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Introduction

In 1950 Klaus Fuchs, head of the physics department of the British nuclear research centre at Harwell, was arrested and charged with espionage. Fuchs confessed that he had been passing information to the Soviet Union since working on the Manhattan Project during the Second World War. The F.B.I were desperate to discover the names of the spies who had worked with Fuchs while he had been in America. Elizabeth Bentley, a former communist party member had given FBI agents eighty names of people she believed were involved in espionage. One of these people, Harry Gold confessed that he had acted as Fuch's courier. He named David Greenglass as being a member of the spy ring. Greenglass now named his sister and brother in law Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, as co-conspirators.

The Rosenbergs denied any involvement but were charged with conspiracy to commit espionage. During the trial Greenglass's evidence was presented and both Rosenbergs were found guilty and sentenced to death. The severity of the sentence shocked large numbers of people as the Rosenbergs were convicted only of conspiracy to commit espionage. The trial sparked much domestic and international outrage at what many deemed a miscarriage of justice. It was perhaps the most infamous 20th Century trial by media. Subsequently "*The Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case*" was formed. The Committee was led by David and Emily Alman. Their avowed goal was to secure the release of the Rosenbergs & have their sentences commuted. The committee is presently active in seeking to have the Rosenbergs exonerated.

This collection presents an extremely rare archive direct from the London and New York offices of "*The Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case*". Documents include telegrams, personal letters, poems, songs, sketches, photographs, pamphlets and press releases. This primary research material provides an excellent opportunity to study the paranoia of the McCarthy era and the effects of the Alien Registration Act on American politics and civil liberties.

Names of note include:

- Š` Sean O'Casey
- Š` Dylan Thomas
- Š` Gwyn Thomas
- Š` Douglas Goldring
- Š` John Minton
- Š` Edward Eliscu
- Š` Edith Segal
- Š` Felicity Wittaker
- Š` Hugh Delargy
- Š` Fenner Brockway
- Š` C. E. Raven
- Š` Michael Wallach

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Folder No 1. U.S. Committee Press Releases: Approx 99 documents

Contains press releases issued by *The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case*, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18. N.Y. Longacre 4-9585.

Press Release Titles Include:

1. Pamphlet Says Supreme Court Never Reviewed Fairness of Rosenberg Trial or Read Court Record. (1 page)
2. Many Publications Uneasy Over Rosenberg Execution. (4 pages)
3. Messages From Throughout the World Tell Rosenberg Family Injustice was Done. (2 pages)
4. Two British Bishops, Two Peers, Nine MP's Ask Churchill to Intercede in Rosenberg Case. (1 page)
5. Round-the-Clock Vigil Maintained After 13,000 Gather at White House in Appeal for Rosenberg Clemency. (1 page)
6. U.S. Embassy in France Worried Over Reaction Among America's Friends to Rosenberg Execution, Radio Commentator Reports From Paris. (2 pages)
7. National Conference in Belgium Calls for New Rosenberg Trial on Basis of Perjury Evidence. (1 page)
8. Pakinghouse Workers Urge Rosenberg Clemency. Dated April 29, 1953 (2 pages)
9. New Vatican Statement for Rosenberg Clemency to be Read at Randall's Island Rally. (2 pages)
10. ILGWU Jewish Editor Opposes Capital Punishment for Rosenbergs. (1 page)
11. Letters to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg from Japan. (1 page)
12. Influential Israeli Paper Asks Clemency for Rosenbergs; Other foreign Support Grows. (1 page)
13. Mrs. Eleanor Rossevelt Urges Clemency for Rosenbergs. Wisconsin Catholics Also Back Plea. (1 page)

Folder No. 2. Meetings: Approx 8 documents. Contains various letters and telegrams concerning public meetings and protests held to discuss The Rosenberg Case some of which are signed by M.C.D. Relf., J.W. Barbes, and Felicity Wittaker.

Included are telegrams and letters from:

1. The Ministry of Works
2. U.S. Embassy, London
3. The Chief Super-intendent of the Metropolitan Police.
4. One hand-written letter to President Truman from the Secretary, London Rosenberg Defence Committee.

Folder No. 3. Cultural Material: Approx 25 documents. Contains various poems, music, and plays relating to the Rosenberg case.

