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E. Rosenberg

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(Mr. Lane)

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

BY MR. LANE:

Q What is your address? A 10 Monroe Street,
New York City.

Q You have appeared here today in response to a
Grand Jury subpoena that was served upon you? A Yes.

Q When was that served upon you? A It was
served last Monday.

Q Now, I understand you have consulted an attorney
since you have received that subpoena? A That's right.

Q And he no doubt has advised you on your consti-
tutional rights? A That's right.

Q And so that there will be no question about it,
I will go over your rights myself. In other words, under
our system, under our constitutional system of Government,
you are not bound to testify against yourself.

In other words, you have the constitutional right
of refusing to answer any questions if the answers in your
opinion may tend to either incriminate or degrade you.
Do you understand that? A Yes.

Q But that is the only reason under which you can
refuse to testify before a Grand Jury, and if you refuse
on any grounds other than that, it is possible that you
could be held in contempt of Court for refusing to answer.

I also want to call your attention to the fact that everything that you say before this body is subject to the penalties of perjury. If you knowingly lie to this body, you could be indicted for perjury.

With that admonition, and also the fact that any answers that you may give to this Grand Jury are given voluntarily, and may subsequently be used against you in the event that any of the testimony that is adduced here as a result of your testimony may result in an indictment -- in other words, if you were to be indicted as a result of the testimony you give here today, that testimony could be used against you -- now, do I make myself clear? A Yes.

Q -- is there any question or reservation in your mind at all? A No.

Q How old are you? A Thirty-four.

Q Are you married? A Yes.

Q You are married to Julius Rosenberg? A That's right.

Q When were you married to Julius Rosenberg?
A June 18, 1939.

Q And you are a sister to David Greenglass?
A That's right.

Q Do you have any children? A Yes.

Q How many? A Two.

Q How old are they? A One is almost seven and a half, and the other is three.

Q Now, were you ever affiliated with the Communist Party? A I decline to answer that question on the grounds that this might tend to incriminate me.

Q When did you consult with your attorney for the first time, in connection with this matter? A I refuse to answer on the grounds that this may tend to incriminate me.

Q That that may incriminate - the fact that you talked with a lawyer? A That was my answer.

Q In other words, you refuse to answer the question as to when you talked with a lawyer, on the grounds that that might incriminate you? A Yes.

Q Did you pay the lawyer a fee? A I refuse to answer on the ground that this might tend to incriminate me.

Q You realize that the incrimination is something that could incriminate you, and not somebody else? A That's right, I realize it.

Q Did you discuss this case with your brother, David Greenglass? A I refuse to answer on the ground that this might tend to incriminate me.

Q Do you recall ever having discussed the work of your brother, David Greenglass - the work that he was doing at Los Alamos, New Mexico? A I decline to answer on the ground that this may tend to incriminate me.

Q Do you recall a furlough visit that your brother made to New York in the late Fall or first part of January, 1944-45? A I decline to answer on the ground that this

might tend to incriminate me.

Q Did you ever invite your brother David and his wife to your home for dinner - - I mean during the period while he was on furlough, in January of 1945? A I decline to answer on the ground that this might incriminate me.

Q Do I understand that you are going to decline to answer all questions that I ask you? A No. No, I won't decline to answer all questions; it depends on the question.

Q Do you have knowledge - - I withdraw that - - where did you meet your husband for the first time? A On the lower East Side.

Q Where, and what was the occasion? A I decline to answer on the grounds that this might tend to incriminate me.

Q Even where you met your husband, you think might incriminate you? A That's right.

Q Do you think it might incriminate him, too? A I decline to answer that, too, on the ground that it might tend to incriminate me.

Q Have you ever met Harry Gold? A I decline to answer on the grounds that this might intimidate me - - incriminate me, I mean.

Q And you can't give a "yes" or "no" answer to that? A I gave my answer.

Q You don't deny that you met Harry Gold? A I

gave my answer. I declined to answer on the ground that that might tend to incriminate me. That was my answer.

Q That was your answer to the first question; and the second question was: "You don't deny that you met Harry Gold?" A I decline to answer on the ground that this might tend to incriminate me.

Q Have you ever talked with your brother David about his activities at Los Alamos? A I decline to answer, on the ground that this might tend to incriminate me.

Q Have you ever seen any sketches that he made while he was working at Los Alamos? A I decline to answer on the ground that this might tend to incriminate me.

Q Were you present when he gave information to your husband - that is, when David Greenglass gave information to your husband - which he had obtained from Los Alamos? A Will you repeat the question, please?

Q (Read by reporter: "Were you present when he gave information to your husband - that is, when David Greenglass gave information to your husband - which he had obtained from Los Alamos?") A I decline to answer on the ground that this might tend to incriminate me.

MR. LANE: Mr. Foreman, would you excuse the witness - not from the subpoena; but will you adjourn this case - it is now five minutes of one - and direct the witness to return later, on a date which you will give me at a subsequent time.

In other words, she is still under subpoena, and she will return at a later date - - and will you direct her to do that, please?

THE FOREMAN: Did you hear what he had to say?

THE WITNESS: Yes.

THE FOREMAN: In other words, it is not necessary for me to repeat that?

THE WITNESS: No, it isn't.

THE FOREMAN: Then you are excused, under those conditions.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)