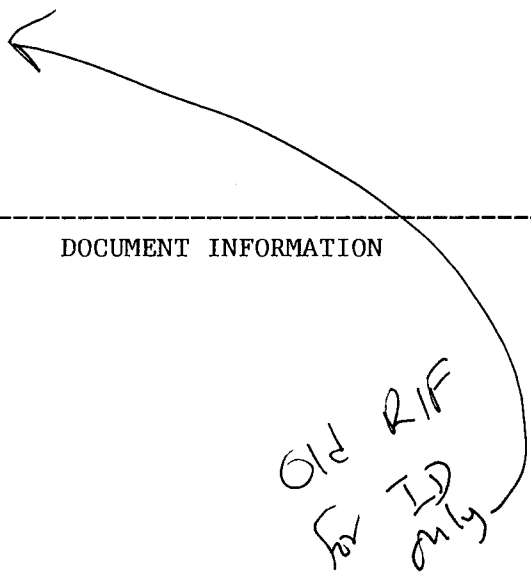


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Synopsis:

NEEDLEMAN continues to reside at 444 Central Park West, New York City, and to practice law in his own office at 165 Broadway, New York City. He continued to act as legal advisor to Amtorg in tax case and other matters. NEEDLEMAN was frequently consulted by EDA GLASER concerning Four Continent Book Corporation problems, and by LIUBA SOLOV on taking over Sovfoto Agency. He collected money for American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and was interested in activities of Citizens Committee for Constitutional Liberties. NEEDLEMAN was in frequent contact with "National Guardian" leaders and supported fund raising schemes. He was incensed by Commerce Department order requiring licensing of food and drug shipments to Cuba. NEEDLEMAN was in touch with JOSEPH BELSER, DAVID FREEDMAN, JANET JAGAN, ELIZABETH MASCOLO, ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, WILLIAM L. STANDARD, ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY and numerous other individuals. Bank accounts reviewed for April and May, 1964.

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MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER advised NEEDLEMAN on this occasion that the CCCL rally had been a great success as far as the speakers and the enthusiasm of those present was concerned, but that they only had half the audience they expected, and that they would be lucky to break even.

She stated that the petition campaign had been launched, however, and that it promised to be an interesting and important one.

MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER informed NEEDLEMAN that she was calling a special meeting of the Advisory Committee of the CCCL for the evening of June 17, 1964, to discuss the meaning of the Supreme Court decision, as well as the petition campaign. She indicated that the CCCL desired to send a certain number of signatures to the Republican Party National Convention in July, and about 5,000 signatures to the Democratic Party National Convention in August. She told NEEDLEMAN that they were also considering sending these petitions, with as many signatures as possible, to every congressman.

"National Guardian"

Early in May, 1964, NY T-2 advised that RUSS NIXON asked NEEDLEMAN about the possible liability of the "National Guardian" if it were to print an article based on a letter MARK LANE was sending to the Warren Commission. According to NIXON, LANE claimed to have information that a story told by a janitor who had seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD (at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY, November 22, 1963) was actually a "phony" story planted by the Secret Service. NIXON told NEEDLEMAN that he was planning to use this as an exclusive news story. NEEDLEMAN was of the opinion that unless LANE had an affidavit from the janitor or some such proof, the janitor could bring suit against the paper. He suggested that NIXON discuss this possibility with LANE.

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During the early part of May, 1964, NY T-1 reported that JAMES ARONSON advised NEEDLEMAN that he had returned (from Cuba) on May 7, 1964, but that JANE MC MANUS had stayed for an additional week and had taken a trip to the interior. She was to return on May 14, 1964, via Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Towards the middle of May, 1964, NY T-2 advised that RUSS NIXON broached the subject to NEEDLEMAN of holding a small gathering of 15 to 20 people with IRVING KAPLAN, HARRY MAGDOFF and NEEDLEMAN acting as hosts, to hear JANE MC MANUS and JAMES ARONSON talk about their trip to Cuba and show some slides.

NIXON said that the ultimate objective of this and three or four similar informal gatherings was to raise funds for the pre-summer financial crisis of the paper.

NEEDLEMAN was enthusiastic about the idea and offered the use of his apartment.

Some days later, NY T-1 related that NEEDLEMAN advised NIXON that he had spoken with IRVING KAPLAN and BEATRICE MAGDOFF and that it had been agreed that a "National Guardian" fund raising party would be held in the NEEDLEMAN apartment on June 3, 1964.

The above informant subsequently reported that NEEDLEMAN invited ROBERT RUSCH to attend the "National Guardian" party, which was to be held at the apartment of HARRY MAGDOFF, 220 West 84th Street, New York City on June 3, 1964. NEEDLEMAN remarked that it had originally been planned to hold the party in the NEEDLEMAN apartment.

RUSCH agreed to attend and to make a contribution.

Towards the end of May, 1964, NY T-1 reported that NEEDLEMAN asked JAMES ARONSON whether MARK LANE had made any new exposures concerning the LEE HARVEY OSWALD case, but ARONSON said there had been nothing new and that he understood LANE to be back in Europe.