a little by-play, the fact that you have a child will tend to incriminate or degrade you? A It might.

Q I have heard everything now.

THE FOREMAN: They are good children, aren't they? They haven't done anything?

Q You see, this is an intelligent jury. They are of average intelligence, at least, and I think probably a lot higher than the average, but a question like that -- you are a married woman and you are asked how many children you have, and you say that is going to incriminate or degrade you, that doesn't make sense. Let me ask you this: Did your lawyer tell you not to answer any questions? A He told me not to answer any questions that might tend to --

Q You think that tends to incriminate you, that you have had children? You have to use your head on these things, you know. I cannot imagine by the wildest stretch how asking you if you have had a child or how many children you have could possibly incriminate you.

JUROR: They can be gotten by kidnapping, of course.



Q We haven't asked anything about kidnapping; there is no law against having children, nothing wrong with that.

A If I remember correctly, I said I had children.

Q Yes, but I asked you how many. How many do you have? Let me tell you, I know how many children you have. So that doesn't make sense. You have one by Morton Sobell and he has another one, or you have another one, by a former marriage. Isn't that it? So there is nothing in that question that can tend to incriminate you. A Just the question about the divorce.

Q That can't incriminate you. That's legitimate or legal. Lots of people get divorces. I am not interested in that angle, I know all about that, as much as you do. I won't ask you that question because I already know about it. This is a routine question I asked you. We'll skip that, I am not going to press it. You have a sister, is that correct? A Yes.

Q You are not going to tell me that asking questions about your sister is going to incriminate you. What is her name? A Edith Levitov.

Q Did she live with you? A Yes.

Q How long a period? Well, roughly, three months, four? A Three years, off and on.

Q On the day that you left for Mexico, which was I believe June 22nd, did you see your sister that day? A I refuse to answer that question.

Q On what grounds? A On the grounds that my husband is

under a serious charge and I don't want to give any testimony that might have the slightest bearing on any question of that kind.

Q I am asking about your sister, not your husband. I am asking you if you had a conversation with your sister on June 22nd, 1950? I am not going to mention your husband. I am talking about your sister. I am not going to refer to your husband at all in this conversation. I am going to confine my remarks to your sister in my questions, and if I mention your husband it will be through inadvertance. Now, did you have a conversation with your sister, Edith Levitov, on June 22nd, 1950? A I presume I did.

Q Will you mention what time of the day did you have your last conversation with her that day, to the best of your recollection? A I refuse to answer that question.

Q On what grounds -- on the grounds it might tend to incriminate you? You see, you have to give grounds, as your lawyer told you. You must tell this jury what the grounds are. You cannot just refuse to answer questions, but you have to tell the jury what the grounds of your refusal to answer are. Either that it will tend to incriminate or degrade you or any other reason that you may have in mind, that is a legitimate reason. But you cannot just say it -- you can say it but we can take you before the Court and the Court will then decide whether you have to answer. A Well, I really don't know what the legal ramifications of these

questions may be, and if these questions can be taken before the Court.

Q You have to give the jury a reason why you don't. What is your reason for refusing to answer?

THE FOREMAN: Mrs. Sobell, this is a Federal grand jury. This is an important grand jury. Taking nothing away from Mr. Lane, Assistant United States Attorney, he is not going to ask you anything that is going to put you in jeopardy. He has given you the law. We are 23 here. The jury are people who have children and we will not be incriminating ourselves by saying we have children. And so feel free to answer. Because if Mr. Lane asks some question, or Mr. Saypol, the Federal grand jury has authority to question, or they guide us too in the law. So feel free that Mr. Lane is not going to ask you when you say "some legal matter", because it is absolutely superfluous and irrelevant, and as Mr. Lane says, through the jury, we can bring you downstairs to the Judge and have you, if you do not answer, have whatever punishment is meted out for doing that. That is entirely up to you. So sit back, relax, and I want to say as Foreman of the jury, you are a little upset, so let's start all over.

Q Can you tell me the last time in the day that you spoke to your sister on the 22nd of June, 1950? A I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that it might be used against my husband.

Q On the grounds that it might be used against your husband? A That it is my right not to give testimony that might be used against my husband.

Q Your husband has already told the Agents, as I recall it -- you correct me if I am wrong -- that you people went to Mexico for a vacation, at least that is part of what we have heard both from your lawyers before the United States Commissioner, that you went to Mexico for a vacation, and that you left, and that you, I believe, went via American Air Line on the 22nd. That's a fact. That's already been established. I do not have to go into that. We know that to be a fact. But what I am asking you about is a conversation that you had with your sister on that same night, and I asked you what time -- I did not ask you what the conversation was. You said you presumed you had a talk with your sister that night before you left, and I asked you what was the last time, the hour that you spoke to your sister before you left for Mexico, and you say you refuse to answer on the ground that it might be used against your husband, is that so, on the grounds it might incriminate you -- which? A Both.

Q Do you know William Danziger? A I refuse to answer that question.

Q On what grounds? A On the grounds that it might be used against my husband.

Q That the only grounds? A And it might be used to incriminate or degrade me.

Q On the ground it might incriminate or degrade you and on the grounds that such an answer might be used against your husband. You understand that you cannot be compelled to testify against your husband, so your second ground isn't so good, is it? A I withdraw the second ground.

Q You put it on the grounds that it would tend to incriminate you? A I refuse to answer that question because it might be used against my husband, and as I understand it it is my privilege not to give any testimony that can be used against my husband.

MR. LANE: Mr. Foreman, I can see that we are getting nowhere with Mrs. Sobell, that she is adamant, and no doubt has been advised by counsel not to answer any questions. In view of the fact that the Judge has left for lunch I am not going to ask you to bring her down before the Judge today, but I am going to ask you, if you will, to adjourn this entire proceeding for one week, to next Wednesday, and direct Mrs. Sobell to be here at quarter of eleven next Wednesday at which time we shall continue this matter and at which time I shall ask you to have her brought down before the Court and have the questions put to her by the Court.

THE FOREMAN: You are directed to be here next Wednesday at quarter to eleven. What I had to say before, think that over again. We do not want to have to take you down before the Court. Thank you.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

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Re: John Doe

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(Presented by Thomas J. Donegan)

O S C A R J O H N V A G O , called as a witness,  
having first been duly sworn by the Foreman,  
testified as follows:

BY MR. DONEGAN:

Q Mr. Vago, my name is Donegan. I am a Special Assistant to the Attorney General. This is a Federal Grand Jury sitting in the Southern District of New York. Do you understand that? A Yes.

Q You are here in response to a subpoena, is that correct? A Right.

Q With reference to your appearance before this Grand Jury, have you consulted an attorney? A Yes.

Q Will you give us his name and business address? A Arthur B-a-l-y - - I am sorry; that's right - B-a-i-l-y. I do not know his address exactly; it is somewhere on Lexington Avenue.

Q Is it in New York City? A Yes.

Q Do you have an idea of the street? A Somewhere in the Grand Central district.

Q Now, the Grand Jury would be interested in having some information on your background, so in your own words, very briefly, tell them where you were born, what education you had, and where you have been working.

A I was born in Budapest, Hungary, on February 27, 1898. I finished my schools in Budapest - high school and college education. I received my degree from the University of

Budapest. At the end of 1924 I emigrated to this country.

Q What was your specialty, what degree did you receive? A Structural engineering.

Q You are an engineer? A Yes, I am a structural engineer.

Q Go ahead. A I arrived in this country in 1925. Then I spent some time in various offices; all of them I don't remember any more.

Q You worked as a structural engineer? A Yes, I worked as a structural engineer in various offices, doing architectural and structural work.

Q Now, did you attend any school in this country? A For a short period I took a short course at Pratt Institute in 1925.

Q Was that an engineering course? A Yes.

Q When did you become a citizen? A In '39, in September.

Q In the Southern District of New York? A Yes.

Q Right in this building? A Not in this building, but in Washington Street - 641.

Q Are you married? A Yes, I am.

Q Is your wife a citizen? A Yes, she is.

Q Where was she born? A Also in Budapest.

Q Do you have any children? A I have two children.

Q What age? A Twelve, and four and a half.

Q Now, do they attend school? A Yes, they do.

Q Where do they go to school? A The little Junior High School.

Q Where? A In Rego Park.

Q Have you made any trips outside of the United States since you arrived here? A Yes. I made one trip to visit my family.

Q In Hungary? A Yes.

Q What date? A I returned to this country in January, 1933.

Q You left when? A I left in 1929.

Q And you returned in '33? A Yes.

Q You were away approximately four years?

A Something like that.

Q When were you married? A In 1928.

Q Did your wife go with you? A No, she came later.

Q When you went back to Hungary your wife did not accompany you, is that right? A No, she did not.

Q And when did she go to Hungary? A In 1932.

Q So that you were in Hungary from '29 to '32 alone, is that right? A Yes.

Q And she stayed over until '33? A That's right.

Q And she came back with you? A That's right.

Q When did she become naturalized? A In '31.



Q Do you know an individual named Harry Gold?

A Yes.

Q When did you first meet Mr. Gold? A I met Mr. Gold somewhere around early in 1947.

Q Describe to the jury where. A At my place of work.

Q What were the circumstances, who introduced you to him? A Mr. Brothman.

Q Was Mr. Gold at that time working for Mr. Brothman? A He was to be employed by the firm.

