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ABRAHAM FEINBERG, aka.
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BACKGROUND

The New York telephone directory for Westchester County, New York, 1952 - 1953 edition, reflects that Abraham Feinberg resides at 35 Elmsmere Road, Mount Vernon, New York. His business address is 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which is the Empire State Building.

Selective Service records at Albany, New York reflect that Feinberg registered for Selective Service October 16, 1940, at New York City, at which time he gave his employer as Jac Feinberg and Sons, Inc., 385 Fifth Avenue, New York City. In his questionnaire which was dated June 2, 1941, Feinberg stated that he was Executive Director of the above company and that he had complete charge of buying, selling and otherwise managing the business. He stated that he had been doing that kind of work for three years and that his salary was \$200.00 per week. He explained that the organization was engaged in the manufacture and selling of ladies' hosiery.

The Selective Service records reflect that he was married on September 3, 1929, at Hoboken, New Jersey, and that he had a wife, Lillian Marion Feinberg, born October 1, 1908, and two children, a son, [redacted], and a daughter, [redacted]. Other members of his family are Jacob Feinberg, father; Eva Wollin Feinberg, mother; Belle Feinberg, sister; and Wilfred Feinberg, brother. Feinberg was born March 7, 1908, in New York City.

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The Selective Service records reveal that Feinberg attended the City College of New York for two years, Fordham University Law School for three years, and that he took a Masters course at New York University Law School for one year in 1936.

His occupational questionnaire reflected that he was secretary and general manager of an unnamed corporation for 17 years.

These records further reflected that a Form 42A submitted to Feinberg's Selective Service Board by the Grove Nylon Company, 150 East Grove Street, Dunmora, Pennsylvania, sworn to on January 17, 1944, reveals that Feinberg was employed

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as a production expert by that company. He had been so employed since December 1, 1943, at a monthly rate of \$500.00.

His address as of 1945 was 12 Ellwood Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, according to Selective Service records.

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Abraham Feinberg is known in Israeli circles and is President of the organization Israel Speaks, Incorporated, publishers of the bi-monthly publication "Israel Speaks." Israel Speaks, Incorporated, was established for the express purpose of publishing "Israel Speaks," a publication setting forth information pertaining to Israel in a more favorable light.

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In April, 1950, [redacted] (Dun and Bradstreet, New York City) advised that Israel Speaks, Incorporated, was founded as a membership organization chartered under the New York State Membership Laws in February, 1949. The officers of this corporation were listed as follows:

Abraham Feinberg, President
Max Swiren, Vice President
Nahum A. Bernstein, Secretary
David R. Wahl, Executive Director
Leon Mohill, Treasurer

According to the source, the officers of the corporation are all well-known business men in the New York metropolitan area and are serving as officers in the corporation on a voluntary basis.

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Confidential source [redacted] advised that Feinberg has been connected with a number of hosiery companies, all of which have had offices at 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City. As of March 14, 1952, he was the Vice President of Hamilton Hosiery Mills, Incorporated, at this address. He has previously served as secretary of Wolin-Feinberg, as secretary and treasurer of Judith Hosiery Company, and as president of Nocturne Hosiery Company. This latter company was chartered under the laws of South Carolina and discontinued operations in 1944.

[redacted] further advised that Feinberg has banking connections at the Irving Trust Company, New York City.

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Irving Trust Company (who requested that his identity be protected)

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advised that he is personally acquainted with Feinberg. [redacted] advised that Feinberg is very close to Bob Hannegan, former Postmaster General, and that he also has access to President Truman.

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As will be set out hereinafter in this memorandum, Feinberg, through the years, has been in close contact with officials of the Israeli Government and has been in contact with officials of the United States Government, including the President of the United States and his administrative assistant, David K. Niles.

In connection with Feinberg's employment by the Grove Nylon Co. during World War II, it is noted that a Private George John Wasko, a former employee of the Grove Nylon Company, Dunmore, Pa., advised that in August, 1943, he had overheard Frank J. Collins, Superintendent of the Grove Company and Walter L. Schantz, official of the same company in an argument. According to Wasko, Collins had secured information from some source that Schantz had obtained a selective service deferment for Abe Feinberg of New York City. Collins accused Schantz of securing the deferment illegally and stated Schantz had advised Feinberg's local board that Feinberg was employed by the Grove Company in a necessary capacity when actually Feinberg had no connection whatsoever with the Company. Wasko further stated he had heard Schantz had done this for Feinberg as a favor and sometime previously Feinberg had given Schantz a loan of a considerable sum of money necessary in Schantz's business. According to Wasko, Schantz advised Collins that securing the deferment for Feinberg was the only way he could repay the favor. Collins upon interview advised he believed Schantz had requested Feinberg's occupational deferment on the basis that he was a production expert. Collins stated he doubted there was any actual connections between the Grove Company and Feinberg and added it was entirely probable that the Grove Co. carried Feinberg on its payroll in order to make Feinberg's occupational deferment appear to be legitimate.

The records of Local Board #721, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., reflected that in 1944 Schantz on behalf of Grove Nylon Co., requested a deferment for Feinberg who joined the company 12-1-43. There was also additional supplemental correspondence to the board relative to Feinberg's requested deferment. On May 25, 1944, Feinberg was placed in classification 2A. On August 10, 1944, Feinberg voluntarily contacted his local board and advised that the Grove Company had become involved in

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difficulties with the government and as a result he, Feinberg, wished to leave the firm. Feinberg inquired if he would be continued in classification 2A after he left the Grove Company and returned to his own firm, Jac Feinberg and Sons, Inc. The local board indicated they would continue Feinberg in classification 2A if Jac Feinberg and Sons, Inc., submitted an occupational form 42B. On August 11, 1944, the Local Board received the form 42B from Jac Feinberg and Sons, Inc. (25-267851-1,2,3)

This case was discussed with Assistant US Attorney K. Bertram Friedman of the Southern District of New York who advised that inasmuch as Feinberg was 36 years of age and had three dependents and also since he might have been deferred even though the 42A form had not been submitted by Schantz, he would decline prosecution in Feinberg's case.

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