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Dear Friend:

You may well understand why we, as children of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, have been devoting all of our energies to clearing their names. But now, the situation has gone far beyond the obvious necessity to obtain simple justice for our parents—albeit posthumously.

We now know about Watergate, the CIA—Howard Hughes relationship, J. Edgar Hoover's secret files, the spying done by the Post Office, the Internal Revenue Service and prosecution sponsored perjury and manufactured "evidence" in a whole series of trials. And thousands of Americans who may have, in the past, complacently accepted government versions of virtually everything, are beginning to understand that perjury, forgery, provocation and cover-up, are all part of the techniques used almost routinely.

Only the most naive or obtuse can believe that the Rosenberg case was an exception to the routine. To the contrary, the case was a major test of those methods. It was, after all, a giant step toward the establishment of the "national security" rationale subsequently used to enforce policy on a wide range of domestic and international issues.

Our legal requests for our parent's files have thus far met with government stalling and non-compliance. Therefore, we'll probably have to resort to the courts.

We ask one simple thing. We want the Rosenberg files to be opened—**all of them—now!**

As a major step in this campaign, the National Committee to Re-Open the Rosenberg Case will be placing a full-page ad in the New York Times, and, if finances permit, in other major newspapers throughout the country. The proposed text is enclosed.

We hope you will help provide the financial support required to place these ads and, if you wish, become a signator. We're enclosing a form on which you may indicate the nature of your support and request that you return it to us immediately. Obviously, we are counting on your understanding and generosity.

Sincerely,



Robert Meeropol



Michael Meeropol

P.S. Some of the people who agreed to sign this ad are:

- Dr. Philip Morrison, professor of physics at MIT and co-holder of the patent on the atomic bomb
- Dr. Harold Urey, Nobel Laureate and professor of physics at the University of California at San Diego
- Professor Linus C. Pauling, twice winner of the Nobel Prize
- Prof. Vern Countryman, faculty member of Harvard Law School
- Rabbi Balfour Brickner
- Joyce Carol Oates, author
- Prof. Thomas I. Emerson, Yale University Law School
- Arlo Guthrie, singer-composer
- Henry Fonda, actor
- Professor Francis D. Wormuth, Chairman Department of Government, University of Utah



WHAT ARE THEY AFRAID OF?

OPEN THE FILES IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.

WITNESS THE PENTAGON PAPERS. WATERGATE. SECRET TAPES THAT UNDOED NIXON. ATTORNEYS GENERAL CONVICTED. FBI HEAD OUSTED. INVESTIGATION OF THE CIA ON CHARGES OF ILLEGALITIES. DIRTY TRICKS AND DIRTY TRICKSTERS.

EACH NEW SHOCK WAVE OF DUPLICITY IN HIGH PLACES MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT WE LOOK VIGOROUSLY AND FEARFULLY INTO THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL CASE OF THE MC CARTHY ERA AND THE COLD WAR—THE ROSENBERG/SOBELL CASE.

WHEN RUSSIA EXPLODED THE A-BOMB IN 1949, THE ADVOCATES OF THE COLD WAR BEGAN A FRANTIC HUNT TO FIND SCAPEGOATS WHO COULD BE BLAMED. JULIUS AND ETHEL ROSENBERG WERE EXECUTED ON JUNE 19, 1953 ON A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ESPIONAGE. DESPITE SERIOUS QUESTIONS AS TO THE LEGALITY OF THE PROCEDURES IN THE TRIAL AND THE DUBIOUS VALIDITY OF THE EVIDENCE, AND DESPITE WORLD-WIDE APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY, THEY WERE CONVICTED AND DIED IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR MAINTAINING THEIR INNOCENCE TO THE END. TODAY, MICHAEL AND ROBERT MEEROPOL, THE SONS OF ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG, ARE TRYING TO CLEAR THEIR PARENTS' NAMES.

COMMENCING LONG BEFORE THE EXECUTION AND MOUNTING STEADILY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, A BODY OF EVIDENCE HAS GROWN TO SUPPORT THE POSITION OF THOSE ASSERTING THAT THE CASE WAS RIDDLED WITH PERJURY AND FALSIFICATION OF EVIDENCE BY OFFICIALS IN GOVERNMENT TRYING TO FEED THE COLD WAR, EXPLOIT THE HYSTERIA AND FRIGHTEN DISSENTERS. YET, AS JUSTICE HUGH BLACK OBSERVED ON THE DAY OF THE ROSENBERG'S EXECUTION, THE SUPREME COURT "NEVER REVIEWED THIS (TRIAL) RECORD AND NEVER AFFIRMED THE FAIRNESS OF THIS TRIAL."

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, BELIEVING OUR COUNTRY SHOULD NOW CONFRONT THIS CORNERSTONE CASE, RELATED IN A FUNDAMENTAL WAY TO WHAT GOVERNMENT DOES WITH ITS POWER, CALL FOR:

1. FULL DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF ALL MATERIAL PERTAINING TO THE ROSENBERG CASE IN THE FILES OF THE FBI, CIA, AEC, WHITE HOUSE, AND DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE, STATE, AND DEFENSE. RECENT DISCLOSURES HAVE ALREADY POINTED DRAMATICALLY TO NEW AVENUES OF INQUIRY. MEANWHILE, STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY ROSENBERG FILES FROM BEING "LOST", AS THE FBI HAS ALREADY CLAIMED.

2. FULL INVESTIGATION BY AN APPROPRIATE ARM OF CONGRESS AS TO WHY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, WHY THE AGENCIES HAVE REFUSED TO RELEASE ALL THE ROSENBERG FILES, AND WHY "NATIONAL SECURITY" CONTINUES TO BE USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR GOVERNMENT NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW AND REFUSAL TO LET AMERICANS KNOW THE TRUTH.

**WILL YOU JOIN IN OUR DEMAND FOR THIS CRUCIAL INQUIRY?
OPEN THE FILES—LET THE TRUTH COME OUT!**