Q Now, in order that we may get first things first, when did you meet Mr. Brothman? A I met Mr. Brothman some time around 1943, the early part of '43.

Q And how did you meet him, what were the circumstances? A I was working on 42nd Street for an architect, and he called me up. He needed the services of a structural engineer, and someone recommended me to him, so he called me up to perform some structural engineering services, which I did forthwith.

Q I would like to interrupt for a moment, Mr. Vago. You said you have consulted a lawyer with reference to your appearance before this Grand Jury? A Yes.

Q Did your lawyer explain to you your rights in appearing before this Grand Jury? A That's right.

Q I take it that he explained to you that you have the right to refuse to answer any question which might

incriminate or degrade you - is that right? A Yes, that's right.

Q Did you continue to work for Mr. Brothman for a period of time? A From that time - - that was one small job I had done for him; he needed a structural engineer's services for a project he was engaged in; and from that time on we met for lunches periodically, irregularly, and later on, some time in '44, he approached me with a proposition of joining him in a venture, setting up a chemical and engineering consulting office, and he invited me, describing the prospects in very favorable terms, and asked me whether I would leave my particular special field.

Finally, late in 1944, he approached me to the materialization of this proposition, and we set up the organization.

Q And you went to work for him? A I went to work as a partner.

Q Do you know Miriam Moscovitz? A Yes.

Q And where did you meet her? A She was employed by the organization late in 1944 or early '45, as a secretary.

Q Mr. Vago, are you at the present time, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party? A I wish to decline that answer.

Q On what grounds? A On constitutional grounds, that it might incriminate or degrade me.

Q When you went to Hungary - - and I think you said it was '29 - - A Yes, '29.

Q - - where did you obtain your visa? A I was not a citizen then.

Q You didn't approach the Embassy? A No.

Q Not the Hungarian Embassy? A Yes, I did. I had a Hungarian passport.

Q You were traveling on a Hungarian passport? A Yes.

Q Had you at that time filed your declaration of intention? A No.

Q You had not? A No.

Q You didn't file your declaration of intention until you returned from Hungary? A That's right.

Q At that time had your wife filed her declaration of intention? A At that time?

Q Yes. A Yes, she did.

Q So you had no occasion to approach any representative of any foreign Government at that time in this country, is that right? A No.

Q When you returned from Hungary, were you in contact with any representative of any foreign Government? A No.

Q I am talking about an official, consul, embassy or anything of that sort. A No.

Q Have you ever been in contact with any official

of any foreign government, up to this date? A No.

Q Where are you employed at the present time?

A At the present time I am employed on a professional basis by Mr. Aronow, who in turn is consulting engineer for a real estate concern.

Q Do you know an individual by the name of Sol Fanschel? A Yes.

Q Was he employed by Brothman? A Yes, he was an employee of Brothman.

Q When have you last seen or talked with him?

A Maybe a few weeks ago.

Q When were you first interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation? A I believe it was in May.

Q Now, have you had any conversation with Mr. Fanschel concerning the questions asked of you by the Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation? A Yes. I just told him that I was being questioned in this connection with Brothman.

Q Did you tell him what questions were asked?

A In a general way.

Q Did he ask you for that information, or did you volunteer it? A I just told him what developed, thinking that he would be as a person interested.

Q Did he tell you that he had been questioned by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

A Subsequently I think he mentioned it.

Q Did he mention it on that occasion when you volunteered the information to him that you had been?

A No.

Q Where did you meet him when you had that conversation? A I happened to know where he works, and I called him up.

Q Was that the purpose for which you called him up? A Yes.

Q To tell him about that? A Yes.

Q And when had you seen him previously? A Previously I hadn't seen him since he was leaving the employ of Brothman.

Q Have you told him that you have received a subpoena to appear before this Grand Jury? A No.

Q Have you had any conversation with him concerning your appearance before this Grand Jury? A No.

Q Did you tell him that the Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation asked you whether you were present with him and some other individuals, including Brothman and Gold, during the course of which meeting there was a discussion concerning Gold and Brothman appearing before a Grand Jury? Now, if you don't understand that question, because it is a long question, I will be glad to break it up. A It is very involved, but I think I can answer it - - no, I never attended such a meeting.

Q Well, perhaps you misunderstood my question because of its length. Did you tell him that the Agents questioned you about such a meeting? A I didn't tell him because I don't recall that they questioned me about such a meeting.

Q Have you at any time, under any circumstances, ever had any conversation with Gold, Brothman, or any other individuals, concerning the appearance of Gold and Brothman before a Grand Jury? A No.

Q Have you at any time, under any circumstances, overheard any conversation, either of Gold, Brothman, or any other individuals, concerning their appearance before a Grand Jury? A No, I have not.

Q Have you at any time ever had any conversation with anybody concerning Brothman being engaged in espionage activity? A No.

Q Have you at any time - - and I wish to point out to you, if you don't clearly understand<sup>it,</sup> that I mean from your first conscious moment up to this minute right now, sitting in the Grand Jury chair - - have you at any time ever had any conversation with anybody concerning Gold being engaged in espionage activity? A No.

Q Now, Mr. Vago, I think you are not taking sufficient time to listen to my questions and to give them some thought. It is very important that you carefully listen to the questions; if you don't understand them, say that you

don't, and you can have them re-read until you fully understand them, because while you are here you are testifying under oath - - you understand that? A Yes.

Q And you are subject to the laws of perjury, or any other violation. A I understand.

Q I think you are overlooking the fact that you undoubtedly must have had some conversation concerning the arrest of Brothman, which appeared in the newspapers; or the arrest of Gold, which appeared in the newspapers.

A Oh, I am sorry, I misunderstood the meaning of your questions. Of course, since it appeared in the press, and since people knew I was connected with Brothman, naturally there was some conversation; but that does not mean to imply that I knew about their activities.

Q I am trying to phrase my questions so that you will not be confused. A Please rephrase them.

Q Have you had any conversation with anybody - - and I will limit the time, since the arrest of Gold, concerning his espionage activities? A Yes.

Q Now, will you name those people. A I could not name them all. Of course, my wife and members of my family, and some friends who knew of my business connection.

Q Now, let us leave out the members of your family and let us leave your wife out. How about the other people? A I could offhand list a whole list of my personal

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friends, because there is quite a likelihood, after I had been connected with the firm for four years - -

Q Have you had any conversation with Miriam Moscovitz? A No.

Q Did you consult any attorney or anybody else - - and when I say "consult," I mean somebody you go to for advice - - have you consulted anybody for advice, whether it is an attorney or somebody else - - maybe it is a personal friend that you might go to and ask for advice - - since the arrest of Brothman or Gold? A Yes; my attorney.

Q Have you consulted anybody else, besides your attorney? A No.

Q When did you first consult your attorney - - mind you, I am not asking you what you said to him, or what he advised you or what you asked him - - I am just asking you, when did you first consult your attorney? A It must have been just around the time after the arrest of Mr. Gold.

Q That was before the arrest of Mr. Brothman? A That's right.

Q Did anybody inform you that, prior to the arrest of Brothman or Moscovitz - - did anybody inform you that Brothman was appearing before a Grand Jury? A No.

Q Did you have any knowledge that he was appearing before a Grand Jury? A Not except what I read in the newspapers.



Q Did anybody - - and I will include Brothman or Moscovitz or anybody else - - communicate with you concerning their appearance before a Grand Jury? A No.

Q Or concerning them being interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation? A No. I wish to mention that I separated from Brothman and his organization after a deep-going break - - a personal and business break - - in June, 1948, which was legally concluded through the assistance of my attorney a year later; it was concluded in an agreement of separation. Ever since our break, I have never met any one of them, or any intermediary.

Q Is that the same attorney that you consulted at the present time? A Yes.

Q Since your break, which I believe you informed the F. B. I. you had with Brothman, have you had any contacts with Miriam Moscovitz? A None whatsoever.

Q Or with Brothman's wife? A Neither.

Q Now, have you ever heard from any source whatsoever that Brothman or Gold had received an award from the Soviet Union? A No.

Q Was that question asked of you by the F. B. I.? A Yes. That was the first time I heard about it.

Q You had never heard of that before? A Never heard of it before.

Q Did you have any conversations with any of the

employees of Brothman's firm concerning either Brothman or Gold receiving an award from the Soviet Union? A No.

Q Did you have any conversations with anybody else, excluding employees of Brothman's firm, about Brothman or Gold receiving an award from the Soviet Union? A No.

Q And do you understand what I mean by "award"? I mean a medal or any kind of recognition. A Yes, that's right.

Q You have been employed by the Government, Mr. Vago? A Yes.

Q When were you first employed by the Government?  
A It was in the middle of 1938. I was employed by the then Procurement Division, which later became the Public Buildings Administration.

A JUROR: We can't hear you.

THE WITNESS: That was the Procurement Division, which was later transferred to another department, under the name of Public Buildings Administration.

Q Where were you employed? A In Washington.

Q And what was your grade and your salary?

A My grade was what was called E-3, at thirty-two hundred dollars a year.

Q And what was your technical classification?

A I believe it was called Assistant Engineer, but I am not absolutely sure of that.

Q I think you have already stated it, but I have forgotten - - what date did you start that employment with the Government? A I don't know the exact date. It was about June or July of 1938.

Q And how long were you so employed? A About a year and a half. I believe it terminated in December, 1939. The appropriations for the work I was employed on expired.

