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WILLIAM PERL, recalled as a witness, having first been duly sworn by the Foreman, testified as follows:

BY MR. LANE:

- Q Now, Mr. Perl, you realize once again that you are under oath? A Yes, I do.
 - Q And you have the benefit of counsel? A Yes.
- Q And you also realize, I hope, and understand that under your constitutional rights you don't have to answer any questions which in your opinion may tend to incriminate or degrade you. Do you understand? A Yes, I understand the
- Q Now, in your previous appearances before the Grand Jury you testified at some length and in your testimony you said, I believe, that you did not know Julius Rosenberg.

 A Yes, I believe I said that.
- Q And do you still stand on that statement? A I don't know. I have an awareness of Rosenberg from City College days, so I would like --
- Q Well, outside of City College days you don't recall ever having seen him? A (No answer.)
- Q What is the answer? A That's right; I don't recall seeing him after City College days.
 - Q And when did your City College days end? A In 1940.
- Q 1940? A Or, rather, 1939. I got my degree, my Master's degree, there in 1940. My residence there ended in 1939.
 - Q Do you have a younger brother? A Yes, I do.

- Q What's his name? A Samuel Benjamin Perl.
- Q Was he in the service? A He was.
- Q When was he in the service? A I don't know exactly.
- Q It was during the war, wasn't it? A Oh, yes.
- Q It wasn't before that? A No.
- Q It was after December, 1941? A Yes.
- Q Do you recall how soon after that he entered the service? A I don't know exactly. It must have been within two years or so.
 - Q About 1943, '44? A Well, I don't know.
- Q And what's he doing now? A So far as I know, he is studying music in Paris.
- Q How old is he? A He is four years younger than my-self. He is 28.
 - Q And is his name Mutterperl or Perl? A Perl.
- Q He changed it, too? The whole family changed it?

 A No. Shortly after I changed my name legally he decided to do the same.
- Q Just the two in your family? Your dad and mother have the same name? A Yes.
- Q And the name you were born with, your mother and father still retain that name? A Yes.
 - Q Just you and your brother changed it? A Yes.
 - Q Now, he got an honorable discharge, I assume. A Yes.
- Q And where did he serve in the Army? A Oh, various places here and went overseas in the European theater, I be-

- How long was he in, altogether? A Oh, two or three years; something like that.
- Q Now, did you in 1944, accompanied by your brother -I withdraw that. Do you know Sobell, Morton Sobell?
 A Yes, I recollect Sobell.
- Q Well -- A Though I realize I didn't in my previous testimony, I believe I do now, at least from City College days.
- Q You see what I mean? Every time I confront you with something about something you said before you come here and you recant. A Well, believe I mentioned this the last time.
 - Q You know him from City College days? A Yes.
- Q Did you know him after City College days? A Well, I don't know. You mentioned previously this question of the party at which he and I were supposed to have been present. I don't recall that. I can't positively deny that I was there, for example.
- Q Do you recall being present with your brother Bill what's his name; Sam? A Sam.
- Q Sam; being with Sobell and your brother and having dinner at the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant? A Bird-in-Hand Restaurant?
 - Q Yes. A With Sobell, my brother and I?
 - Q Yes, do you recall that, in 1944? A No, I do not.
- Q Do you recall ever being in the company of your brother and Sobell in a restaurant in New York City?

 A I'm sorrry, I don't recall.

- Q Do you recall being in the company of Julius

 Rosenberg and your brother Bill -- your brother Sam and Sobell

 in the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant in 1944 or thereabouts?

 A No, I do not recall that.
- Q Do you recall being present in the -- ever being present in the spartment of Julius Rosenberg? A No, I do not recall that.
- Q Were you ever present in the apartment of Julius Rosenberg? A Well, I would say no definitely, but it has to be to the best of my recollection.
- Q Well, you should know whether you were or you weren't.

 You said you hadn't seen him since college days, so -
 A Well, no; then I would say I was not.
- Q How well did you know Sobell after college days?

