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Persons Convicted in the U.S. of Espionage Against
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1. Following is a list of persons convicted of espionage against the U.S. Atomic Energy Program, together with details of sentences handed down in each case. Excluded are the Canadian Spy Case involving Alan Hann Fay, as well as various technical violations against atomic energy installations wherein investigation has developed no evidence of foreign directed espionage.

Klaus Emil Julius FUCHS was sentenced on March 1, 1950, to 14 years' imprisonment for a violation of the British Official Secrets Act. His admitted espionage work included activities against United States atomic research at New York City and at Los Alamos.

Harry GOLD was sentenced on December 9, 1950, to 30 years' imprisonment for violation of the Espionage Conspiracy Statute. GOLD served as a contact for FUCHS, listed above, and David GREENGLASS, listed hereinafter.

David GREENGLASS was sentenced on April 8, 1951, to 15 years' imprisonment for violation of the Espionage Conspiracy Statute. His admitted espionage involved activities against atomic research at Los Alamos.

Julius ROSENBERG was sentenced on April 8, 1951, to death for a violation of the Espionage Conspiracy Statute. ROSENBERG's activities involved heading an espionage network which included obtaining data from GREENGLASS at Los Alamos and reportedly obtaining data concerning nuclear energy propulsion of aircraft research in 1948.

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Ethel ROSENBERG was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to death for violation of the Espionage Conspiracy Statute. She assisted her husband, Julius, in his espionage operations.

Norton SOBELL was sentenced on April 5, 1951, to 30 years' imprisonment for a violation of the Espionage Conspiracy Statute. He was involved in the Rosenberg network, but is not known to have operated directly against the U. S. Atomic Energy Program.

Abraham BROTHMAN was sentenced on November 28, 1950, to 7 years' imprisonment for violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute. Brothman was involved in Perry GOLD's espionage activities, but is not known to have operated against the U.S. atomic energy program.

Miriam MOSKOWITZ was sentenced November 28, 1950, to two years' imprisonment for violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute. MOSKOWITZ had knowledge of some of GOLD's and BROTHMAN's espionage activities, but is not known to have assisted in, or to have had knowledge of espionage against the U.S. Atomic Energy Program.

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