Q Now, with reference to that employment, was that a civil service position - did you take an examination? A No, I did not.

Q Did you fill out an application form? A Later on, in the course of my employment, I did make an application form, a so-called - - they had some - the Civil Service Commission has some term which implies a rating being given on the basis of record and experience, without an examination.

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Q Were you subsequently employed by the U. S. Government after the termination of that employment? A Yes, after the termination I was employed in the War Department, Quartermaster Corps.

Q Where was that? A Also in Washington, D. C.

Q When did you start that employment? A On the same month.

Q What type of work were you doing? A Structural engineering designing, reinforced concrete -- in general, on structural design.

Q How long did you keep that job? A I resigned from that job in May 1941.

Q That was a period of how many years, approximately? A Altogether another year and a half.

Q Were you employed after that by the Government? A No; then I returned to New York.

Q Why did you resign that job? A Because the prospects were very good in New York for employment in private industry.

Q In reference to your War Department job, was that civil service? A No; that was the same type of job as the other one.

Q You fill out an application form? A That I cannot tell for sure in which period it was. I do know that I did file an application form for this unlisted or unclassified, I do not know, some kind, I do not recall the term, examination, which was an examination purely based on my

experience record.

Q On the application form did you give background concerning yourself and activities? A Yes.

Q The fact that you were a naturalized citizen and so forth? A Yes.

Q Prior to you filling out the application form for either one of those two Government positions were you a member of the Communist Party? A I wish to decline to answer that question on Constitutional grounds that it might incriminate and degrade me.

Q Did the application form that you filled out -- that you made out -- ask the question as to whether you belong to any organization? A I wouldn't be sure. I do not believe there was such a question in that form.

Q Was that application form made out with an affidavit or an oath? A I don't remember that.

Q Did that application form ask you to state whether you had been associated with any organization which concerned or advocated the overthrow of the government by force and violence? A I do not believe that application form did have such a question.

Q Have you seen any Government application forms which had asked a question of that type? A I don't think I have seen any Government application forms ever since, and I can't answer that question because I don't know.

Q With reference to -- I believe you stated the year before and I have forgotten it -- you became naturalized what

year? A 1939.

Q Prior to the time that you became naturalized, that is, taken an oath as a United States citizen, had you been a member of the Communist Party? A I decline to answer that question on Constitutional grounds, that it might incriminate and degrade me.

Q At the time you became a citizen and took the oath as a citizen in 1939, were you at that time a member of the Communist Party? A I wish to decline to answer that question on the Constitutional grounds that it might incriminate and degrade me.

MR. DONEGAN: Mr. Foreman, the grand jury's time is running out and there is quite a bit -- the examination is quite lengthy, of this witness -- and since it is such an important matter I would appreciate it if you as Foreman of the grand jury would instruct him that he is to continue under subpoena and that he is to be back, to appear before this grand jury at the next session of the grand jury, which I believe is Wednesday, September 27th, at 10:45 a.m.

THE FOREMAN: Did you hear that? You are to appear here a week from today. Today is the 20th and that will be September 27th, at 10:45 a.m., for further examination, and you are still under subpoena.

MR. DONEGAN: You understand that, that you are under subpoena that has been served on you and you must appear here next Wednesday, do you understand that?

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THE WITNESS: Yes.

MR. DONEGAN: You are excused for today.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)



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THE FOREMAN: You will remember, sir, you are still under oath.

THE WITNESS: Yes. Mr. Foreman, I wish to make an amendment to my testimony made last week.

BY MR. DONEGAN:

Q Well, since you testified before the grand jury on September 20th, 1950, have you consulted somebody concerning your testimony? A My attorney.

Q Now you state you wish to make an amendment?

A Yes.

Q Did your attorney advise you to make an amendment?

A He did not advise. I wish to make an amendment. I checked with him whether it is proper.

Q Are you adding something to the testimony you gave?

A No, I wish to alter it.

Q I want to advise you that the testimony which you gave to this grand jury under oath stands. In other words, if you want to further explain your testimony, or if you want to supplement your testimony -- A No. I discovered something and my attorney advised me that it may be proper if I am allowed to amend it.

Q I want to question you. Before you leave the grand jury room here this morning the grand jury will allow you an opportunity to say what you want to say, but I would like to continue the questioning of you first. A All right.

Q Mr. Vago, have you ever contributed any money to the Communist Party? A I wish to decline to answer this question on Constitutional grounds, that it might incriminate and degrade me.

Q Have you ever had any discussion or talk with Abraham Brothman concerning the Communist Party? A No.

Q Have you ever had any discussion or talk with Miriam Moskowitz concerning the Communist Party? A No.

Q Mr. Vago, you testified under oath before this grand jury on September 20th, 1950 that you left the United States in 1929 and went to Hungary, and that you were out of the United States until January of 1933. Now, I would like you to furnish this grand jury with information concerning your entry into the United States, your original entry into the United States. You entered the United States in 1924, is that right? A '25.

Q In '25 -- what month? A January.

Q In January 1925, and at what port did you arrive? A New York.

Q Do you recall the name of the ship? A We left Hamburg -- Mongolia. That was a ship of the Hamburg-American Line.

Q On what basis did you enter? Did you enter as a student? A Yes.

Q For how long a period of time? A I am sorry, I did not get that.

Q How long a period of time were you allowed to stay in the United States? A That I do not remember. I believe it was for the duration of my being a student.

Q Where were you going to be a student? A At Ann Arbor.

Q Did you go to Ann Arbor? A No, I did not.

Q What kind of a course did you state you were going to take at Ann Arbor? A Structural engineer.

Q Where did you go? A I went to Pratt Institute.

Q How soon after your arrival in the United States did you go to Pratt Institute? A Within the next few months.

Q Few months? A Within the next few months of my entry.

Q Approximately how many months? A I do not know; from two or three months.

Q Then did you advise Immigration and Naturalization that you were going to Pratt Institute? A I do not remember whether I did, but I did communicate with Ann Arbor University to exchange -- and I asked them to permit -- where I got the permit I do not remember now.

Q And you attended Pratt how long? A For one session.

Q Then were you employed? A Yes.

Q For how long a period of time were you employed?  
A Continuously.

Q Continuously until what year? A That is the point where I wish to make the amendment.

Q You answer my questions now. Until what year?

A Until 1932.

Q Until 1932? A Yes.

Q Where were you employed? A First I was employed with an architect named Felson.

Q Where was he located? A That time it was on 57th Street.

Q Do you recall the address? A That was the corner of Eighth Avenue; I think it was the Fiske Building.

Q How long did you work for him? A About a year.

Q That was about 1926? A Right.

Q And then where did you work? A Then I worked with the White Construction Company.

Q You testified that you left the United States in 1929. On what ship did you leave? A That is the subject of my proposed amendment.

Q When you testified to this grand jury on September 20th, 1950 that you left the United States in 1929, did you testify falsely? A Well, if you wish to put it in those words, then the answer is Yes.

Q In other words, you committed perjury when you testified that you left the United States in 1929? A I wouldn't put it in those words, Mr. Attorney.

Q Mr. Vago, will you please answer my questions? I will read your testimony. "Q Have you made any trips

outside of the United States since you arrived here? A Yes.

I made one trip to visit my family. Q In Hungary? A Yes.

Q What date? A I returned to this country in January 1933.  
Q You left when? A I left in 1929. Q And you returned  
in 1933? A Yes. Q You were away approximately four years?  
A Something like that. Q When were you married? A In  
1928. Q Did your wife go with you? A No; she came later.  
Q When you went back to Hungary your wife did not accompany  
you, is that right? A No, she did not. Q When did she go  
to Hungary? A In 1932. Q So that you were in Hungary from  
1929 to 1932 alone, is that right? A Yes."

Was that testimony you gave before this grand jury true  
or false? I might remind you, Mr. Vago, as I reminded you  
on the 20th of this month when you testified before this grand  
jury previously, that you have the right to refuse to answer  
any questions in this grand jury if the answers might  
incriminate or degrade you, and you have indicated that you  
are fully aware of that right since you have already refused  
to answer some questions on that ground, that they might  
incriminate or degrade you. So with that in mind I will  
repeat that question. (Question, "Was that testimony you  
gave before this grand jury true or false?" read to the  
witness.) A It wasn't true, but I made that testimony --

Q Your answer is that testimony was false? A It  
was not deliberate falsehood.

Q I am not asking you whether it was deliberate or  
not. The grand jury heard your testimony and your testimony  
is a matter of record. I am asking you, was that testimony

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you gave before this grand jury on September 20th false?

A It was.

Q When did you work for the White Construction Company? A From 1926 to 1932, with one interruption.

Q You worked for the White Construction Company until December of 1932, isn't that correct? A Correct.

Q And the fact is that you remained in the United States in an illegal status until 1932, is that correct?

A Correct.

Q And your testimony to this grand jury that you left the United States in 1929 was false, isn't that correct?

A Right.

Q At that time were you a member of the Communist Party? A I wish to decline to answer that question on the Constitutional ground that it might incriminate or degrade me.

Q When was the last time you were in Washington, Mr. Vago? A In 1941.

Q 1941? A No, that was I think a year later, my wife paid a visit to some friends and I went there to bring them back.