 A Well, I don't know.
- Q You don't know how well you know him? Well, let's see if we can help you on that. How often did you see him after your college days? A Well, I must have seen him several times.
- Q Can you tell us where and under what circumstances?

 A Well, I don't recall specifically. It must have been in New York, I imagine.
- Q Well, what were your relationships with him? What was your relationship, just a friend? A Well, it certainly couldn't have been more than a friend.
 - Q Well, what was it? Tell us. I don't know. I'm

just asking. A Well, at school he was a class-mate and along with all -- various other class-mates that I went to loage meetings and so on I to some extent kept in touch with him afterward.

- Q Well, in what manner did you keep in touch with him?

 A Well, it was either by correspondence or occasional personal contact, or both.
- Q In other words, you were quite friendly with him?

 A Well, I wouldn't say I was quite friendly with him.
- Q What was the correspondence about? A It may not have been direct correspondence.
- Q What would the personal conversation be about, the oral conversation, what would you talk to him about, what would the meetings be about? A Oh, just general, social nature.
- Q I thought you said you weren't friendly with him.

 A Well, these meetings, I don't know, I can't recall specific meetings. In other words, I can't recall coming to

 New York for the specific purpose of seeing Sobell.
- Q Well, let's take it slowly. You graduated in 1939; is that right? A Yes.
- Q And he graduated the same year. Now, after that where did you go to work? A I went to Langley Field in Virginia at the NACA laboratory there.
 - Q And where did Sobell go? A I don't know.
 - Q Well, did you correspond with him that first year

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out of college or did you see him socially or otherwise?

A I don't remember.

- Q How about 1940; did you see him at all in 1940 or did you correspond with him? A I don't remember.
- Q How about 1941? A Well, I had made various visits to New York in that period.
- Q Did you see him then? A I might have seen him in that period in New York.
- A No, 1 do not.
- year? A Well, if I saw him at all it would certainly not be more than two or three times.
- Q And how often would you correspond with him in the course of a year? A Well, as I say, I don't know if I corresponded with him personally at all; but it would certainly have been no more than one or two letters, if I did.
- Q Well, do you recall ever sending him a letter?

 A No, I don't. This is all sort of slightly hypothetical to me. The point is, I have a recollection of him.
- Q You don't recall -- I don't quite understand you.
 You say this is hypothetical. This is not hypothetical.
 This is actual. I'm looking for facts, not for hypotheses.
 A Well, I just don't remember these specific facts that you are asking me.
 - Q I'm asking you if you ever sent him a letter all the

time you knew him. A I might have.

- Q Well, don't you know? A No, I don't.
- Q Well, when you came to New York did you see him on those occasions Sobell? A I might have. I have no specific recoollection of seeing him.
- Q Do you recall ever staying at his place or him putting you up for the night? A No, certainly I do not recall that.
- Q Did he ever visit you? A No. I don't know how these meetings occurred, if they did, and to what extent. He might have visited me. I don't know whether he knew where I was staying or not. If I corresponded with him he possibly probably did.
- Q Well, if he ever visited you I think you would recall it, wouldn't you? A Well, I wouldn't know. I can really say I don't recall that.
- Q Well, let's break it down further. Did he ever visit you any place outside of New York? A No.
 - Q You don't recall that? A No, I don't.
- Q Can you definitely say he didn't? A Well, as definite as all my previous testimony.
- Q Well, that's not very definite. A Well, this is all very long ago.
- Q I understand; but I'm just in hopes that you can tell me yes or no whether he actually visited you at least once at any place outside of New York. Try to break it down outside of New York, now. A Let's see; I was at

Langley Field and then in Cleveland.

- Q And those are the only two places you have been stationed since you got out? A Yes.
- Q Did he ever visit you at any of those places?

