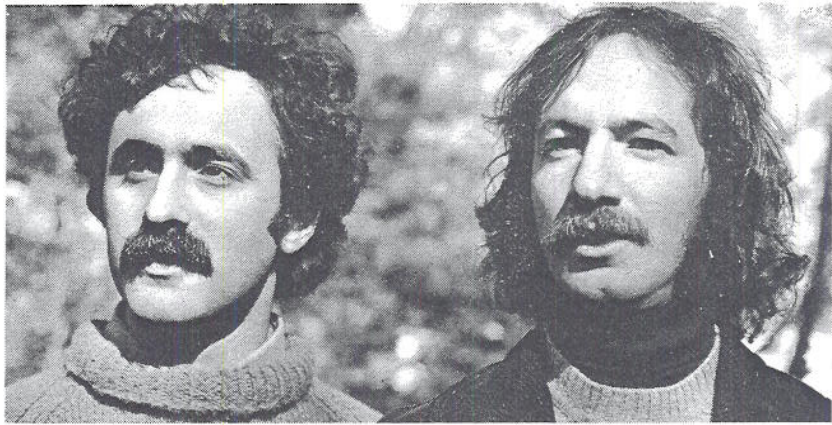


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Dear Friend,

We are Michael and Robert Meeropol, sons of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

It has been twenty-two years since our parents were executed by the United States Government. We were children then, and we had difficulty understanding.

Now, as we have grown up through the McCarthy era, the lies and deceptions of the Vietnam war, the coverups of Nixon and Watergate, we are beginning to understand. There must have been some reason why our parents were the only persons in the history of the U.S. to be convicted and executed for conspiracy to commit espionage.

We want to know the truth. Who can object to this request? We've asked for the government files on our parents' case as we are legally entitled to do under the Freedom of Information Act. We are not afraid of what they will show -- yet the government has deleted and censored so many of the released files that they are not understandable. The enclosed sample should give you an idea of what "freedom of information" means to the government.

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Twenty-two years have passed, but the government is still afraid.

What are they afraid of? What do they fear we'll find? We are ready to let the complete uncensored files reveal the truth!

Newsday recently reported from a secret document a dialogue between one of the prosecutors of our parents, Myles J. Lane, and the late U.S. Senator Brien McMahon. This dialogue is the first documentary evidence of an agreement among high government and law enforcement officials to manipulate the testimony against our parents in the interest of getting the "big case" and the death penalty.

It comes as no surprise to anyone who has read the transcript of the trial, who has seen the lack of direct evidence, who has heard the lies and fabrications used against our parents, to learn that the government was anxious to get a "big" spy case. Our parents just happened to be the victims. We think that Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were innocent. But, we want to let the files reveal the truth.

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**ROSENBERG PAPERS
ORDERED PRESERVED**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP) —A Federal judge has issued an order barring the destruction of documents sought in a suit by the two sons of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were executed as spies in 1953.

United States District Judge June L. Green said in issuing the order that it was not enough just to ask the executive branch to refrain from destroying sensitive documents.

"This court doesn't ask because asking isn't sufficient," she said. "We will make it a

There are many other unanswered questions. We want to know why the death sentence was imposed for the alleged "theft" of the A-Bomb -- when even at the time, scientists said the bomb was no secret! We want to know why the death sentence was imposed when prominent scientists testified in court that the "scientific evidence" used against our parents was childish and meaningless with no scientific basis. We want to open all the facts in this case to share them with every American.

Today we are not fighting just to clear our parents' name -- we are fighting for nothing less than truth in government and the integrity of justice for every individual.

The government has greeted our legal requests and protests with stalls, non-compliance, and harassment. Already, they have been forced to admit that crucial files have been "lost." As a result, a Federal judge has issued an order protecting the remaining files.

We cannot get the truth out by ourselves. We are asking for your help in order to get access to the files.

A lawsuit against the government is an expensive endeavor. Besides the cost of motions, filing fees, transcripts, researchers, and lawyers, we are charged for all released files, censors' marks and all. The duplicating and processing fees alone cost more than \$30,000.

Twenty-two years ago, our parents stood alone in the U.S. While thousands throughout the world protested our parents' executions, most Americans were silent -- either out of fear or complacency. Today, this tide of fear has changed and thousands have joined our struggle. But, it has not been enough. Many of the files that have been released are worthless and full of deletions. The truth remains buried. We desperately need your help in our not-so-private battle for the truth.

We are hoping for your understanding and generosity.

Sincerely,

Robert Meeropol Michael Meeropol

The following individuals have joined our requests for our parents' files:

Dennis Banks
Eric Bentley
Leonard Bernstein
Leonard Boudin
Phyllis Chesler
Noam Chomsky

Vern Countryman
Angela Davis
Jules Feiffer
Frances Fitzgerald
Henry Fonda
Jane Fonda

Eugene Genovese
Arlo Guthrie
Robert Heilbroner
Norman Mailer
Kate Millett
Philip Morrison

Joyce Carol Oates
Joseph Papp
Linus Pauling
Pete Seeger
Harold Urey
Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

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Can you believe it? This is one of the pages of the documents the government "released" -- all censored and butchered. What could it possibly say under all these censored lines? What are they afraid of?

In order to find the truth, we must sue the government not only for the files, but for what the government is still hiding from the public -- thousands more files of uncensored truth.

We need your help today. Help us get the truth out. Help us get all the files . . . intact and uncensored.