Includes:

1. A hand written music score "*The Death House Watchers*". (4 pages)
2. A letter and poem from John Scott Jnr. (2 pages)
3. A Sketch. Title: "From the Record": A living News Paper Sketch on the Rosenberg Case. (9 Pages)
4. A letter from the Assistant Editor of "Daylight Magazine". (1 page)
5. A signed letter and poem from John Hutton, Features Editor of the "Daily Worker". (2 pages)
6. A commentary titled "The Fear-Crazed Beasts" by French novelist and playwright, Jean-Paul Sarte. (3 pages) (Typescript)
7. Four pamphlets published by The National Rosenberg Defence Committee. (4 pages)
8. A poem by singer Edith Segal. (2 pages) (Typescript)
9. A sketch written by song writer Edward Eliscu. (6 pages) (Typescript)

Folder No. 4. pamphlets. Contains typescript (38 pages) and handwritten notes for a large planned pamphlet printing, the covers of which were actually produced but never completed. Includes documentation on distrubition, pricing, proposed print runs etc.

Folder No. 5. International Counter - Trial: Approx 4 documents: Contains letters by Mrs. Felicity Wittaker to the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. Also includes reply from Joe Nordman.

Folder No 6. Fund. Approx 40 documents: Contains letters relating to fund raising for the *Michael and Robert Rosenberg Fund*.

Includes:

1. A letter signed by Lord Pakenham
2. A letter from the People's Press Fighting Fund.
3. A letter from the National Assembly of Women.
4. A letter signed from the office of F. Elwyn Jones, House of Commons.
5. A letter from the Office of the Chief Rabbi signed, Michael Wallach.
6. A letter from Madingley Hall, Cambridge, signed C. E. Raven.
7. A letter signed from the office of Fenner Brockway, House of Commons.
8. A letter from the office of Lord Silkin, signed Jean Gayford, Secretary.

Folder No. 7. Reference Material. Approx 31 documents: Contains extracts from various publications. Includes

1. 11 typescripts written by John T. McManus and Leon Summit of The National Guardian.
2. 1 handwritten note regarding the use of perjured testimony to secure a guilty verdict, and to inform the conference of the Brussels lawyers intent to hold a tribunal to re-examine the Rosenberg case.
3. 1 typescript extract from "Gentleman Spies" by Kurt Singer and W. H. Allen. (page 210)
4. 1 N.C.C.L News Service publication for immediate realese.

Folder No 8. American Committee. Approx 23 documents. Contains correspondence between the New York and London offices of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Includes:

1. 8 typescript letters signed by Alice Citron.
2. 9 typed letters to Mr. Joseph Brainin from the London Committee
3. 1 letter from The University of Manchester: Department of Physics.
4. 1 letter from The Foreign Services of the United States of America to the American Embassy in London, signed Herbert F. Propps.
5. 2 telegrams from The New York Committee to the London Committee

Folder No. 9. Protests Telegrams. Approx 30 documents. Contains protest telegrams and letters supporting the Rosenbergs. Includes:

1. 11 telegrams from writers and artists such as Dylan Thomas, Gwyn Thomas, Douglas Goldring, Sean O Casey, Stanley Spencer, John Minton, and Edith Pargeter.
2. 1 letter to the Secretary, Human Rights Division of the United Nations.
3. 8 typed letters from artists such as James Fitton, A. E. Coppard, Miles Malleeson, and Doris Lessing
4. 4 press releases naming writers and artists supporting the Rosenbergs. Names include Charlie Chaplin, Ethel Mannin, Jack Linsay, John Hartley.

Folder No. 10. National Committee Members. Contains documents relating to Members of the National Rosenberg Defence Committee, London.

Includes:

1. 4 telegrams from The Tobacco Workers' Union
2. Signed letter from the Epping Constituency Labour Party
3. A letter from the Deanery Canterbury
4. A letter from Dalston Congregational Church
5. A post card from the Electrical Trades Union
6. A letter from Civil Service Clerical Association

Folder No 11. July 23rd Meeting. Approx 94 documents. Contains documents relating to the month of July 1953.