Q You testified last Wednesday that you have had no contacts with any representatives of any foreign governments. I will read the question and answer that was asked you at that time. "Q When you returned from Hungary were you in contact with any representative of any foreign government? A No. Q I am talking about an official consul,

or embassy, or anything of that sort? A No. Q Have you ever been in contact with any official of any foreign government up to this date? A No." Is that testimony true? A Yes.

Q Is it true and do you tell this grand jury under oath, as you have testified to everything else, that you have had no contacts in any manner whatsoever with any representatives of any foreign government within the last five years? A That's true.

MR. DONEGAN: I suggest we excuse this witness at this time for a short period of time.

THE FOREMAN: You are excused.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

(The witness, Oscar John Vago, was later recalled.)

BY MR. DONEGAN:

Q You will remember, Mr. Vago, that you are still continuing under oath. A Yes.

Q Have you ever been on the steamship which was known as the Conte di Savoia? A Yes.

Q When were you on board? A On my trip returning to the United States.

Q When was that? A That was on the first days of January, 1932.

Q When? A 1933, I mean.

Q Now you say you came into the United States in 1933. What month? A January.

Q January 1933 on the Conte di Savoia? A Yes.

Q Arriving in New York? A Yes.

Q Where did you board the Conte di Savoia? A In Genoa.

Q About what date? A It must have been the last days of December or first days of January.

Q You cannot fix it more definitely than that?

A It might have been the first of January, I am not sure.

Q That was at Genoa, Italy, you boarded that? A Yes.

Q How long had you been in Genoa, Italy, prior to the time that you boarded the Conte di Savoia? A Two days.

Q Where were you previous to that? A Previous to that I think we stopped over at Trieste for one day.

Q And before Trieste, where were you? A In Venezia - Venice.

Q How long were you in Venice? A Two or three days.

Q Before Venice? A I was in Budapest.

Q Where did you spend Christmas 1932? A In Budapest.

Q How long before Christmas of 1932 had you been in Budapest? A About three weeks.

Q So you were in Budapest on or about December 10th, is that correct? A Som-thing like that.

Q What? A About that.

Q When did you arrive at Budapest? A At that time, on that day.

Q What day? A I mean, that same time.

Q Give the approximate date in December. A Around the 10th of December.



Q Where had you been previous to your arrival in Budapest? A I had been on my way from the United States to Budapest.

Q Let's go back slowly to when we got into Budapest that time. Where did you arrive in Europe when you went to Budapest, what port? A It must have been Genoa, because I went to the same steamship company.

Q When did you leave the United States? A About either the first days of December or the last days of November in 1932.

Q Were you in the United States Thanksgiving of 1932? A That I don't remember.

Q You do not know? A I do not remember.

Q What ship did you sail on when you left the United States? A The Rex.

Q Rex, of the Italian Line? A Rex of the Italian Line, the same company.

Q From what port in the United States? A From New York.

Q Were you alone? A No; I was with my wife.

Q Your wife was with you? A Yes.

Q She also sailed on the Rex. Under what name did you sail? A Under my own name.

Q That's Oscar John Vago? A In Hungarian my name is not exactly the same.

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Q Well, give it as it was. A In Hungarian my name is Vago Oszkar (spelled by witness).

Q And you used that spelling when you took passage on the Rex? A Yes, because that is the way my name is spelled.

Q Did you use that spelling? A Yes.

Q Listen to my questions. If you do not understand them ask to have them repeated, but please give an answer to them. Had you used that spelling of your name while you were in the United States? A No.

Q That was the first time in the United States that you used that spelling of your name? A Yes.

Q And you say you sailed from New York to Genoa?  
A Yes.

Q You went from Genoa to Budapest? A By train.

Q And you say it was the latter part of November 1932 or the first part of December 1932 that you left New York?  
A Yes.

Q Now with reference to Thanksgiving, haven't you any recollection as to whether you were in New York City Thanksgiving 1932? A I have no direct recollection, but I just judge because I couldn't think of any other place I could have been.

Q Have you talked with your wife concerning when you left the United States on the Rex in 1932? A I did not get that question.

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Q Have you talked with your wife concerning the time you left the United States? A When?

Q In 1932. A You mean whether I talked with my wife at that time?

Q At any time. A Yes.

Q Has she any recollection of whether you were in the United States Thanksgiving of 1932? A I couldn't tell.

Q Then you went to Budapest and stayed in Budapest for three weeks? A Yes.

Q And came back to the United States. You said you arrived January 1933? A Right.

Q On the Conte di Savoia? A Right.

Q Did you advise the Naturalization Service that you had been out of the territorial limits of the United States, that is, that you had been in Europe from 1929 to your arrival on the Conte di Savoia in 1933? A No, I have not.

Q Did you advise the FBI that you had been outside of the United States from 1929 until 1933? A At what time? At that time? Or recent times?

Q Did you inform the FBI that you had been outside of the United States at any time from 1929 to 1933? A Yes.

Q Did you ever advise the FBI that you had been in the United States from 1929 to either the latter part of November or the early part of December 1932? A No.

Q Reading from your testimony to this Federal grand jury on September 20th, 1950: "Q When were you married?

~~A In 1928. Q Did your wife go with you? A No; she~~  
came later. Q When you went back to Hungary your wife did  
not accompany you, is that right? A No, she did not."

Was that answer you gave to that question in this grand  
jury room under oath a false answer? A Yes.

Q "Q So that you were in Hungary from 1929 to 1932  
alone, is that right? A Yes." Was that answer to that  
question in this grand jury room on September 20th, 1950, a  
false answer? A Yes.

Q When was the last time you were in Washington,  
Mr. Vago? A It must have been sometime in 1942 or  
thereabouts.

Q Nineteen what? A '42.

Q You had not been in Washington since 1942? A No.

Q Have you talked with anybody from the White  
Construction Company within the past month? A No.

Q Have you talked with anybody concerning your  
employment with the White Construction Company since you  
appeared before this grand jury on September 20th, 1950?  
A No.

Q Do you have a brother in Hungary that has an official  
position in the Hungarian government at the present time?

A No.

Q Have you any relatives in Hungary who have any  
positions in the Hungarian government at the present time?

A No.

Q Have you any relatives in Hungary who are in the employ of or are members of the Communist Party? A I couldn't tell -- answer that question.

Q It seems to me to be a clear question. A Well, I can't answer for my brother's actions in Hungary today.

Q I am not asking you that. I am asking you as to your knowledge. I am not asking you about your brother's actions. I am asking you. A To my knowledge, no.

Q Have you been advised from any source whatsoever that any of your relatives in Hungary are associated with, affiliated with, or members of the Communist Party in Hungary? A No.

Q Have you at any time furnished any information to any representatives of any government concerning your relatives in Hungary? A No.

Q (Question read as above to witness at the request of Mr. Donegan.) A No.

Q Have you advised any government agency, including Immigration and Naturalization Service, that you were a student in the United States during the entire period of time from your arrival in 1925 until 1929? A I do not remember what kind of procedures I followed, what I had to do. I do not remember at this time.

Q Did you make any statements either in writing, orally, or under oath, to any representative of the United States government that you were a student in the United States

and were not employed during the period from 1925 to 1929?

A I do not remember, but I do not believe I did, since I paid income tax during the period.

Q I didn't hear that. A I paid my income tax during that entire period, I do not believe I made that; I do not remember.

Q Why do you say you paid your income tax during the entire period? A I beg pardon?

Q Why do you say that, in response to my question? A Because that would indicate I was employed.

Q Are you endeavoring to tell this jury that if you did make any statements to any government officials that you were a student, that they should have been put on notice because you paid income taxes that you were not a student? A That is something I do not understand.

Q I do not understand why you volunteered that you paid your income tax. That wasn't the question I asked you. A I do not remember. Please read the question again and I will answer it again directly.

Q (Question, "Did you make any statements either in writing, orally, or under oath, to any representative of the United States government that you were a student in the United States and were not employed during the period from 1925 to 1929?" read to witness by reporter.) A I do not remember.

MR. DONEGAN: As it is apparent to the grand jury, this witness will be necessarily before the grand jury again. I understand the grand jury is meeting Tuesday of next week. Tuesday of next week is October 3rd. If the Foreman will instruct this witness before the grand jury that he is continuing under subpoena and must appear before the grand jury October 3rd, I will appreciate it. ~~THIS IS A~~ ~~WITNESS~~ ~~EXCUSED~~ ~~BY~~ ~~THE~~ ~~COURT~~ ~~ON~~ ~~THIS~~ ~~DAY~~ ~~AT~~ ~~10~~ ~~45~~ ~~A~~ ~~M~~

THE FOREMAN: You are still under subpoena and you are to appear here again October 3rd at 10:45 a.m.

BY MR. DONEGAN:

Q Do you understand that? A Yes, I do.

Q You understand that you are under an obligation to be in this room next Tuesday? A I understand. May I ask a point of information?

Q Yes. A To what degree am I bound to secrecy?

Q You are not bound to secrecy as to your own testimony before this grand jury. You can discuss your testimony with your attorney. A May I discuss it with my wife?

Q I cannot instruct you on that. I will leave that up to you, but you have the right to discuss your testimony with your attorney and your attorney can advise you as to whether you may discuss it with your wife or anybody else.

A All right.

