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June 2, 1950

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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WARREN A. BERNSTEIN
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Rebulet April 12, 1950, captioned
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Paragraph number 10 of referenced letter directed that a separate case should be opened on captioned individual. Referenced letter further instructed that all matters relating to the case should be handled in the field as specials. The Bureau desires to receive reports in all these related matters as well as in the case on a 30 day basis. You are requested to advise immediately when the first report in captioned matter will arrive at the Bureau.

cc - Washington Field

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 7, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN
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BERNSTEIN
 born 9/5/07, NYC. He has resided in the NY area all his life. He is presently practicing law in NYC and his firm recently opened offices in Tel Aviv, Israel. In interview with him in 1948 he admitted that he was designated as the disperser of funds for the Jewish Agency for Palestine and that he knew a member of the Israeli Supply Mission in the United States. Of recent date he has made two trips to Israel. He has received mail from DAVID WAHL, Executive Director of the publication "Israel Speaks" the Israeli Supply Mission, and also the organization "Materials for Israel", a subdivision of the Israeli Supply Mission. Likewise he has received mail from the Israel Consulate in NYC and from Israel, also from Paris, France and Denmark. He has been in contact on five occasions with the Israeli Supply Mission. (u)

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DETAILS:

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The NAHUM BERNSTEIN referred to by Confidential Informant [Redacted] is more than likely identical with the subject of this investigation. It is known through previous investigation of BERNSTEIN'S activities that he has been associated very closely with the affairs of Israel, prior to that the affairs of Palestine. *XW*

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Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability, made available the following background information concerning NAHUM BERNSTEIN:

He was born September 5, 1907 at New York City. His mother, JENNIE BERNSTEIN, nee STEINBERG, and his father, CHARLES BERNSTEIN, were born in Russia. The subject received his primary education in New York public schools and subsequently attended the College of the City of New York receiving his B.S. in social science in 1929. In 1931 he received his L.L.B. degree at Columbia University Law School. He was admitted to the Bar in the State of New York on June 13, 1932. From the date of his birth, 1907, until the present time, he has resided in the New York City area. He presently resides at 136 East 67th Street, New York, New York.

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[redacted] at 136 East 67th Street, New York City, advised that he has known NAHUM BERNSTEIN since November, 1949. [redacted] advised that BERNSTEIN and his wife and two children have resided at 136 East 67th Street for a number of years but that he himself has only been [redacted] there since November of 1949. [redacted] advised that he has spoken to BERNSTEIN on several occasions and that he ascertained from his conversations with BERNSTEIN that he, BERNSTEIN, was very active in Israeli affairs. In fact BERNSTEIN told [redacted] he had made two trips to Israel since November of 1949. U

NAHUM BERNSTEIN is presently connected with the law firm of ~~SILVER~~ and BERNSTEIN, 20 Pine Street, New York, New York. The following announcement was sent out by this firm to many leading attorneys of the New York area. This announcement is dated March 31, 1950, and reads as follows: U

"We announce the opening of an Israeli Office at 26 Rothschild Boulevard, Tel-Aviv. Mr. ARNON R. ~~PROJANSKY~~ of the Israeli Bar is Counsel in Charge." U

This announcement was signed by EDWARD S. ~~SILVER~~, NAHUM BERNSTEIN, GEORGE H. ~~KAPLAN~~ and DONALD R. ~~SEAWELL~~.

On January 13, 1948, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at his office, 20 Pine Street, New York City. At the very outset of this interview, BERNSTEIN stated that he presumed that the visit of the agents to his office was occasioned by an investigation into the affairs of the Foundry Associates, Inc. In this regard, BERNSTEIN stated that in November of 1947 he received a telephone call from [redacted] whom he had known for some years who like himself was active in the Zionist Cause. On this occasion [redacted] told BERNSTEIN that he had been requested to assist in a project to acquire a stock pile of material for eventual shipment to Palestine. [redacted] told BERNSTEIN that he had consented to assist in this project and that now it was necessary that a reputable well-known person act as dispersing officer for the funds available to finance this project. [redacted] requested BERNSTEIN to function in this capacity and to this BERNSTEIN agreed. [redacted] indicated to BERNSTEIN that the sum of \$750,000.00 was available to finance this project and that such funds would be made available by the Jewish Agency for Palestine. U

According to BERNSTEIN, shortly after his talk [redacted] he received a verification of this proposition from [redacted]

[redacted] Jewish Agency for Palestine. [redacted] told BERNSTEIN that when purchases were made by either himself or his associates, BERNSTEIN would be notified of the amount of money necessary for the particular transaction and BERNSTEIN should then request [redacted] to forward a check to him for this amount. BERNSTEIN would in turn issue a check for the same amount to the payee named [redacted]. According to BERNSTEIN, the above outlined plan was followed in connection with the purchase of materials. U

On May 12, 1948, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was again interviewed by SA'S [redacted] at his office, 20 Pine Street, New York City. He advised that he himself was active in Jewish affairs and that he was secretary at that time for the Americans for Haganah, Inc. and that he was well acquainted with the principles of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in the United States and in Palestine itself. As a lawyer he stated he had been called upon on numerous occasions by various sections of the Jewish Agency for legal advice in matters pertaining to operation. He stated that in the fall of 1947, it was decided by the police level members to instigate an organization that could, if Palestine was partitioned, step in and relieve the other governments of considerable effort and manpower. It was decided that certain funds should be allotted for the purchase of desired aircraft. The services of Jewish persons in the United States who had proper education and other background should be employed. U