 A I would say definitely no.
- Q Did he ever write to you while you were in Cleveland?
 A In Cleveland? No. I'm pretty sure he didn't wrote to me.
- Q Did his wife write to you while you were in Cleveland?
- Q Do you know William Danziger? A Yes, I remember Danziger.
- Q Do you remember him from college? A Yes, I remember him from college.
- Q Do you remember him after college? A Well, again I don't know if -- I may have met him several times after college, but it must have been pretty soon after college.
- Q Well, isn't it a fact that you and Danziger and Sobell have been together on more than one occasion?

JUROR: Excuse me, Mr. Perl. May I interject?

You know, you are not making a very good impression on this Jury. You have got to be less evasive. A man of your memory can remember more specifically. Now, answer specifically.

THE WITNESS: I'm trying to be as specific as I can.

Now, I knew both Sobell and Danziger. As to where I

was with them both at any one time, I cannot remember.

It might be so. It could not have been very long after 1939.

Q Were you ever with Sobell and Rosenberg on any one occasion after 1939 at any meeting at all? A Well, no, I do not remember any such meeting. This party you mentioned to me the last time might have occurred. I don't recall that party. I certainly recall no other occasion.

Q You say you recall seing Rosenberg at that party?

A I believe in my previous testimony you asked me about a party at which they were supposed to have been present along with myself.

Q And your answer was what? A That I did not recall that party or being at it.

Q And you also stated, you said today that you never saw Rosenberg after -- you never knew Rosenberg -- A Yes, after City College days, anyway.

Q And you said you were not with him on any occasion, on any occasion, after you graduated from City College, you never spoke with him; that's what you testified to.

A Yes; I can't recall any such occasion.

THE FOREMAN: Did you have any correspondence with Sobell when you were at Langley Field?

THE WITNESS: Well, I might have. You see, I recall corresponding with various people from my graduating class. As to whether I mentioned him in a letter or corresponded with him cirectly, I couldn't say.

JUROR: You say you recall corresponding with various people from your graduating class. Could you recount who some of those people are?

THE WITNESS: Well, I think that Joel Barr was one of them and, let's see -- ch, I couldn't say any other names at the moment.

- Q Did you ever have a discussion about pediatrics with anybody? A Pediatrics?
- Q Yes. A That I don't remember at the moment. I'm not quite sure what pediatrics means.
- Q Well, did you ever discuss the bringing up of children with anybody? A Yes, I think I did.
 - Q You think you did? A Yes.
- Q Do you have sort of a hobby on that particular subject? A No.
- Q Where did you have this discussion about bringing up children; do you recall where it was? A No, I don't.
- Q But you do recall having such a conversation?

 A It's the sort of thing I would discuss about with people.
- Q Why would you discuss it? You are a bachelor, aren't you? Isn't it rather odd that you discussed that subject, unless you are a scientist bringing up children?

 A I think I would tend to discuss the theory of anything, and that is a theory of bringing up children and it's an interesting theory to me.

JUROR: Would you remember where you and Joel Barr

agreed on some formula or theory about the bringing up of children on an occasion?

THE WITNESS: No, I don't remember any such particular agreement on that subject.

Q But you do discuss this subject quite a bit, don't you; it's one of your hobbies? A Well, not especially.

There are lots of other subjects I discuss. But that sounds like a subject I would discuss.

- Q Well, have you discussed it? A Yes, I have.
- Q Very often? A No, not very often; occasionally.

JUROR: Mr. Lane, could you get a little idea of his philosophy on that?

MR. LANE: Sure.

JUROR: What is your theory on bringing up children? Just briefly, roughly, hit the high points.

THE WITNESS: Well, I think they should be taught to understand things rather than to react temperamentally. They should be taught sound ethical principles, preferably by example. That sort of thing. And they should be taught to know things from the importance of knowing things and understanding. How all that is to be done I don't know, actually, but that's the general idea of my philosophy as to what direction they should be turned in.

MR. LANE: Can we adjourn this?

THE FOREMAN: All right; you are excused.

[WITNESS EXCUSED]