Q You are excused and you are to be here next Tuesday, do you understand? A Yes. (WITNESS EXCUSED)

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Re: John Doe  
(Mr. Lane)

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H E L E N E            E L I T C H E R ,            recalled as a  
witness, having again been duly sworn by the  
Foreman, testified as follows:

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mrs. Elitcher, when we concluded, on your last appearance before the Grand Jury, I think the last question had reference to the length of time that the Danzigers were members of the Washington cell; and you said that up to the time they left Washington, which was some time in 1945 - - I think that was it - - A From the time they came to Washington.

Q - - until you went on maternity leave, in April, 1946. A Yes. Well, I was trying to tie it down a little more definitely, and I will go on from there and finish the answer. Bill Danziger didn't actually join the cell immediately upon coming to the city, but after some interval, which would allow for his name being passed on, which I said might be a month or two.

Mrs. Danziger did not actually join the cell until some considerable time later. I believe that the reason for her not being brought into the cell at the same time that Mr. Danziger was, was that some thought was being given to where housewives belonged - - whether they belonged in the group that their husbands were in, or some other group.

She was a housewife, and didn't have any other



geographical or working location, except her husband. However, eventually she was brought in - - I would say some time considerably later in 1945.

I went on maternity leave in April, 1946, and after that time I don't know what happened to these people.

Q Well, did you have a special cell there known as the "housewives' cell"? A Well, I know what happened to me after I came back from maternity leave. I did not return to the Navy cell, but to a housewives' group, that was set up on a rough geographical outline of where you lived.

Q Now, who suggested that you go into the housewives' cell? A Well, when I sent word through my husband that I was ready to return, I was told to wait and somebody would call me, and that I would go to a new cell.

Q Well, do you recall the details as to who told you to wait, and who called you on the telephone? A Well, my husband brought back the word that I was not <sup>to</sup> go back to the Navy cell. Who exactly called me, I don't remember. It was somebody from the new cell, which was a housewives' group, of which Sylvia Danziger was not a member.

Q Who were the members of the housewives' cell, do you recall? A Well, I could try to remember some of the names. Ethel Weichbrod, Esther Surovell - - is it important that I recall the names right now? I haven't given any thought to it. I can try to recall the names and

give them to you later.

Q If you get them for us later on, that would be sufficient. I thought you might be able to remember them now, and we want to have them. Have you ever given the names to the F. B. I.? A No; they never asked me about it.

Q What about this Surovell party - who was her husband? A Abe Surovell. They lived in the same building that we lived in, 247 Delaware Avenue. They lived on the third floor.

Q Do you know them very well? A Well, fairly well. I knew Abe Surovell from before I actually came to Washington. That was before he was married. He had gone to Brooklyn College, and I only knew him sort of vaguely. At school I really didn't know him to speak with, but when I came to Washington in my senior year at college, on a - - I have forgotten the name of what the affair was - - a National Youth meeting of some kind, the name of which escapes me, I am sorry to say - - well, I met him at this meeting, and we became friends, and when I came to Washington to work he was somebody I knew and I called him - he was married at that point, and I met his wife.

Q Was he a member of your husband's cell?

A Yes, he was.

Q What does he do now? A He has a business that involves the making of maps for the Government. I

don't know exactly what you would call it. I don't believe it is printing, but it is actually the drawing of maps. He is an artist.

Q Is that in New York? A In Washington.

Q Have you ever talked to him about the Rosenbergs or the Rosenberg case? A No.

Q Have you talked to him recently? A Actually, he called me before the Rosenbergs' name appeared in the paper, some months ago. I don't remember exactly when, but it could be verified; but he was in New York due to his father's death, and for the exact date if I could find out when his father died I could tie it down; and he called me when he was in New York, to say "Hello" and to give regards from his wife and children.

Q Did the wives' cell operate any differently than the other cell that you belonged to? A No, no differently. The women were mainly active in the Women's Auxiliary of the United Federal Workers of the C. I. O. union that most of the men belonged to, that were Government workers.

Q Who was the head of the women's cell, when you were in it? A During one period Ethel Weichbrod was, and at another period I was the chairman.

Q Does Ethel Weichbrod live in New York? A No; she lives in Washington.

Q And what does her husband do? A He works with the Air Force; he is an engineer.

Q For the Army Air Force? A Yes.

Q At the Pentagon, is that right? A I don't know the physical location.

Q Is he a friend of Perl's? A Not to my knowledge.

Q And did he belong to the Navy cell? A No.

Q Did he belong to any cell? A Not that I know of.

Q How did the wife get into one of the cells if her husband didn't belong? A I don't know, because when I joined this cell it was already in operation, and I don't know that.

Q Well, wasn't that cell supposed to be the wives of members of the various male cells? A Not necessarily. It was primarily that; but assuming that you were a housewife, and were a Communist, you would belong to a housewives' group regardless of whether your husband did. I might make this - -

Q Oh, I was under the impression that this cell was the cell which was the ladies' auxiliary, corresponding to the cell that their husbands happened to be in - - in other words, if your husband were in a cell, this would be the auxiliary cell. A Yes, I think that would describe it in, let us say, ninety-five percent of the cases, but not necessarily one hundred percent.

Q Where does Abe Weichbrod live - - A That is

Joe Weichbrod . They have moved recently; I have a change of address card at home that I am not too familiar with, but at the time I knew them they lived in the northeast section of Washington. I think it was 2525 North 14th Street, N. E.

Q But they have since moved? A Yes; to a private house which they bought.

Q Do you remember being down in my office the last time, in the reception room there? A Yes.

Q And do you remember seeing Perl at that time? A Yes.

Q And did you speak to him at that time? A No, I didn't.

Q Well, you spoke to him some time during that morning. A Yes, I did.

Q Did he act as though he didn't know you - - he paid no attention to you? A Well, when he came in he didn't look in my direction. I was already seated, and he came in with his eyes averted from anyone who might be sitting around - - there were a few people in the room, and he went immediately to the receptionist, and he walked to the back of the room, which was to my back; and once he had passed me I didn't see whether or not he had looked in my direction. When he stopped at the receptionist's desk, he didn't look at me.

Q He was there for fully twenty minutes, is that right? A I would say so, at least.

Q On the way up in the elevator, didn't you speak to him? A I think I was speaking to Mr. Cahill, one of the F. B. I. men, and he said something about - - well, Perl was walking right behind me, and I wasn't aware of the fact. When we emerged from the inner office, and walked toward the elevator, I didn't notice who was behind me; and when we stopped and turned around, I don't remember who it was that said to Perl, "Do you recognize this lady?" and he raised his eyes and looked at me, and he took several seconds to say, "Yes; you do look familiar. You are Elitcher, Mrs. Elitcher." And it seemed to be a rather slow-dawning awareness.

Q But you had seen him several times before, and I suppose he should have recognized you, shouldn't he?

A I don't know whether he has as good a memory as I have, so I don't know.

Q Probably he has a more convenient memory. Now, have you talked to Mrs. Danziger, who is coming in here very shortly, about the case? A Yes and no. I did very little talking.

Q She has some reluctance on some points, I understand. A Yes, I would say she has.

Q What is her trouble? A Well, do you want my opinion?

Q I want to know what she said. A Well, she said - - the last thing she said to me, as we were parting

on the subway station and I was about to enter my train, which pulled in, and she was to go to her train - - she said she wasn't afraid of this investigation, which was about the most - - the comment I kept making, whenever there was a break in the conversation, was, "I am scared, it is a scary proceeding," and she said she wasn't afraid, that she knew the kind of questions you people would be asking her, and they would be about "down there," which I assumed her to mean about Washington; and she said, "I am just not going to answer them. I have nothing to lose."

I remember those words, "I wasn't a Federal worker and I never signed any statements" - - meaning loyalty oaths or Form 57 - - "and therefore I can't be accused of a false statement."

Q She never worked for the Government, did she?

A Not during my acquaintance with her. When I mentioned this to my husband, when I saw him that same evening, he said she worked for the Census Bureau - this was before I came to Washington - and I said I didn't know that, and he said he was quite sure that she worked for the Census, and I said that was before the loyalty oath, and he said there might still have been some kind of statement on the Form 57 or something like that.

Q Did she say, too, that she was a little reluctant about testifying as to her Communist affiliations?

A No.

Q She didn't say that? A No. Those were her words, so far as I can recall them.

Q Is there anything more you can tell us about the Rosenbergs, or Sobell - - have you talked to Sobell's wife recently? A Yes. She came over to arrange for my getting their old upright piano, in exchange for a Washing machine that they have, which we have part equity in; and the only thing she said was, aside from saying "Hello" and "How are the kids?", "Did they give you a tough time yesterday?" This was on Thursday evening.

Q Did she say anything about her appearance before the Grand Jury? A No.

Q Not a word about that? A No.

Q Have you talked with her sister, Miss Levitow? A I haven't seen her since they left.

Q Since they left for Mexico? Well, didn't you see her a day or two afterwards? A I mean since she has left.

Q Well, on the occasion that you saw her, that was after the Sobells had departed for Mexico, didn't you have a conversation with her about something? A Yes.

Q Could you repeat that conversation, and when it was, and what was said? A Well, it was on a week-end, possibly Sunday, of the - - for the moment, I am not too sure which week-end it was, but the neighbor living right next door to the Sobells was in her back yard as well - -



all our back yards adjoin - -

Q Who was that? A A Mrs. Schwartz; and she had been speaking with Edie, I don't remember exactly what, but something about the Sobells being away; and I said, was Sydney - - I asked her, was Sydney with Casey. That is Sydney's father; Sydney is the daughter of Helen Sobell. And Edie said no, Casey's house wasn't ready. Casey was to move into a new house, and have Sydney with him, and she said the house wasn't ready and so she didn't go down to Washington. She said, "They have gone to some lake."