[redacted] was designated as the individual who should purchase and reconvert whatever aircraft believed necessary to institute a fair-size airline. Approximately \$120,000.00 was deposited with BERNSTEIN which funds came from the Jewish Agency for Palestine. At the request [redacted] BERNSTEIN would forward whatever money the former requested. U

In the course of this interview, BERNSTEIN stated that in March, 1948, [redacted] suggested to [redacted] who was attempting to offer his services as a flyer in the conflict that was raging in Palestine, that he should contact a Jewish agency in New York City. According to BERNSTEIN, as a result of this contact, the suggestion was made [redacted] that he speak to [redacted] BERNSTEIN described [redacted] as a Palestinian who spent a great deal of time in the United States and who had a small office in [redacted] New York City. BERNSTEIN related that he became acquainted with [redacted] through the publication "Haganah Speaks", a monthly publication put out by the Americans for Haganah, Inc. It appears that [redacted] acted in an advisory capacity relative to articles appearing in the pamphlet. BERNSTEIN stated that several months prior to this interview [redacted] got in touch with him and advised that he had been talking to an

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individual by the name of [redacted] who had been with the Flying Tigers in Burma and that [redacted] had a great deal of experience as a flyer. [redacted] requested BERNSTEIN to check [redacted] background to determine if [redacted] had the experience in flying that he stated he had. BERNSTEIN then related that he contacted one of his associates in the law firm of SILVER and BERNSTEIN who had been in the Air Force and made inquiries concerning [redacted]. It was determined that [redacted] was unknown to several former members of the Flying Tigers. BERNSTEIN relayed this information [redacted] U

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, made available the following information concerning correspondence received by NAHUM BERNSTEIN at his office, 20 Pine Street, New York City: ~~(u)~~

Correspondence was received by BERNSTEIN at this address from the ~~(u)~~ Israeli Consulate, 11 East 70th Street, New York City, on April 5, 15, 20 May 9, 20, 1950. ~~(u)~~

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Correspondence was received on the following dates from the organization ~~(u)~~ Materials for Israel, Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York City. (This organization has space on the seventeenth floor at this address and according to [redacted] this building, this space is one and the same with the Israeli Supply Mission which occupies most of the seventeenth floor of 250 West 57th Street): ~~(u)~~

~~(u)~~ March 29, April 5, 18, May 10, 17, 19, 1950. ●

Set out herewith is a list of other pertinent return addresses that appeared on correspondence received by NAHUM BERNSTEIN at 20 Pine Street, New York, New York. This list includes only return addresses on domestic mail: ~~(u)~~

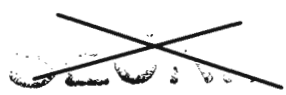
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
3/27/50	(u) American Funds for Israel, 260 West 71st Street, New York 23, New York.
3/29/50, 4/7/50, 4/17/50	Union Bank and Trust Company, Eighth and Hills Streets, Los Angeles 55, California.
3/30/50	(u) Synagogue Council of America, 110 West 42nd Street, New York 18, New York.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
4/3/50	Chase National Bank, 11 Broad Street, New York, New York.
4/3/50, 4/27/50	Cleveland Trust Company, Euclid and East Ninth, Cleveland, Ohio.
4/4/50, 4/6/50	X National Lawyers Guild, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York.
4/11/50	Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company, 60th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York 21, New York.
4/11/50	Chase National Bank, Canal Street, Post Office Station, New York 5, New York.
4/12/50	X Israel National Airlines, 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York.
4/13/50	Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve Post Office Station, New York 45, New York.
4/14/50	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> b7C Park Sheriton Hotel, New York, New York.
4/14/50	X American Palestine Trading Corporation, 17 East 71st Street, New York 21, New York.
4/14/50	X Overseas New Agency, 101 Park Avenue, New York 17, New York.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
4/16/50	 American Zionist Council, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.
4/19/50	Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.
5/4/50	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> c/o Government of Israel Supply Mission, 250 West 57th Street, New York, New York.
5/9/50	 Israel Purchasing Service, 17 East 71st Street, New York 21, New York.
5/10/50	 Ampal House, 17 East 71st Street, New York, New York. b7C
5/11/50	 Israel Speaks, Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York.
5/15/50	 Jewish Center of Pompton Lakes, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.
5/18/50	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 50px;"></div>
5/22/50	Ampal House, Suite 2B, 17 East 71st Street, New York, New York
5/24/50	 Progressive Israel Projects, 200 West 72nd Street, New York 23, New York.

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It also should be noted that the publication "Israel Speaks" is the successor publication of "Haganah Speaks" of which NAHUM BERNSTEIN advised that he himself was secretary. U

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, NAHUM BERNSTEIN is presently the Secretary of the organization known as Israel Speaks, Inc. which organization publishes the publication "Israel Speaks." DAVID R. WAHL is the Executive Director of this organization. (u)

The following is a list of foreign mail that has been received by NAHUM BERNSTEIN at his office at 20 Pine Street, New York, New York: (u)

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~~X~~ Israeli Industries, Inc.,
9 Jaffa,
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Tel Aviv, Israel.

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Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with [Redacted] who resides at [Redacted] on the following dates: ~~X~~ (u)

October 22, December 23, 30, 1949, January 15, 1950.