Includes:

1. 2 leaflets titled "The Rosenbergs Shoul Not Have Died".
2. 50 letters from Felicity Whittaker to *The Daily Worler*, *The Catholic Herld*, and *The Tribune*.
3. A letter from the Central Offices of the Religious Society of Friends
4. Letters of the Rosenbergs including the last letter of Julius Rosenberg to Emmanuel H. Bloch
5. A press realease from the New York Office
6. Letter from the Church of England Newspaper
7. A telegram from the Catholic Herald
8. A telegram from The Friend: The Quaker Weekley Journal
9. A number of publication notes.

Folder No 12. U.S. General Material (Printed) (Also Canadian). Approx 93 documents. Primarily case related

Includes:

1. A pamphlet titled "A Petition of Ethel Rosenberg"
2. A D. N. Pritt Pamphlet titled The Rosenbergs
3. A William A. Reuben Pamphlet titled "To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case"
4. 3 Michael and Robert Rosenberg Fund leaflets
5. A pamphlet dealing with the Morton Sobell case
6. Extracts from the National Guardian
7. An address at Tribrough Stadium, Randall's Island, New York by Steven love
8. Two broadsheets titled An Appeal to Your Conscience: Must the Rosenbergs Die, published by the London committee
9. A Daily Wireless Bulletin dealing with the Rosenberg Case
10. A script from the Rosenberg Theatre Rally in New York titled The Midnight Visitor
11. A National Guardian broadsheet

12. The Mandel Vs McCarthy pamphlet. Script from the live debate
Folder No 13. Press Releases. Approx 90 documents. Contains published material and press releases relating to the latter half of the Rosenberg case.

Includes:

1. 2 Abraham Cronbach pamphlets
2. Various Rosenberg Defence Committee leaflets
3. Various typed and hand written press releases
4. 1 issue of **Religion and the People** journal

Folder No. 14. Leaflet U.S. Committee. Approx 151 documents. Contains material published by the American Offices of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Includes:

1. Pamphlets advertising Commemoration Meeting for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. (Electrocuted June 19th 1953)
2. 17 leaflets issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case showing New York Times headline "Einstein Supports Rosenberg Appeal"
3. Letters to various North American newspapers
4. Various Committee press releases
5. Memorandum describing Lawyer's Interview with Ruth Greenglass
6. Letters to Emanuel Bloch from University of Manchester; Department of Physics, The Ashfield Churches, The University of Chicago: The Divinity School.
7. A pamphlet publishing A Statement on the Rosenberg Case by a distinguished Leader of Orthodox Jewry Rabbi Dr. Meyer Sharff

Folder No. 15. Copies of Circulars and Leaflets. Approx 41 Documents.

Contains leaflets and pamphlets relating to the Rosenberg Case.

Includes:

1. A pamphlet published by the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, Brussels. Title; Petition of Ethel Rosenberg for executive clemency to the president of the United States
2. Leaflets relating to the Michael and Robert Rosenberg Fund
3. 11 "Halt McCarthyism" leaflets
4. Press Releases from the London offices

Folder No. 16. Press. Approx 28 documents. Contains letters to various U.S. and UK newspapers in relation to the Rosenberg case.

Includes:

1. Polish Embassy Press Release
2. Various Committee Press Releases
3. Letters to the editors of , The Daily Worker, The Manchester Guardian, The Times, The Observer, The Tribune, The Railway Review, The Daily Herald
4. Replies from The Daily Herald, The Jewish Chronicle, The Press Club, and The Daily Express

Folder No. 17. Book. Approx 8 documents. Contains various letters. Includes a copy of Julius Rosenberg's Will and Ethel Rosenberg's last letter to Emanuel Bloch.

Folder No. 18. Approx 141 documents. Contains photos and letters relating to the Rosenberg case.

Includes:

1. Photograph of Mrs. Morton Sobell placing a rose on the Rosenberg graves
2. Messages from Lena, M. Jeger, D. N. Pritt, The National Guardian
3. Handwritten letter by D. N. Pritt
4. Come Place a red Rose and My Loved One Music Score by Edith Segal published by The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell
5. Letters from the Worker's Music Association, National Assembly of Women, Association of Supervisory Staffs Executives and Technicians, The Tobacco Worker's Union, Amalgamated Union of Foundry Workers, The Constructional Engineering Union

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