Q Did she mention the lake? A No.

Q Did she tell you how she knew they had gone to some lake? A No.

Q She didn't say anything about that? A No.

Q Is that the last conversation you had with her?  
A Yes.

Q Now, you may recall that in your last appearance here, before the Grand Jury, you mentioned the fact that you had had dinner one night with the Rosenbergs - - A Not with the Rosenbergs, but with Julie.

Q With Julie? A Yes.

Q At a restaurant in New York? A The Bird-in-Hand.

Q Now, what was the date of that? A I don't know the specific date; I just know that my sister-in-law was pregnant with her first child, and that is what I remember

Q What is the full name of your sister-in-law?

A Ruth Alscher.

Q And where does she live? A On Madison Avenue, near 100th Street.

Q And what is her telephone number? A I can obtain it for you, but I don't know that.

Q Because I want to check that date, to make sure. A Well, her child was born in February. Peter is her oldest child, and I think he will be six years old this February.

Q That would be the summer of 1945? A That's right.

Q Didn't you also remember it by some show at Radio City? A I wasn't sure that it was the same week-end; it could have been the same week-end.

Q And what was the name of the picture again? A A BELL FOR ADANO, at Radio City.

Q Then it was your sister-in-law, and you, and Perl, and his brother, and Max and Julie? A That's right; and then, at the restaurant, Julie called Joel Barr, who joined us there.

Q And then you went from the restaurant to Barr's place? A That's right; and took my sister-in-law home.

Q And went back from there, you went where? A To Sarant's place.

Q And then? A Then home.

Q And the next time you met Julie, as I recall it, was in December of that same year - the Christmas holidays? A No, it had to be December, 1946, because by that time my child was born.

Q And the next time was in December, 1946, during the Christmas holidays, but before New Year's? A It might have been before New Year's, because I recall the Christmas tree was still standing.

Q As I recall your testimony, there was some controversy or discussion as to whether you should tell the children about Christmas, or you should tell them about - - A About Chanukah.

Q You recall that? A Yes, very well.

Q And you were also a little surprised that these bachelors should pretend to have so much knowledge about bringing up a child, and you had the actual, practical experience of doing that - - do you recall that? A Yes, I do.

Q And you said that Perl entered into the discussion quite vociferously, and expressed his ideas quite dogmatically? A That's right.

Q And there was Joel Barr? A That's right.

Q The two bachelors that you spoke of? A That's right.

Q Now, who was there? A Max and myself, and Julie and his wife, and Perl and Barr, and Mortie and

Helen Sobell.

Q And that took place where? A In Knickerbocker Village, in Rosenberg's apartment.

Q Do you remember any other discussion that Perl had with Rosenberg at that time? A No.

Q Did they appear to be quite friendly? A Yes.

Q Did they appear to have known each other/quite a period of time? A Yes.

Q Do you recall any other subjects that they discussed? A No.

Q How about the meeting in the restaurant - did they appear to be friendly then, too? A Well, that I would say they appeared to know one another from long standing, but whether it was a case of where they had just met again very recently, I couldn't tell.

Q Were they together when you and Max came along? A Yes.

Q And you met them on the street? A Yes.

Q Do you recall where? A I think it was actually the corner of Macy's, at 7th Avenue and 34th Street.

Q Was that by pre-arrangement? A Yes. I believe Max must have called Julie, because we were just in town, and Julie wouldn't know where to get us.

Q Did Max have any reason for calling Julie then? A Not that I know of.

Q Did he ever discuss it with you? A No, he

didn't.

Now, is there anything else you want to tell the jury, that you think might be helpful? A Well, I can't think of anything. I think that you have covered about everything that I have tried to wrack my brain on, on being questioned by the F. B. I. I have tried to tie things down as tightly as I can. It is a little difficult to be always sure of dates, but if there is anything I have said, or I have not said, that you feel you want to ask further questions about, please call me and I will try to either amplify or answer anything further that I haven't made clear.

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JUROR: You were chairwoman of the housewives' cell for a little while, and as a result you must have contacted someone higher up in the Party?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.

JUROR: Do you know her name?

THE WITNESS: Yes. I am trying to think of her last name, and tried to think of it before when the point came up. Her first name was Bea, and if you give me time I will try and find out what her second name was. She lived in Virginia. It just won't come, the second name, but it will and I will pass it on.

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Q What did her husband do? A I don't know. I never met him.

Q Who was the higher-up with the Navy cell? A I don't know, because I never had that contact.

Q Would Max know? A He might.

Q Would you ask him? A All right.

Q He can call somebody in the FBI that he has been contacting. A I will get that. I will rack my brain for that second name of that person.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

S Y L V I A        D A N Z I G E R , called as a witness,  
having first been duly sworn by the Foreman,  
testified as follows:-

BY MR. LANE:

Q Mrs. Danziger, as you told me outside, you are usually a little nervous when you talk -- give a speech or you talk to a group. A Yes.

Q No one is going to bite you so you can just relax and after the first few minutes of talking I think you will probably get over your innate nervousness. To sort of help you get over that, I will ask you a few questions about your background, where you went to school and so forth. First of all, how old are you? A 31 years old.

Q You were born in New York City, were you? A Yes.

Q Parents living? A Yes.

Q You are married? A Yes.

Q To William Danziger? A Yes.

Q When were you married? A November 15th -- no, November 27th, 1938.

Q Where did you go to school? A Well, I went to public school and high school and most of my college work in New York City, and then I took one semester work at Wilson Teachers College in Washington and, oh, about three or six credits, I don't remember, in George Washington University.

Q You say you went to college in New York City -- Brooklyn College? A No, Hunter College.

Q When did you graduate? A I graduated in June 1942 although I had gone there and left a few years when I went down to Washington, and then I came back and I got my degree.

Q Your parents are living, are they? A Yes.

Q What are their names? A Ida Ehrlich and Max Ehrlich

Q Do they live in New York City? A Yes; in the Bronx.

Q Do you live with them? A No; we have our own apartment.

Q Where do they live in the Bronx? A On Bryant Ave.

Q Is that close to where you live? A It's across town.

Q Do you have any relatives in Washington by the name of Ehrlich? A No.

Q No relation to the attorney down there? A No.

Q Myron Ehrlich? A No.

Q Do you have any children? A Yes, I have two children.

Q How old are they? A One  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , one  $6\frac{1}{2}$ .

Q Boys or girl? A The older is a girl and the younger a boy.

Q Your husband, where does he work now? A He's working at Academy Electrical Products, I think it is called. It is a small firm that makes plugs and sockets.



Q Doing engineering work? A Yes, he's an engineer.

Q Have you ever worked yourself? A Yes, I have worked. I worked as a laboratory technician at Cumberland Hospital, I worked at Bellevue Hospital on a voluntary basis. I worked as a key-punch operator at the Bureau of Census, and then I have done sales work, selling shoes mostly.

Q When did you work for the Census Bureau, before you were married? A No, in 1940, I was on the night shift there.

Q Night shift? A Yes.

Q They have two shifts on that? A They had two shifts for key-punch operators.

Q How long did you work there? A It was just a couple of months; I don't remember.

Q How long did you live in Washington? A Well, we lived there from November, morning of November 28th, 1938, to August 1941; and then we came back there in, I believe it was May 1945, and I was there until May of this year.

Q You were there. Where was your husband? A He was up here. He went to take this job while I ran our television business down there, until we sold it.

Q You had a business down there? A Yes. We had a radio and television store.

Q What did you call it? A Express Radio and Appliance Company.

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Re: John Doe

(Mr. Lane)

Q Do you know the Sobells? A Yes, I do.

Q How long have you known them? A Well, I first met Mr. Sobell when he was going to college with my husband, and I met Mrs. Sobell, as best I can remember, about a year after they were married.

Q For how long a period of time have you known them? A Well, Mr. Sobell, probably on and off, for the last twelve years, maybe.

Q Where did you say you first met Sobell?

A He went to college with my husband, and ours was a rather early romance, and I used to help my husband with his engineering reports. The students used to write these large reports, and I used to read figures to my husband and help him out. He was working while he went to college, and I used to help him wherever I could, and the boys used to come up to exchange notes and data and so on, and I got to meet Sobell during that time.

Q How friendly were you with the Sobell family?

A Not very. When we got married and went down to Washington, he was a bachelor, and we didn't do much going out socially with him; and we left Washington in 1941, and I didn't see him again until some time in 1945, when we came back to Washington, or 1946 - I don't know what the date was.

Q Have you seen much of them recently, within the last year or two? A In July, 1949, when we got our

new station wagon for the business, we took/<sup>off</sup>that July 4th week-end and came to New York, and I am afraid we went out there to show it off just a little bit.

Then, when we moved back to New York here, we called them up and told them we were living here again and we would like to see them, and we went out to see them one night and brought a cake, and talked.

Q Was it just once? A Yes, just once, since we have been back.

Q When was that, do you recall? A As best I can place it, it must have been some time late May or early June.

Q That must have been some time just before they left for Mexico. A When did they leave?

Q In June, 1950. A It must have been around that time, yes.