These contacts were all made from the residence of NAHUM BERNSTEIN, 136 East 67th Street, to the home of [Redacted] ~~X~~ (u)

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NAHUM BERNSTEIN was again in contact with [Redacted] on November 22, 1949. On this occasion, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in his office at the law office of Silver and Bernstein, 20 Pine Street, New York City. ~~X~~ (u)

On January 7, 1950, the same informant advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with [Redacted] and that [Redacted] at that time was staying [Redacted] ~~X~~ (u)

[Redacted] is identical with [Redacted] who, according to the records of the Protocol Division, Department of State, is listed as employe [Redacted] is listed as a

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[redacted] It is also likely that he is identical with the
individual who has been active in Israeli activities in this area. He has
been prominently identified in connection with an organization known as

~~Ultramar Corporation.~~ *(u)*

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NEWARK

At Patterson, New Jersey

Will, upon receipt of Bureau approval, conduct investigation relative to the background of [redacted]

Will ascertain his present activities.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will ascertain the relationship between NAHUM BERNSTEIN and the Union Bank and Trust Company, Eighth and Hills Streets. It is to be noted that BERNSTEIN has received several communications from this bank. (This lead was previously set out [redacted] in report of SA [redacted] at New York dated May 8, 1950) (S) (W)

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CLEVELAND

At Cleveland, Ohio

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Will ascertain the relationship between NAHUM BERNSTEIN and the Cleveland Trust Company, Euclid and East 9th Streets. It will be noted that BERNSTEIN received communications from this bank.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow the activities of NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

Two copies of this report have been designated for the Washington Field Office since Washington is the office of origin in the control case, [redacted] Espionage - Is. ~~SECRET~~

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] [redacted] dated "June" 13, 1950 at New York are as follows: (u)

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Mail cover on mail received by NAHUM BERNSTEIN at the office of SILVER and BERNSTEIN, 20 Pine Street, New York City. (u)

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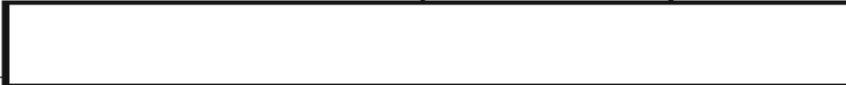
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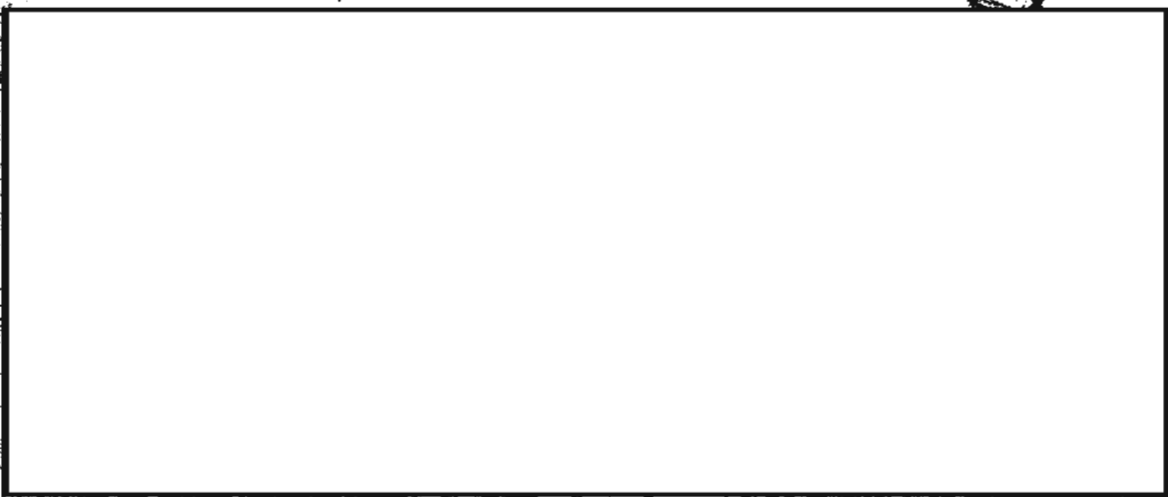
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Director, FBI

HAZEL A. BERNSTEIN
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The Bureau has made a complete file review for the purpose of developing information concerning captioned individual which may not be in the files of your office. The information set forth hereinafter is the result of this file review.

In September 1941, the Department of State advised that [redacted]

[redacted] both Russian-born, had applied for United States Immigration visas. Hazel Bernstein, 227 West End Avenue, New York City, was one of their sponsors. Subsequently, the State Department made available a summary of information in the case in which was included the following concerning Bernstein:

Bernstein was born in New York in 1907. It was stated that he was a lawyer at 20 Pine Street, New York City. His income, as of 1941, was reported to be \$17,357.55. He was said to have cash available in the amount of \$50,000.00. His bank and insurance statements showed very substantial cash reserves. His real property was valued at \$6,000.00. His wife was reported to be his only dependent. Bernstein advised the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he had known the applicants for whom he was a sponsor for many years. He stated that his relationship with the applicants was closer than that usually attending blood relationship. He gave two references at the time he filed his sponsorship affidavit. They were Maxwell S. McKnight, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and [redacted]

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At the time the above data were received in the Fall of 1941, no derogatory information could be located in Bureau files concerning Bernstein.

On April 27, 1942, Bernstein appeared before Committee A of the Inter-departmental Visa Review Committee as lawyer and friend of the visa applicants. During his sworn testimony, he supplied the following additional information concerning himself:

Bernstein, as of April 1942, had a home in the city (presumably New York City) and one in the country at Branchville, New Jersey. He used his home (which one not stated) only on week-ends. He had assets immediately realizable into cash of \$50,000.00. His average yearly earnings, as an attorney, had been exceeding \$15,000.00. (40-5892)

