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ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
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Reference is made to this Division's memorandum of November 8, 1949, wherein the conclusion was reached that the activities of the above subject and its officers were not at that time in contravention of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, as a result of the changes in the constitutions of the World Zionist Organization and those of the subject which were made in an effort to remove the Zionist Organization of America from an agency status.

The November 23, 1953 issue of "The American Zionist," published by the subject, carries the headline, "ZOA in Action: Mobilizes Public Opinion for Israel." The article states among other things that the ZOA with the aid of its nation-wide constituency has taken the lead in arousing public opinion to the falsehoods spread by the enemies of Israel.

This article as well as others appearing in previous issues of "The American Zionist" examined by attorneys of the Foreign Agents Registration Section strongly suggests that the subject is acting within the United States as a publicity agent for the State of Israel within the meaning of Section 1(c) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. There is no evidence, however, that such activity is the result of a request from the State of Israel or is being carried on at the order or under the direction of the State of Israel.

It is requested, therefore, that any information coming to the attention of the Bureau which would tend to establish that the Zionist Organization of America is acting within the United States at the order or request or under the direction of the State of Israel be brought promptly to the attention of this Division.

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