Q Do you recall just what you talked about?  
A Well, mostly the fact that he was sending his youngster to a private school, and we kind of argued back and forth. I didn't quite agree that he should, and I told him he was worrying too much about it.

Q It was just that type of conversation? A And she played the piano for us, and we talked about food, and her dish-washing machine.

Q Did you talk about Julie Rosenberg? A No.

Q Was this visit before or after Rosenberg's

arrest? A I don't know; we didn't talk about it. When was Rosenberg arrested?

Q I think in June, 1950. A Well, the two things don't - - I mean, we didn't talk about it.

Q Well, I assume if Rosenberg had been arrested, you would have talked about it because you both knew him.

A It didn't come up, and I didn't know him.

Q You never met him? A Never met him.

Q And never saw him? A Never saw him.

Q Did the Sobells ever visit your home? A No; not in New York.

Q Did they visit your home in Washington? A I think so. I think they visited once while we had the store. I recall them coming over to the house.

Q Did your husband receive a letter from Sobell while Sobell was in Mexico? A He said he did, yes.

Q Did you see the letter? A As I told Mr. Royal and Mr. Hanisch, the F. B. I. agents, when they talked to me, my husband and I don't read each other's mail - we don't think it is right.

My husband had the letter on the desk, and I went over, and we were going to play some gin rummy, and I put the letter aside, and I looked at the general way the page looks; so whether or not I read it, or my husband told me what was in it, I am not quite certain. I recall the page.

Q Where is the letter - has your husband found it?

A I am pretty sure I threw it out.

Q You are sure you didn't read it? A I am not certain of that.

Q Do you know what the contents of it were?

A I know we talked about the letter, and he said that the Sobells had flown to Mexico, and that they had a nice trip, and they were going to stay there, or something like that.

Q Now, your husband was with the Sobells on the night that they left for Mexico City, is that correct?

A Yes; he told me that.

Q Just what did he say in connection with that?

A Well, he came home at about - - it was almost bed-time, and some time before our favorite TV program - -

Q That is eleven o'clock? A Yes; and he said, "I got that electric drill, so that I can fix the bed for you." We had taken our bed off its regular posts, and had put them on legs, and they were splaying out, and we wanted to put them on buckles to keep it more rigid; and I was kind of nagging him about it, and he said he had gone out there to get the electric drill.

Q Gone out where? A Out to the Sobells; and I think he went to the library and was reading up a great deal on plastics, which is a new field for him; and he said, "You know, they are going to Mexico for their vacation," and I said, "They are kind of lucky," and he said, "They are flying down there and taking the kids."

Q He said that they had already left? A Yes; he said that they had departed when he left their house, and I kind of mentioned that I thought they were rather lucky, that they could get a vacation, since we kind of felt the need for one ourselves.

Q Do you recall whether you or your husband received any/letters from Sobell while he was in Mexico?  
other

A No, I don't, but I don't think we did, although - -  
Didn't Royal or Hanisch say something about another letter?  
But I don't recall - -

Q You don't recall receiving any? A No, I don't recall it.

Q Now, when you were in Washington, did you belong to one of those Communist cells down there? A I certainly did not.

Q You did not? A No, I did not.

Q Are you sure? A I am positive.

Q Now, I don't say that that question incriminates you, and if you can answer it I suggest that you answer it. A It has no - - as far as I am concerned, I can answer it.

Q You didn't belong to the housewives' cell down there? A Absolutely not.

Q You didn't? A No.

Q Are you sure? A I am positive.

Q Well, now, didn't you tell the F. B. I. Agents

recently that you were a member of the Communist Party while you lived at Long Beach, California? A Well, I went to one or two meetings there.

Q I know that, but didn't you tell them that you were a member? A Well, I recall consenting to join it, and so on, and then I recall indirectly hinting to my husband that I had decided to join it, and his getting quite furious, and saying if I wanted to do anything about the war effort I should loan the car out to women, to roll some bandages or get<sup>them</sup>/to give some blood, and it was much better; that I should not just think in those terms, and he didn't approve of it, and so on.

Q How long, approximately, were you a member of the Party? A Well, I called the lady the following day, and told her just to forget the whole thing, and I didn't want to belong, and so on - - maybe it wasn't the following day, but - -

Q Was this in California? A Yes.

Q Who was the lady, do you recall? A I don't recall her name, but I just remember I used to, in my own mind, call her Charlotte Greenwood, because she looked very much like her.

Q Then you say you were only a member for a couple of days? A Yes, that's right.

Q Did you have to sign an application? A I just don't recall whether or not I signed anything.

Q Well, were you a member of the Communist Party after you returned to Washington from California, in 1945?

A No.

Q You were not? A No.

Q And you say you were not a member of the Navy Department cell in Washington after you returned from California? A No.

Q You repeat that? A Yes.

Q Was your husband, to your knowledge, a member of the Navy Department Communist cell in Washington, after he returned from California? A No.

Q Did he say he was? A No.

Q Were any Communist Party meetings held in your home in Washington, D. C.? A No. I was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Public Workers.

Q Well, was that a Communist cell? A No, that certainly wasn't a Communist cell.

Q Did you have meetings in your home of the auxiliary? A Oh, surely. I had people coming up there when we were working on setting up the nursery school. I had lots of women coming up, and we talked a lot. I couldn't get out because my youngster was quite sick, but very often women came up.

Q Now, as a matter of fact, weren't you a member of the Bronx County Communist Party in New York? A No, sir.



Q Are you sure? A Yes.

Q Did you ever use the name of Sylvia Tucker?

A Well, that was the name I remember deciding to use when I wanted to join - - and, by the way, it wasn't the Communist Party at that time, because one of the things the woman told me - she said, "It is not the Communist Party. We don't believe in that stuff now. It is the Communist Political Association, and it is dedicating itself now to furthering the war effort, and so on."

Q That was in Long Beach, California? A Yes.

Q But you used the name Sylvia Tucker? A Yes; because my husband was quite - -

Q In other words, you joined it but he didn't know about it, is that right? A No. He still does not.

Q Why did you use the name Tucker? A It is my mother's maiden name, and I guess that is why I used it.

Q Why didn't you use your own name - Danziger? A Because I didn't want anybody to know about it.

Q Why - were you ashamed of it? A Well, not ashamed, but I was not absolutely certain it was the right thing to do.

Q Did you think it was subversive? A No. I just felt it isn't a popular thing to do, and I don't like to do things that are frowned on.

Q I am talking about in 1943. A That is what I mean.

Q Then you say you left this Communist Association - whatever it was - - you severed your connection with it in California? A Yes.

Q Did you ever attend any meetings, any Communist Party meetings, in Washington after your return there in 1945? A No, sir.

Q You appreciate that this is all under oath, and it is subject to perjury? A Yes.

Q Do you remember when you were first interviewed by the F. B. I. Agents? A Yes.

Q And do you remember denying knowing that your husband had received any letter from Sobell? A Well, I think that is a rather strong statement of what I said. Mr. Hanisch and Mr. Royal came in just after I had gotten home from my mother's house, with my nephew and the two kids, at about five o'clock; and they came in and I had to get dinner ready, the kids were yelling because they wanted to watch the cowboy show, or whatever it was, on television, and there was complete and utter confusion, as they probably well knew; and they kept asking me about some letter, and I just frankly at that point didn't know what in the world they were talking about.

Certainly, any - - it just hadn't struck me that in any way it was significant, to me or anybody else. The scene was one of complete bedlam, and I finally had to take them into the kitchen while I made dinner, to talk to

them; and they came back the following day and then we sat down and had a human conversation.

Q How long have you known William Perl? A Well, that is Mutterperl?

Q Yes, Mutterperl. A Well, I knew him casually when my husband was going to college. He was one of the boys who went to school with him.

Q You saw him a lot? A No.

Q Did he recognize you out in the ante-room?

A Yes.

Q Now, take your mind back to the evening that your husband went to the Sobells for the electric drill. Did he call the Sobells first, before he went there?

A Later on Hanisch and Royal said that he did.

Q I am asking you; I know everything that Hanisch and Royal know about it, but I want your recollection.

A You see, we didn't have a telephone in the house.

Q So that as far as you know, you didn't hear the call? A No.

Q But did he tell you later on that he had called the Sobells? A Specifically, I just don't recall that.

Q Well, when he returned that night, and he was telling you about the departure for Mexico, did he tell you who was present in the Sobells' house at the time he went for the electric drill? A Well, I do remember asking if they were taking the girl with them, because when we were

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there the first time Mrs. Sobell told me that the girl was going to spend the summer in Washington with her father, and he said that the girl was there and was going with them. That is the only thing I can specifically remember about who he told me was there.

Q The girl was there? A Yes.

Q And the children were there? A That is all I remember about the discussion.

Q And the Sobells were there? A That's right.

Q Did he say whether anyone else was there?

A I don't recall him saying anything about it.

Q You have talked with him since? A With whom?

Q Your husband - - who did he say was present there that night, when the Sobells left for Mexico?

A Outside of what you have just told me about Mrs. Sobell's sister, I don't - -

Q I don't want to be putting ideas in your mind. I want to be fair with everybody. I want to know what your husband said about it. A We just haven't talked about who was there.

Q Did he mention Sobell's sister? A Sobell's sister?

Q Yes - - sister-in-law, Edith Levitow. A I don't recall specifically talking about her, as far as that night goes.