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SAC, New York
Re:--NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN
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Confidential Informant [redacted] of the Washington Field Office, revealed during September 1947 that Nahum Bernstein was negotiating with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice concerning the organization "Americans for Hagana, Inc." The Department of Justice reportedly wrote a letter to the organization, citing the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and asking why the organization did not register. Bernstein replied to this letter, but advised the Department of Justice that one reason the organization could not register was that it had no foreign principal which it was authorized to represent. Bernstein discussed the matter with [redacted] subject of a pending case in your office, on September 8, 1947. [redacted] said the main concern was to get to the point as soon as possible where the selection of a chairman of the Advisory Council could be formally announced. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] was interested in this and he [redacted] wanted to see that [redacted] was satisfied. [redacted] said it did not matter [redacted] whether there was registration or not as long as it was "clearly understood by the Justice Department." (65-56401-Sub 1, 2201, 2177)



(S) (97-2171-204X1)

SAC, New York
Re:--NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN
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In reviewing Bureau files for information on Bernstein, it was noted that considerable data contained in the Bureau files are already in the files of your office. To assist you in reviewing these data, there are listed below the serials in which the references may be found:

New York letter to the Bureau, dated January 8, 1945, captioned "Astorg Trading Corporation; Internal Security - R." (61-5381-2371)

New York teletype dated July 9, 1947, and New York letters dated July 11 and 18, 1947, all addressed to the Bureau, captioned [redacted]; Espionage - R." (65-56402-2665, 2666, 2667, 2707)

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 26, 1947, at Washington, D. C., and captioned [redacted] was; et al; Espionage - R." Two copies of this report were furnished the New York Office. (65-56402-2985)

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 29, 1947, at New York City, and captioned "Americans for Haganah, Inc.; Registration Act." (97-2866-16)

New York teletype to the Bureau dated January 10, 1948, and captioned "Foundry Associates, Inc.; George Treub; et al; Neutrality Act." (2-875-159)

New York teletype to the Bureau dated January 28, 1948, and captioned "Oved Trading Company, Neutrality Act." (2-875-217)

New York teletype to the Bureau dated February 28, 1948, and captioned "Foundry Associates, Inc.; HA, RA." (2-875-293)

New York teletype to the Bureau dated May 12, 1948, and captioned "Palestine Situation - Recruitment Program; RA, HA." (97-2912-73)

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 23, 1949, at New York City, and captioned "American Birobidjan Committee, was, Ambijan, ABC; Internal Security - C." (100-99898-111, p.36)

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 11, 1949, at New York City, and captioned [redacted] Espionage - Israeli." (65-58621-28)

When the next investigative report on captioned subject is submitted, all pertinent information set forth above, as well as all pertinent information from the files of your office, should be included therein.

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SAC, New York

June 26, 1950

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your letter dated May 8, 1950 and to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 8, 1950, at New York City.

In referenced report a lead is set forth for the Washington Field Office to interview four individuals connected with the Office of the Attorney General. Referenced letter requested Bureau approval to cover this lead. (S) (u)

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In reviewing referenced report it was noted that it contained primarily background information on Bernstein [redacted] Information of this type should be set forth only in reports submitted in connection with the individual case files you have pending on Bernstein [redacted]

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Line 1 of paragraph 3, page 4, of the referenced report contains the date September 2, 1939. It is believed that this date should be September 2, 1949. If the date as it appears is incorrect you should immediately advise the Bureau and all offices who received copies of the report.

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Referring to your request in referenced letter that the Bureau have its sources in Paris, France, conduct an investigation relative to you are advised that this matter is being handled and you will be furnished with the results attained. (S) (u)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
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DATE: June 13, 1950

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated June 13, 1950
at New York.

It will be noted that in this report a lead has been set out for the Newark Office to ascertain the present activities of [redacted] since it is known that [redacted] the Israeli Supply Mission. Bureau approval is requested for this investigation.

The Bureau should notify Newark in event clearance is given for this investigation.

Likewise, it is requested that approval be given for investigation of activities [redacted] in the New York area. It is contemplated that a case file captioned, [redacted] Espionage - IS" will be opened by this office.

Cleared for investigation with [redacted] Dept of State. 6/28/50

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To: Legal Attache
Paris, France

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [redacted] (S)

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[redacted] Bernstein is an attorney in New York City and has in the past been quite active in connection with various Israeli groups. The Bureau's file on Bernstein is 65-59184. In replying to the matter set forth below you should designate copies of your reply both for the captioned file and the file on Bernstein. (S)

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During the course of the investigation of Nahum W. Bernstein, it has been learned that on April 14, 1950, Bernstein received a letter from one [Redacted] On April 17, 1950, another letter was received by Bernstein from this same Paris address. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] (S) The necessity for discreetness in connection with any inquiries you undertake concerning these matters cannot be over emphasized.

You are requested to handle the above matters immediately and furnish the Bureau with any results obtained within 30 days after the receipt of this letter. The entire investigation in the [Redacted] case has been designated as a special both at the Seat of Government and in the field. All matters are being handled on a 30 day basis. (S)

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Subject's relationship with Union Bank & Trust Company, Los Angeles, undetermined.

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and both of known reliability, exhausted all possibilities in trying to ascertain the reason for the subject's relationship with the Union Bank & Trust Company, Los Angeles. In an effort to ascertain subject's connection with this bank, correspondence files were checked, and open and closed accounts and accounts of organizations where authorized signatures were made which might have included that of the subject were all checked without revealing any record of BERNSTEIN.

The lead in this matter which was submitted to Los Angeles has been covered in a previous report of SA Los Angeles, dated 6/29/50, in the matter of Espionage - IS." *35*

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TITLE NAHUM BERNSTEIN		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In 1941 BERNSTEIN was a sponsor for a Russian-born couple who had applied for a visa. Background information re BERNSTEIN obtained at that time set out.

