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607 U. S. Court House,
Foley Square,
New York 7, N. Y.

August 29, 1951.

Miss Lillian N. Myers,
11 Maple Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Miss Myers:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date.

Your interest and courtesy in furnishing information to this office is most appreciated.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

DATE: April 12, 1956

FROM : SA's [redacted] & J. WALLACE LaPRADE

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE - ISRAEL

Source advised SA J. WALLACE LaPRADE on 4/4/56, that there were about 350 individuals listed as employees of the Development Corporation for Israel. (The source had originally estimated the employees as about 1,000.) Source stated that JOSEPH RAFFELI had taken a tour of Israel and was due back in the U.S. about 4/7/56. The source is to be evaluated as "who is in a position to furnish reliable information."

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Source advised SA's J. WALLACE LaPRADE & [redacted] on 4/12/56, [redacted] that the Development Corporation for Israel was preparing for a big affair at Grossingers at the end of this month and were going to utilize Admiral MAXWELL of the Board of Appeals as the main speaker and had also been in contact with EDDIE GANTOR regarding the affair. The source stated that JOSEPH RAFFELI had returned to the U.S. from his trip to Israel earlier this week.

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~~SOURCE RELIABLE THAT EXTRA INFORMATION RELIABLE~~ [redacted] ~~RELIABLE~~

- cc: (1) [redacted]
- (1) 97-1245 Development Corp. for Israel
- (1) 65-15729 JOSEPH E. RAFFELI

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 4/30/56

FROM : SA, J. Wallace La Prade

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TO : SAC (97-1245)

DATE: 4/30/56

FROM : SA, J. Wallace LaPrade

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL, formerly
American Financial and Development Corp. for Israel
REGISTRATION ACT.

Attention is invited to serial 21 of instant case, a letter from the Bureau dated May 20, 1952, which instructs that the Bureau be advised of any information that subject is engaging in any political activity.

Attention is also invited to serial 20, a Department letter dated May 5, 1952 which set out that subject's registration was not being required at that time but pointed out that the exemption was available only so long as the Corporation did not engage in any political activity as defined by Rule 100 of the Act on behalf of the State of Israel. In this letter the criminal division set out a meaning of Rule 100 such as attempting to influence the foreign policy of the United States, endeavoring to procure the enactment or repeal of any legislation affecting the State of Israel, or dissemination of any political propaganda on behalf of the State of Israel.

In view of the current attempts on the part of Israel to influence the U. S. to furnish arms to that country and inasmuch as officials from the State of Israel make political speeches for promotion of sale of bonds of subject it is recommended that this case be reopened. It is felt that this investigation should be directed toward bringing this case up to date and ascertaining whether the acts of Political Leaders in the US on behalf of the state of Israel come within the meaning of Rule 100.

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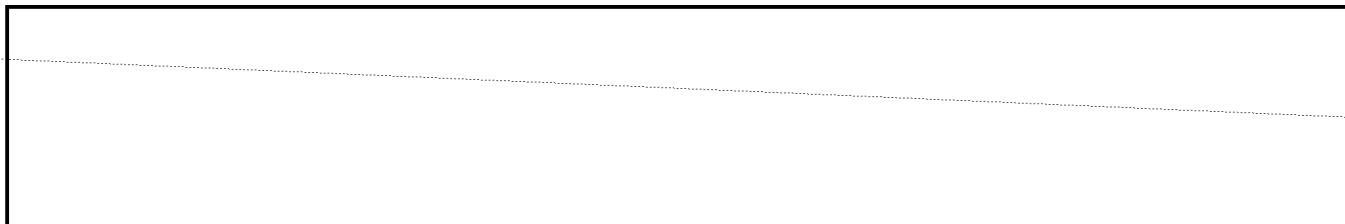
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FROM : SA, J. Wallace A. Prude

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CORP. FOR ISRAEL
Registration Act

DATE: 5/5/66


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The aforementioned telephone number is listed to DEVELOPMENT CORP. FOR ISRAEL, NYC according to the current telephone directory.

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TO : SAC (97-1245)

DATE: 5/23/56

FROM : SA, J. Wallace LaFrade

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CORP. FOR ISRAEL
Registration Act.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] and the writer on 5/21/56
that the following are employed by the subject:

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MELIK ALBERT
[redacted]

JOSEPH RAFFAELI, Bronx Division
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THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1956.

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**ISRAEL BOND UNIT
RAISES \$42,318,550**

**Sales in This Country Since
Drive Started in 1951
Reach \$216,595,450**

The Israel Bond Organization sold \$42,318,550 in bonds in 1955. The receipts were used for consolidating Israel's economy. Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the organization, made the report last night as the board of governors opened a two-day meeting at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel.

Dr. Schwartz said that the 1955 campaign results represented a 20 per cent increase over figures for the previous year,

and brought to \$216,595,450 the total of bonds sold since the drive began in May, 1951. The Israel bond campaign was started in that year by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

In his report, Dr. Schwartz said that 100,000 bonds were sold in 1955, bringing the total outstanding to 800,000. He said 60 per cent of the 1955 purchasers had never owned any Israel bonds before.

He attributed the 1955 results to three major factors:

1. Popular response to the crisis which confronts Israel at the present time.

2. Broad unity in the American Jewish community behind the Israel bond drive.

3. The profound impact on Americans of the visits here of number of Israeli personalities, particularly Foreign Minister Moshe Sharrett.