Q So that as far as you recall, as to what your husband told you, he said nothing about Edith Levitow being present? A No, not that I recall.

Q Have you talked with Mrs. Sobell since her return? A No, I haven't.

Q Have you talked with her attorneys? A No.

Q And you say you don't know the Rosenbergs?  
A No, I do not.

Q Do you know Vivian Glassman? A No, I do not.

Q And you don't know the Greenglasses? A No.

A JUROR: You mentioned "the girl." Who is "the girl"?

THE WITNESS: Mrs. Sobell's daughter; I am sorry.

Q That is by her first marriage? A Yes. She was rather upset about the child's attachment to her father. She does not consider him a very admirable character, from what I could gather.

Q Was there any reason why you threw out the Sobell letter? A Well, just the perpetual - shall we say - quarrel that goes on between husband and wife.

Q Hadn't you been interviewed by the F. B. I. Agents prior to the Sobells' departure for Mexico? A No.

Q Never? A No.

Q But you had read in the paper about Rosenberg being arrested? A I just didn't connect the two. I didn't

know the people, and I didn't know Sobell knew the people; and what earthly connection could there have been for me?

Q I don't know. I am trying to find out why the letter was thrown away. A Just as I throw out everything that I consider excess baggage. I just regularly clean off the desk, because my husband is a great accumulator, and I have to battle with him perpetually about these things.

A JUROR: When did you first hear that the Sobells were questioned, and their conduct was questioned?

THE WITNESS: When I heard about it on a news broadcast, on the radio.

A JUROR: When was that?

THE WITNESS: I remember hearing a flash announcement at twelve o'clock, to the effect that an engineer by the name of Morton Sobell was arrested in - - I don't know whether it was Mexico or Texas.

A JUROR: The F. B. I. hadn't questioned you about that?

THE WITNESS: No.

A JUROR: Were you surprised when you heard that about Sobell?

THE WITNESS: I was utterly astounded. It was a complete surprise to me.

A JUROR: Because of the fact that he was a

Communist - was that the surprise?

THE WITNESS: I don't know whether he is a Communist or not.

Q Mrs. Danziger, your husband changed jobs from Washington to up here, is that right? A No. He had a business in Washington, before he came here.

Q He was discharged from the Government service? A Yes.

Q What was the reason for that; it was a loyalty check-up, wasn't it? A Well, he was passed on the loyalty investigation and hearing, and then he was fired as a poor security risk.

Q And wasn't the reason that his wife belonged to the Communist Party? A Yes; one of the reasons.

Q You say you didn't belong to it? A No. They said I belonged to it in California, and I just told my husband I didn't.

Q And to this day you haven't told him that you did? A No.

Q And you say you only belonged a few days in California? A Well, I don't know the exact time of the thing, or whether the woman ever took my word seriously.

Q Did you ever attend any meetings in California? A Yes, I remember attending one or two. I didn't drive then, and the bus transportation at that time in Long Beach was far from good, and I was taking a sewing course at the

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Singer Sewing Center at that time, and I went downtown and told my husband I was going there, and instead I went to the meeting.

Q Did you have any children at that time? A I had my little girl then.

Q And how many meetings did you attend? A I don't remember. I remember one at the Odd Fellows Temple.

Q How many people were present at the meeting? A I haven't any idea.

Q Some rough idea? A Thirty, or twenty.

Q And who spoke there? A I don't recall. I just remember somebody coming up to me and asking me if my husband wanted to buy insurance.

Q And do you remember the names of any other members of the group out there? A No, I don't.

Q You don't remember a single name? A I really don't.

Q That does not make sense. You must remember some name? A I am sorry. The only connection I had with this thing was with the woman in the book shop.

Q That is true, but if you went to meetings you certainly must have met some people and some names. A I just don't remember their names.

Q Is it that you don't remember, or you don't want to testify? A I just don't remember. I don't remember even the name of this woman.



Q Well, to me at least it looks as though you are very reluctant to testify here. Now, as I told you outside, I suggested that when you went into the Grand Jury you tell the complete truth, and it was only in the event that you got reluctant or hesitant, that the finger of suspicion would begin to point toward you.

Now, is there any particular reason for this reluctance, or apparent reluctance? A It is no reluctance on my part. I just don't remember these people.

Q Well, it appears to me as though you were reluctant. A What can I do?

A JUROR: The Communist Party or cells - or whatever group you belonged to - don't they get a sort of flash as to where you are, and follow you up in another state?

THE WITNESS: I don't know.

A JUROR: Did you drop that completely, or was there any effort to contact you in Washington?

THE WITNESS: No, none at all. I just put it very firmly to that woman, when I called her and told her my husband was quite anti-Communist, as such, and I had felt pretty badly about what I had already done, contrary to his feelings, and that was the last of it.

Q How did the woman happen to contact you?

A Well, she ran a book store in Washington -- I mean in Long Beach.

Q Whereabouts in Long Beach? A Oh, one of those streets downtown.

Q What is the name? A There are a couple of streets that are shopping streets -- 4th and Broadway.

Q What was the name of the book store? A I don't remember. I went to buy some sandals across the street from there, they used to make those buffalo sandals; and I went across the street to buy a book for a child. I had been hunting all over town for the "Noisy Books for Children," which are quite good and quite popular; and I went in to ask, and she said, "You come from New York?" and I said, "Yes," and she said, "I can tell from the way you talk."

So we talked about the community in general, and I told her I was quite unhappy in California, and felt like a kind of outcast there, and we were the only Jewish family among seven hundred fifty out there, and my neighbors weren't particularly kind about it, shall we say. They would come and see me when they wanted me to take their child's temperature, or do something like that - or use our car - but socially I belonged to the sewing circle on the block, but they just didn't care to be friendly, and I was quite lonesome; and we got to talking, and she said, "Why don't you come down to some of these meetings?" and

I didn't go at first; and then I went in there to buy Bill a birthday gift, an engineer's hand-book of some kind, and she talked to me again, and I went; and that was just about it. I don't know of any other contact of that kind.

Q Do you have any letters or papers or anything that would indicate who this party was, that owned the book store and inveigled you into joining the Communist Party? A No, I don't.

A JUROR: How could you telephone a person and not know her name?

THE WITNESS: I telephoned the book store.

A JUROR: You must know the name of the book store you telephoned to.

THE WITNESS: This happened in 1944 or 1945, and golly - -

A JUROR: It must have been quite important to you.

THE WITNESS: You don't attach any significance to it.

Q What did the woman say when you told her you wanted to get out of it? A She said, "Why are you so excited about it? Why don't you come to a few more meetings, and see what goes on?"

Q Did you? A No, I didn't.

Q When is the next time you saw her? A In California you get mixed up about the seasons, in point of

time, but I would say it was maybe six months to a year before I left there.

Q And you went to meetings all that time?

A No; that is the last one I went to.

Q Well, I will tell you frankly, I am a little disappointed with your testimony. To me, from what I have heard, and in the light of other testimony that has been adduced before this body, the conclusion seems inescapable that you have told some untruths before the jury, and are subject to perjury. A Well, - -

Q Now, I am suggesting to you that the time for you to purge yourself of that perjury is right now, and not later, and if you want to change your testimony in any respect change it now. A Mr. Lane, I have nothing to change. I don't know what you are referring to, or anything else.

Q Well, I can't argue the point with you, but I am giving you this opportunity. A Well, if I can't remember the names of people whom I saw once or maybe twice, what can I do about it?

Q It is your problem, Mrs. Danziger, and it is not mine. I am not referring only to the names of those people, but I am referring to the various meetings in Washington, of the Communist cells. Now, I hope that no one has advised you improperly on this thing, because the testimony that you have given is very pertinent, and you could

be indicted, if the Grand Jury sees fit, for lying. A Mr. Lane, I had many meetings in my house of the women of the Auxiliary, and I knew them quite well, and they came and went.

Q Do you know the names of the women? A The women in the Auxiliary?

Q Yes. A Why, surely.

Q Give me the names of the women. A There were many of them. I remember meetings on the nursery school - - there was - -

Q Oh, no, let's not do that little sliding act. A That was part of the Auxiliary.

Q We are talking about the Auxiliary meetings in your home. A Yes.

Q And you knew these women very well? A Yes.

Q Who were they? A Let's see: I belonged to a group downtown, where I lived. At that time they had groups in various neighborhoods, because women found it difficult to travel - -

Q Now, did Mrs. Elitcher belong to one of the groups that you belonged to? A Not in the Auxiliary.

Q Did she belong to any Auxiliary that you belonged to? A She belonged to the larger Auxiliary group

Q Did you ever attend any meetings in her home? A Of the Auxiliary, no.

Q Any meetings of any group - - never? A I

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attended a party in her home.

Q Did she ever attend any meetings of any/groups of these in your home? A I can't recall, ever.

Q Did you and she ever attend any meetings of these groups in any third party's home? A I just can't recall, Mr. Lane.

Q Did you and Mrs. Elitcher belong to the housewives' cell of the Communist Party? A Mrs. Elitcher was working; how could she be a housewife?

Q Please answer the question; let's not argue.  
A No.

Q The answer is "no"? A That's right.

Q Did you ever attend any meetings of it together? A No.

MR. LANE: I have no more questions. May the witness be excused?

THE FOREMAN: You may be excused.

THE WITNESS: Do I have to wait outside?

MR. LANE: You might wait a few minutes; I will be out there.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)