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has received correspondence from Material for Israel, Israeli Consulate, Israel Speaks, Inc., Israeli Industries, Ltd. in Tel Aviv, and [REDACTED] in Israel. He also has received correspondence from [REDACTED] one million dollars [REDACTED] in 1948 [REDACTED] one million, four hundred ten thousand dollars to the Israeli Supply Mission [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that in September, 1941, [redacted]

[redacted] both Russian-born, had applied for United States immigration visas. NAHUM BERNSTEIN, 227 West End Avenue, New York, New York, was listed as one of their sponsors. The following information regarding NAHUM BERNSTEIN was supplied by Confidential Informant [redacted]

He was born in New York in 1907 and listed his occupation as attorney, 20 Pine Street, New York, New York. His income as of 1941 was reported to be \$17,357.65. He had cash available in the amount of \$50,000. His real property was valued at \$6,000. In 1941 his wife was reported to be his only dependent. BERNSTEIN advised the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he had known the applicants for whom he was a sponsor for many years. He stated that his relationship with the applicants was closer than that usually attending blood relationship. He gave two references at the time he filed his sponsorship affidavit. They were MAXWELL SYMC KNIGHT, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that in a hearing held on April 17, 1942, BERNSTEIN supplied the following information concerning himself:

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As of April, 1942, he had a home in the city and one in the country at Branchville, New Jersey.

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BERNSTEIN discussed the matter with [redacted] on September 8, 1947, and [redacted] according to the informant, told him the main concern was to get to the point as soon as possible where the selection of a chairman of the Advisory Council could be formally announced.

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[redacted] indicated that [redacted] a West Coast attorney and former publisher, was interested in this and he, [redacted] wanted to see that [redacted] was satisfied. This same informant advised that on September 6, 1947, [redacted] in conversation [redacted] asked [redacted] if he had heard anything from NAHUM BERNSTEIN. Discussion then ensued, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] concerning contact that was to be made with the Attorney General in regard to the matter that [redacted] NAHUM BERNSTEIN, and [redacted] were interested in.

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The following information was obtained by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability. This informant advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN received the following correspondence pertinent to this investigation at his office, 20 Pine Street, New York, New York:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Addressor</u>
5/25;6/5,7,13,27,28; 7/10,11/50	Material for Israel, Inc. 250 West 57th Street New York, New York
6/1,15,24,29/50	JOSEPH J. LANN 37 Wall Street New York 5, New York
6/2,13,15,24/50	Israeli Industries, Inc. 9 Jaffa Road Tel Aviv, Israel

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Dates

Addressor

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~~Israel Speaks, Incorporated~~
250 West 57th Street
New York, New York

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11 East 70th Street
(Israeli Consulate)
New York, New York

Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability, advised that in 1948 five payments totaling one million dollars by Pictet and Cie were made to the Bank of Manhattan Company, New York City, [Redacted]

[Redacted] All payments were made by order [Redacted]

Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability, advised that on April 1, 11, and May 13, 1948, remittances of \$300,000, \$300,000, and \$600,000, respectively, were made by the National Committee for Labor Israel, Inc., 45 East 17th Street, New York City, through the Amalgamated Bank of New York, through the Union Bank, Switzerland [Redacted]

Confidential Informant [Redacted] advised that in 1948 six payments totaling one million four hundred ten thousand dollars were made by Pictet and Cie [Redacted] to the 350 Fifth Avenue Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company for the account of Israeli Supply Mission. This same informant advised of many other payments having been made of the same nature [Redacted] to several organizations that have had connections with Israel.

Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability, furnished the following information concerning ~~JOSEPH J. LANN~~:

He is a financial consultant rendering services to private investors on a fee or retainer basis. He is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a broker-dealer of investment securities. His office is at 37 Wall Street, Room 1712, New York City, but his principal

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operations are conducted from 2 North Broadway, White Plains, New York. He is 47 years of age, married, and was born in the United States. He is also a director of Silver Rod Stores, Inc., 14 Journal Square, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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The records of the Retailers Credit Bureau of Greater New York contain no information concerning ~~ANN~~, other than that his present home address is 2 North Broadway, White Plains, New York, [REDACTED]

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that the law firm of SILVER & BERNSTEIN sent correspondence to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Israel Speaks, Inc., 250 West 57th Street, on June 6 and 22, 1950.

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On July 8, 1947, Mr. IRVING SAYPOL, at that time Chief Assistant to the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, advised that ~~NACHIM BERNSTEIN~~, attorney of 20 Pine Street, New York, New York, had complained to his office that Special Agents of the FBI had questioned [redacted] BROTHMAN & COMPANY, chemical engineers, regarding his activities in the interest of the Jewish Agency. Mr. BERNSTEIN advised that his client, in the interest of whose behalfs he appeared, was considerably disturbed by the activities in this regard. Subsequently, Special Agent In Charge, EDWARD SCHEIDT of the New York Office, contacted NACHIM BERNSTEIN, the attorney at 20 Pine Street, New York, New York, and advised him that at no time during the interview [redacted] had Special Agents of this Bureau, by implication or otherwise, indicated that they were investigating the Jewish Agency. Mr. BERNSTEIN at that time indicated that he appreciated having the record straightened out in this matter. b7C

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At New York, New York

Will ascertain the present activities of JOSEPH J. IANN and ascertain his connection with the Israeli interest.

Will follow the activities of NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

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Copies of this report have been designated for the information of the Washington Field and Los Angeles Offices because they are currently engaged in investigation of Israeli activities in their territories and it is felt information in this report should be made available to them.

A copy of this report has been designated for the information of the Newark Office because of the fact that it is known that NAHUM BERNSTEIN is a summer resident of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] New York, August 1, 1950 are as follows:

United States Department of State.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 6/13/50, New York.
Bureau letter to New York, 6/13/50.

