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N-Spy Sobell Ordered Released

NEW YORK AP)—The U.S. Court of Appeals today ordered the immediate release of Morton Sobell from a 30-year prison sentence for passing atom secrets to the Soviet Union.

His release, exact date uncertain, was based on time off for good behavior, and court approval of credit for seven months and 18 days in jail prior to his sentencing in 1951.

The Bureau of Prisons had said Sobell could be freed as early as Jan. 30 if the appeals court gave him credit for the time he was in jail because he could not raise \$100,000 bail.

SOBELL, 51, IS IN THE FEDERAL penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa. He was sen-

tenced along with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and a machinist named David Greenglass March 19, 1951.

The Rosenbergs were executed in June, 1953. Greenglass, who worked on atom projects during World War II, served a 15-year prison sentence.

Sobell's wife, Helen, a teacher here, said, "I feel wonderful. I'm ecstatic."

His son, Mark, 19, a computer programmer, said, "My father is innocent. It's about time they let him go."

MARK SAID THE FAMILY was planning to go to Lewisburg today.

Sobell, a radar expert, had filed more than a dozen appeals for freedom on varying grounds. The U.S. Supreme Court had refused him a hearing last November.