

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO RE-OPEN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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To: *Michael and Robert Meeropol*

Enclosed is my contribution to help bring out the truth in the Rosenberg Case.

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Great News!

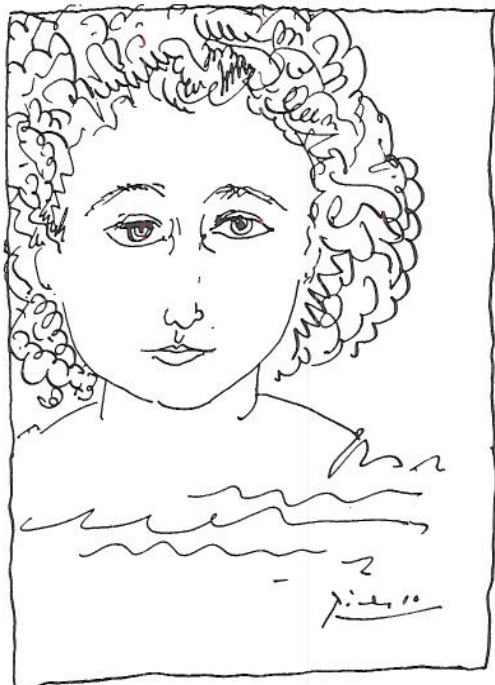
We are questioning the FBI! Our attorneys have recently interrogated two top FBI officials under oath! This is a result of Federal Judge Green's July 23, 1976 order giving our attorneys the right to question, under oath, six FBI officials and one Justice Department official.

The lying and deceitful tactics of the FBI and the Department of Justice have been confirmed by the sworn testimony of these government agents. FBI officials have admitted that, with the advice of their lawyers (the Department of Justice), they agreed to defy the Court's order to prepare complete inventories and detailed justifications for withholding specific documents.

Under the guise of "National Security" some of these historic records have been rendered worthless. Many of their deletions, the sworn testimony of FBI witnesses reveals, have no bearing on National Security!

We are not afraid to let the truth come out. What are they hiding? Why are they sabotaging the Freedom of Information Act? We have the right to know. Help us win this fight. We are closer now than ever before to the truth.

Robert Meeropol Michael Meeropol



"THE SHAME,
IF WE DIE,
WILL DISHONOR THIS GENERATION,
AND PERVADE HISTORY
UNTIL FUTURE AMERICANS
RECAPTURE THE HERITAGE OF TRUTH,
JUSTICE AND EQUALITY
BEFORE THE LAW."

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg



Dear Friend,

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

It is now 23 years since our parents' executions --- brought about by a fraudulent conviction of conspiracy to commit espionage.

We want to know the truth. We've had to sue to force open the government files on our parents' case under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). We are not afraid of what they will show --- even the mere 10% of the files we have been able to obtain by Court order have been so deleted and censored that they are unreadable. Twenty-three years have passed, but the government is still afraid. What are they afraid of? What do they fear we'll find? We would like to let the complete uncensored files reveal the truth!

Now, because of the help of thousands of individuals like yourself, we have begun to expose the extent of the government's fraud which led to our parents' "legal" murder. Already, our lawsuit has revealed evidence which has shown totally deceptive and fraudulent actions on the part of the government, its agencies, and Judge Irving Kaufman.

We have received files which indicate not only that key prosecution witnesses, such as the Greenglasses and Harry Gold lied, but also that the government attorneys were fully aware that they were lying under oath --- that their lies were aimed at manipulating the jury as well as the American people.

Our attorneys have recently obtained and made public 32 FBI documents which show evidence of Judge Kaufman's violation of the Canons of Judicial Ethics and his abuse of the judicial processes both during and after the trial. We now have evidence that indicates Judge Kaufman's commitment, prior to the conviction, to impose the death sentence! We now have evidence showing that as recently

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as May, 1975, Judge Kaufman requested the FBI to counter-act against the National Committee to Reopen the Rosenberg Case.

Considering the revelations contained in only the miniscule portion of the files that were released, it is no wonder that the government refuses to release hundreds of thousands of additional documents. The truth of our parents' case is upsetting the government not only because it will expose 23 years of lying and treachery, but also, because it will confirm that the currently revealed crimes of the FBI, CIA, and the Justice Department are not recent aberrations -- but a long-established policy. There is no doubt that this behavior threatens all of our basic freedoms. Our legal struggle today will have a broad and profound impact far beyond the specific issues of our parents' innocence or governmental misconduct in their trial and execution.

We ask your support in helping us bring out the truth for an open and accountable government today. Although freedom of information is the law, it is not free. Our courts are not structured so that average citizens can easily or cheaply challenge the government. Our lawsuit to bring out the truth has cost more than \$100,000 this past year alone (even though our attorneys have worked thousands of hours without receiving any fee --- in fact, have expended thousands of dollars of their own)! Particularly now, we need your financial support to hire researchers to thoroughly examine the released files and pursue the matter through the courts.

The government is acutely aware of our need for money as we have learned from one released file --- an inter-office Justice Department memo:

" . . . there is little doubt in my mind that the Rosenberg sons will not be able to pay for the review of the files."

If they are correct . . . if we cannot afford to continue the fight, then the full truth may never come out. This would amount to a national tragedy. Unless we can raise the necessary funds to continue this battle, the government will surmise, correctly, that their tactics of delay, cover-up, deletion, censoring, harassments, withholding information, and "pulping" are winning strategies.

What a shame it would be if the truth remained unknown only due to a lack of funds. We can succeed, but only with the support of thousands of Americans concerned about the truth of the Rosenberg/Sobell case, and concerned about the Freedom of Information Act (our lawsuit is the test case under this Act) in the fight to make the government accountable to the people.

Please return the enclosed envelope with your contribution, and please be as generous as you can. The truth of this case is within reach --- all we need is your financial support.

With confidence,

Robert Meeropol Michael Meeropol

Following are just a few of those who have called for the opening of the Rosenberg files: James Baldwin, Dennis Banks, Eric Bentley, Leonard Bernstein, Leonard Boudin, Phyllis Chesler, Noam Chomsky, Vern Countryman, Angela Davis, Jules Feiffer, Frances Fitzgerald, Eugene Genovese, Arlo Guthrie, Robert Heilbroner, Norman Mailer, Kate Millett, Philip Morrison, Joyce Carol Oates, Joseph Papp, Linus Pauling, Pete Seeger

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Rosenberg Trial Judge Criticized

By William Chapman
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The U.S. trial judge in the Rosenberg atom spy case of the early 1950s was accused yesterday of violating judicial ethics for having allegedly talked privately to the prosecutor shortly before sentencing the Rosenbergs to death.

The charge was made by Marshall Perlin, attorney for the sons of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and was based on an FBI document obtained under a freedom of information suit.

The document, according to Perlin, also indicates that the judge, Irving R. Kaufman, was inaccurate when he stated in court that he had not sought the prosecutor's views on how to punish the convicted spies.

The latest episode in the revival of the 25-year-old spy case took place here with the release of 33 documents

Kaufman the day before the sentence was pronounced. Saypol said Kaufman asked for his views and the Justice Department's position on the sentence. He reported back that day. Saypol recalled, that there were divisions within Justice on the sentencing. "I was then asked by the judge to refrain from making any recommendation for punishment the next day in course of my closing argument at sentence," he said.

Perlin asserted yesterday that the private conversation between judge and prosecutor not revealed to the public violated the judicial ethics. Canon 3 of the American Bar Association's Code of Judicial Conduct in 1972, says that judges should not consider communications from anyone other than the parties in a case.

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