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It is noted that recently the following reports have been received in connection with captioned investigation, all of which pertain primarily to Nahum Bernstein, who is the subject of a separate case in your office:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 23, 1950, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 29, 1950, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 30, 1950, at Los Angeles, California.

You are requested to submit the information contained in these reports pertaining to Bernstein in the next report submitted by your office in the Bernstein case in accordance with the instructions set forth in Bureau letter dated June 26, 1950, in captioned matter.

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PURPOSE:

To advise you that Nahum A. Bernstein a principal subject in captioned case during testimony at a trial made certain admissions indicating he may be chargeable with involvement in a conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and Export Control Act by smuggling aircraft to Israel. A proposed teletype to Los Angeles requesting information concerning action being taken with this regard is attached for your approval.

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DETAILS:

Under date of June 29, 1950, the Los Angeles Office submitted a report in which there is set forth the gist of certain testimony given by Nahum A. Bernstein who was called as a defense witness in the case of U. S. versus Schwimmer; et al, this case involved a conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and Export Control Act by smuggling aircraft to Israel. According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Herschel E. Champlin of Los Angeles, had the Government known of Bernstein's participation in the conspiracy involving Schwimmer; et al, prior to his admission of it in court, he would have been indicted along with the others. On June 7, 1950, Champlin said it was still possible that Bernstein could be indicted "in the Miami phase of this case" although he did not believe any indictment had been contemplated by the U. S. Attorney in Miami with respect to Bernstein.

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There is attached a proposed teletype to Los Angeles instructing that the Bureau be advised what action Mr. Champlin contemplates taking with respect to his statement made on June 7, 1950.

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[redacted] a 24 year old American Negro who claims to be a long time Communist now reformed (without the knowledge of his Communist friends), advised on August 14, 1950, that [redacted] 25 years of age, born at Warsaw, Poland, travelling as a student with Israeli Passport [redacted] had arrived in Paris on August 13, 1950.

[redacted] according to the informant, is a doctor of medicine [redacted] [redacted] left for London, England, by train at 10 A.M. August 14, 1950. While in Paris he lived at the Hotel des Rains, 55 Rue Delambre, [redacted] [redacted] He arrived in Paris from Tel-Aviv on board an airplane of the ZIM Airlines. All the expenses of the trip were paid for by the Agence Juif (Jewish Agency) located in the Consulate of Israel, 143 Avenue de Nagram, Paris.

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The informant reported that [redacted] [redacted] the Communist Party of Israel. He is a good friend of [redacted] whom the informant described as a member of a Maryland Branch of the Communist Party, USA, approximately 56 years of age [redacted] still living in the State of Maryland. [redacted] is a dentist who served in the Medical Corps of the Israeli Army during the hostilities with the Arabs in Palestine. [redacted] is now en route to Haifa, Israel, for the purpose of reentering the Army of Israel.

During the four days [redacted] was in Paris, an American girl, approximately 23 years of age, [redacted] lived with [redacted] at the Hotel des Rains. [redacted] is employed [redacted] in Paris. Her [redacted] phone number is [redacted] Extension [redacted] [redacted] who is a member of the Communist Party, USA, according to the informant, [redacted] accompanied [redacted] to London.

In London [redacted] will confer with officials of the Communist Party of England concerning the Communist campaign against the recruitment program in France. Also, they will join 15 Israeli students of the Young Communists of Israel who arrived in England via ZIM on or about August 12, 1950.

[redacted] will remain in England for about 3 weeks. Thereafter they intend to return to Paris with the above described Communist students.

[redacted] told the informant that he had been in contact with [redacted] [redacted] Geneva, Switzerland. [redacted]

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[redacted] the Italian Communist Partisans in Switzerland. [redacted] has documents and plans concerning the military reorganization of the Italian Partisans which were given to him [redacted] according to [redacted] statements to the informant.

[redacted] also has letters of introduction and credence from the Communist Party of Israel to the Communist Party of France. He also has a letter of introduction to [redacted] the London Daily Worker.

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The informant reported that [redacted] a member of a Communist extremist group in Israel calling itself the IRI, with headquarters in Tel-Aviv, will be in Paris by September 28, 1950. [redacted] First name is not known.

The informant reported that [redacted] told him he wanted to go to the United States in about one year. The informant learned from [redacted] that the latter had been in Paris during the war and was in several secret organizations.

The informant reported that on August 15, 1950, [redacted] an American citizen about 33 years of age believed to be functioning as an agent for the Bulgarian Government, was in contact with [redacted] At that time [redacted] furnished [redacted] detailed information concerning Bulgarians in Paris, those who are actual Communists, those who pretend to be Communists and the non-Communists. He also furnished information [redacted] to be relayed to Communist Party officials in London concerning anti-mobilization plans in France.

On August 19, 1950, the informant reported that he had lunch that day with [redacted] and had learned the following concerning him. [redacted] is an American citizen. He was born in the United States and speaks English with a broad "A" and soft "R" as they do in Boston and some of the New England States.

[redacted] told the informant that he was in Bulgaria during the war and is working for the Bulgarian Government at the present time. He has been in Paris about 3 weeks. He will go to Nice within the next week where he will remain 3 months.

[redacted] stated that the Bulgarian Government intends to bring about the overthrow of Tito in Yugoslavia; that in each case in Yugoslavia there are right pro-Stalinist groups which will cause trouble when given the signal. He could not elaborate on this point.

[redacted] told the informant that [redacted] had been arrested in Italy (near the tip) and was being held there; that [redacted] possesses important information [redacted] and was paid 100,000 (one hundred) francs (about \$25,000) per

The informant was further advised [redacted] that [redacted] receives 75,000 French francs per month while in Paris. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is used to carry information on micro-film to certain officials of the movement in London.