Mr. Sharrett, who recently returned to Israel, toured this

country for the Israel bond drive, and also spoke for the United Jewish Appeal drive. Presiding at the meeting was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, spiritual leader in Cleveland. Dr. Silver recently accepted the chairmanship of the board of governors.

In another report, Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia, chairman of the Guardians of Israel, a branch of the bond organization, said that the enrollment of trustees of the Israel Bond Organization rose 25 per cent from 1954 to 1955, while the enrollment of guardians of Israel increased by 13 per cent.

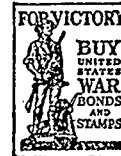
The Guardians of Israel constitute an honor group whose members buy \$1,000 or more of Israel bonds, while trustees buy \$10,000 or more of Israel bonds.

Mrs. Michael A. Stavitsky of Newark, N. J., national chairman of the women's division, reported on her division's activities last year.

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THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1956.

Zionists Appeal to Eisenhower To Back U. S. Arms for Israel

An appeal to President Eisenhower to use his executive powers to strengthen the security of Israel with arms was made yesterday by Zionist leaders.

This appeal was coupled with a sharp denunciation of Communist designs in the Middle East. Concern was also voiced over the increasing threat of war there owing to the shipment of arms to the Arab states.

Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States and chief Israeli spokesman at the United Nations, told the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization that peace in the Middle East "will not grow out of a grotesquely distorted imbalance of arms such as that now being created to Israel's disadvantage."

"Such an imbalance is more likely," he said at the final session of a two-day meeting at the Savoy-Plaza Hotel, "to produce a danger of war than a prospect of peace."

The organization's board adopted a goal of \$75,000,000 in Israel bond sales this year. In a message to the meeting, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel asserted Israel's belief that "the maintenance of peace is preferable even to victory in war."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Zionist leader and chairman of the board of governors of the bond organization, called attention to the seriousness of Israel's position "because the Western powers and the Soviet Union are now trying to outbid one another in their avowed devotion and sup-

port of the Arab states who are committed to the destruction of Israel."

The executive body of the Zionist Organization of America, meeting at the Statler Hotel, in its appeal to President Eisenhower to safeguard Israel's security said that the shipment of arms to Israel would discourage "aggressive designs by the Arab Communist axis."

This appeal, embodied in a unanimously adopted resolution, asserted that Israel's people, "survivors of totalitarian oppression, and refugees from Arab lands, are threatened with annihilation by the Communist-backed Arab dictatorships." Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the executive committee, warned the United States Government against sacrificing Israel, "a loyal friend and potential ally, to satisfy a would-be aggressor."

Dr. Neumann also warned on the forthcoming visit to Washington of Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, "to sell the American Government his own special brand of appeasement."

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (97-1245)

DATE: May 9, 1956

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ISRAEL
REGISTRATION ACT

[redacted] was interviewed on 4/26/56 by SA's J. WALLACE LA PRADE & [redacted]
[redacted] and had nothing of an important nature to report.

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[redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised SA's
J. WALLACE LA PRADE & [redacted] orally on 5/9/56, that the subject was
arranging to hold a national or international conference at the subjects office
at 215 Fourth Avenue, New York, N.Y. during the month of May 1956. Source stated
that the arrangements for this conference were held to the knowledge of a minimum
number of people, and the exact date was unknown. Source stated that the subject
had been in contact with Gov. MCKEILDEN of Maryland and [redacted] in an
apparent attempt to secure a prominent person to replace the ~~speaker~~ deceased
ADVIN BARKLEY as main speaker at one of their bond drives.

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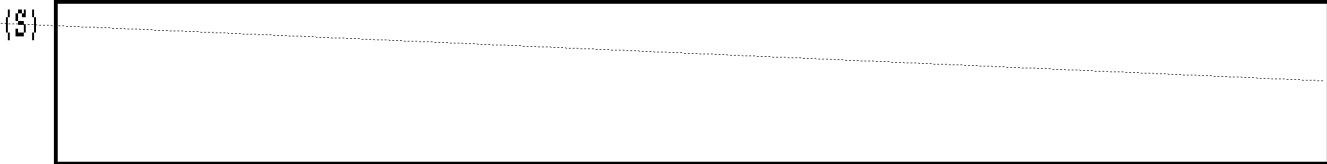
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FROM : SA J. WALLACE LA PRADE

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR
ISRAEL, formerly American
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REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: 6/28/56

Reference is made to SA J. WALLACE LA PRADE'S memo dated 4/30/56, wherein it was recommended that this case be reopened, and investigation be conducted to determine whether subject is engaged in any activities coming within Rule 100, such as attempting to influence the foreign policy of the US, endeavoring to procure the enactment or repeal of any legislation affecting the State of Israel, or dissemination of any political propaganda in the State of Israel.



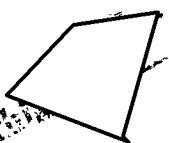
It will be noted that a review of the information furnished by CSNY 1, and the information contained in the record of the Certificate of Incorporation for the subject does not set out any information indicating that subject is engaged in any political activities and violation of Rule 100, of the Registration Act. A review of newspaper clippings available concerning subject failed to develop any employees of subject who have been engaged in any activities as defined by Rule 100, although various officials of the Israeli Government such as ABBA EBAN, have made various speeches in behalf of subject and in an attempt possibly to influence the policy of the US Government.

In view of the fact that this review has not developed any information that specific employees of subject are engaged in activities, in violation of Rule 100, it is recommended that this case be placed in a closed status. In the event any information is developed indicating that subject is acting in violation of Rule 100, consideration will be given in reopening this case.

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