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TO : Mr. Gus Vanesch, Room 4212

FROM : James R. Sharp

SUBJECT: ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, 149-1603

DATE: October 21, 1943

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1. The matter of our dealings with the Zionist Organization of America has been handled under the supervision of George Roudebush and myself. Review of State Department files transferred to us resulted in the memorandum of June 1, 1943 by Philip Aultman on Mr. Roudebush's staff.

2. That memorandum was transmitted to Mr. Lane by Mr. Roudebush by memorandum of June 3, a copy of which is attached.

3. Mr. Boyd's comments on Mr. Aultman's memorandum are contained in a memorandum of June 4 attached.

4. My comments on it are contained in a memorandum of June 11 to Mr. Lane, a copy of which is attached.

5. Mr. Lane's decision in the matter is recorded in my memorandum of June 18 attached.

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6. Before any letter was written to the Zionist Organization of America, however, we received without solicitation two letters dated June 25 and July 2 from Mr. Nahum Goldmann. It was not clear for what purpose Mr. Goldmann requested registration forms.

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7. As a result we sent Mr. Goldmann our letter of July 9 attached which mentioned the fact that we would like to discuss with them the status of constituent organizations of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs.

8. On July 14, Dr. Goldmann of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and Mr. Szold, Vice President of the Zionist Organization of America, conferred with Roudebush and myself. The results of this conference are set forth in Roudebush's memorandum of July 15 attached.

9. Subsequently we wrote our letter of August 26, 1943, a copy of which is attached. This, I assume, is the letter you refer to as having been received from Mr. Lane.

Since then we have received the registration statement of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Subsequently, I was advised by telephone, I believe by Mr. Szold, that Judge Levinthal, Vice President of the Zionist Organization, would like to confer with us. A date was agreed on which I believe was around the middle of September. I was subsequently advised by telephone that it was impossible for Judge Levinthal to keep this date due to the meeting of the American Jewish Conference in New York, and was advised that he would get in touch with us later. Nothing has occurred since that time.

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For your information, there is attached an OSS memorandum of July 1 reviewing Zionist politics in the United States. There is a supplement to this memorandum which we received from the OSS and which reviewed the results of the American Jewish Conference in New York. It is dated September 13. I am trying to locate it and will send it along to you.

The carbon copies of the memoranda attached should be returned to me when you have finished with them, together with the file.