[redacted] told the informant that he was going to pick up some money from the Bulgarian Consulate on August 18, 1950.

[redacted] was asked by the informant about [redacted] a Swiss Communist whom the informant met in Zurich, Switzerland, several months ago. [redacted] stated that [redacted] knowledge of atomic energy might be useful to the movement. In this connection, [redacted] mentioned a meeting that is scheduled for August 28, 1950, at Zurich. He said this meeting would be of importance to the "East European Democracies." This meeting had already come to the informant's attention through other Communist contacts in Paris. One of these was a Polish Consular employee in Paris who described the meeting as an "informative" type meeting. It will be held from August 28-31, 1950, [redacted] Strasse, Zurich.

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The informant reported that the following Communists will take part in the meeting:

HARRY HAYWOOD, American Negro author [redacted] who has been traveling widely in Europe during the past month

The informant reported that the principal purpose of the meeting is to provide those participating an opportunity to discuss their accomplishments in the last six months.

[redacted] reported on August 19, 1950 that [redacted] left that day for Nice in a Citroen sedan, black, bearing license [redacted] and that he was going to pick up [redacted] at Fontainebleau.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Age	about 35 years	Dress	Untidy, wears old clothes
Height	5'8"		
Weight	185	Peculiarities	Smokes numerous cigarettes, bites lower lip, nervous
Eyes	Dark brown		
Hair	dark, straight, receding hairline, combs it back	Scars	Round burn scar between thumb and forefinger left hand
Nose	Large, hooked		

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject appeared as defense witness January 15, 16, and 17, 1950, in the trial of United States vs. SCHWIMMER, Et Al in a case involving a violation of the Neutrality Act in the shipment of military aircraft to Israel. BERNSTEIN testified in effect that he had furnished the money and directed the defendants in the purchase of this material, and in essence stated that he was responsible for the actions of the defendants. Assistant United States Attorney HERSCHEL E. CHAMPLIN advises that since BERNSTEIN had previously denied knowing SCHWIMMER to Bureau Agents in New York his activity was not known until his testimony at the trial and, hence, was never indicted as a defendant. Assistant United States Attorney, Los Angeles, declines prosecution this district inasmuch as there was no overt act committed by the subject here.

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DETAILS: A review of the transcript Volumes XXVIII, XIX, and XXX in the trial of United States vs. SCHWIMMER, Et Al held in United States District Court, Southern California Division, Judge PIERSON M. HALL presiding, reflects that NAHUM BERNSTEIN appeared as a witness for the defendants in this trial on January 15, 16, and 17, 1950. The trial involved ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER and five other individuals plus SCHWIMMER's corporation on charges of conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act by smuggling aircraft to Israel. Defending the six individuals in this trial were Attorneys ISAAC PACTH and WILLIAM STRONG.

On January 15, 1950, NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN was called as a witness by the defense and gave his home address as 136 East 67th Street,

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New York City. BERNSTEIN stated that he was a member of the New York Bar and named one of his partners as EDWARD S. SILVER, whom he described as the Chief Assistant District Attorney of Kings County, Brooklyn, New York, and a former special assistant to the Attorney General.

In response to a question by the court (Judge PIERSON M. HALL presiding) as to what the defense intended to prove by this witness, that is BERNSTEIN, both PACT and STRONG replied "everything". _____, that the whole plan of operations in the formation of the SERVICE AIRWAYS were under BERNSTEIN's supervision, "the setting up of the plan, the purchase of the planes, the Panamanian situation — everything." BERNSTEIN stated in answer to questions by Mr. PACT that he was the legal representative of the ~~JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE~~, which he explained was an agency created and recognized by the old League of Nations.

BERNSTEIN stated that the American Section of this agency in America was headed by Rabbi ~~ABBA HILLEL SILVER~~ of Cleveland, Ohio, and maintained headquarters at 16 East 66th Street, New York City. He stated that it consisted of a Political Department, an Economic Department, and a Refugee and Immigration Department and has a substantial staff of people running into perhaps a hundred or more. BERNSTEIN under questioning of Attorney ISAAC PACT stated that sometime between October and November, 1947, in the Executive Room of the American Section of the ~~JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE~~, 16 East 66th Street, New York City, at a meeting of five or six men and women including Rabbi ~~ABBA HILLEL SILVER~~. _____

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_____ it was decided that in view of the imminent partition of Palestine at that time with a consequent war with the Arab State the institutions and investments in Palestine were in danger. BERNSTEIN said that he was asked if he could handle the problem of acquiring aircraft for the purpose of maintaining communication with Palestine and the United States. BERNSTEIN recalled that _____ an Israeli citizen, had come from Palestine to attend this meeting and was at that time an executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

On January 16, 1950, PACT continued the questioning of BERNSTEIN to show that the ~~JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE~~ financed the entire project of the purchase of aircraft under the direction of BERNSTEIN, and that the defendants in this case, SCHWIMMER Et Al, were merely agents. BERNSTEIN pointed out that at the suggestion _____ he took over the general supervision of handling the funds and again at the suggestion _____ agreed to contact one of the defendants, SCHWIMMER, to head up a project of acquiring aircraft.

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PACHT at this point questioned BERNSTEIN as to his military background, and BERNSTEIN replied that he was connected with OSS during the past war and spent sometime on the West Coast "in charge of preparing and training the missions for operations in enemy territory during the past war."

BERNSTEIN testified that in November, 1947, he met with SCHWIMMER, and arrangements were made for the purchase of aircraft. The money for this purchase was provided by the Jewish Agency and by means of checks which he deposited in his law firm's special account at the CHASE NATIONAL BANK, 20 Pine Street, New York City. SCHWIMMER opened an account to receive these funds at the BANK OF AMERICA in Hollywood, California. This took place in November of 1947.

Upon cross examination, BERNSTEIN stated that he became the attorney for the JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE in October or November, 1947, and that he last represented this organization when the planes were transferred to the State of Israel. He stated that he was a secretary for ~~AMERICANS FOR HAGANAH~~ in 1947 having been personally responsible for forming this organization as a corporation. He denied that he had ever told [redacted] of the FBI Office in New York that he had never met SCHWIMMER prior to their interview with him.

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On January 16, 1950, during the cross examination of BERNSTEIN, the Defense Counsel in the person of Judge PACHT requested the court to consider the feasibility of releasing BERNSTEIN at the conclusion of the cross examination inasmuch as he was to leave for Israel a week from that day. BERNSTEIN was released by the court on Tuesday, January 17, 1950, stating to the court that he was returning to New York City on that date and would turn over to agents of the New York Office certain material and records regarding the purchase of aircraft for Israel on the following afternoon.

Two years prior to the testimony given by BERNSTEIN and on January 13, 1948, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at his office, 20 Pine Street, New York City. At the very outset of this interview, BERNSTEIN stated that he presumed that the visit of the agents to his office was occasioned by an investigation into the affairs of the FOUNDRY ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED. In this regard, BERNSTEIN stated that in November of 1947 he received a telephone call [redacted] whom he had known for some years, who like himself was active in the Zionist Cause. On this occasion, [redacted] told BERNSTEIN that he had been requested to assist in a project to acquire a stock pile of material for eventual

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shipment to Palestine. [redacted] told BERNSTEIN that he had consented to assist in this project, and that now it was necessary that a reputable well-known person act as dispersing officer for the funds available to finance this project. [redacted] requested BERNSTEIN to function in this capacity and to this BERNSTEIN agreed. [redacted] indicated to BERNSTEIN that the sum of \$750,000 was available to finance this project, and that such funds would be made available by the JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE.

According to BERNSTEIN, shortly after his talk [redacted] he received a verification of this proposition from [redacted] [redacted] the JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE. [redacted] told BERNSTEIN that when purchases were made by either himself or his associates BERNSTEIN would be notified of the amount of money necessary for the particular transaction, and BERNSTEIN should then request [redacted] to forward a check to him for this amount. BERNSTEIN would in turn issue a check for the same amount to the payee [redacted]. According to BERNSTEIN, the above outlined plan was followed in connection with the purchase of materials. At the time of this interview, BERNSTEIN stated that he had never seen or met A. W. SCHWIMMER; although, he stated he knew of him.

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SA [redacted] of the New York Office, appeared as a rebuttal witness in this trial to testify that he had interviewed BERNSTEIN on January 13, 1948, at which time BERNSTEIN told Agent [redacted] and SA [redacted] of the New York Office, that he had never seen or met ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER although he knew of him.

As a result of this trial three individuals ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER

[redacted] and the Corporation, SERVICE AIRWAYS, were convicted and fined ten thousand dollars each for conspiracy to violate the U. S. Neutrality Act. The three other defendants, [redacted]

[redacted] were acquitted by the jury on January 6, 1950. Another phase of that case involving SCHWIMMER, [redacted] and others was pending at that time in Miami, Florida.

According to Assistant United States Attorney HERSCHEL E. CHAMPLIN in an interview had with him on June 7, 1950, by the writer, had the Government known of BERNSTEIN's participation in the conspiracy involving SCHWIMMER Et Al prior to his admission of it in court, he would have been indicted along with the others. CHAMPLIN considered at that time that it still would have been possible to have BERNSTEIN indicted in the Miami phase of this case.

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On July 17, 1950, Mr. HERSCHEL E. CHAMPLIN advised the writer that Judge PIERSON M. HALL had fined [redacted] ten thousand dollars each on their pleas of guilty to conspire to violate the U. S. Neutrality Act. [redacted] was fined for conspiracy to violate the U. S. Neutrality Act by exporting arms and ammunition to Palestine in 1948. [redacted] were fined for conspiracy to violate the U. S. Neutrality Act in connection with the transporting of military aircraft to Israel from Florida. This, he said, is the disposition of the Miami phase of this case inasmuch as [redacted] had been indicted by a Grand Jury in Miami but under Rule 20 had their case transferred for purposes of trial to Los Angeles.

Mr. CHAMPLIN has been requested for his opinion as to prosecution of BERNSTEIN in the light of BERNSTEIN's testimony indicating his incrimination in a conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act. Mr. CHAMPLIN advises that he contemplates no action regarding BERNSTEIN because he has committed no overt act in this jurisdiction. Mr. CHAMPLIN stated that the Justice Department has worked out a formula for the prosecutions of the main defendants who were indicted for violations in the several judicial districts so that they would not be sentenced more than once. Mr. CHAMPLIN pointed out that since BERNSTEIN had previously denied knowing SCHWIMMER to Bureau Agents in New York his conspiratorial activity was not known until he testified at the trial, and he was never indicted as a defendant. Mr. CHAMPLIN suggested, therefore, that this matter should be taken up with the Department of Justice which has a copy of the transcript of the case, which includes BERNSTEIN's testimony and the refutation of part of this testimony by SA [redacted]. Mr. CHAMPLIN also suggested that the matter of prosecution of BERNSTEIN be taken up with the United States Attorney in New York City or Washington, D. C. inasmuch as BERNSTEIN's activities were confined particularly to these jurisdictions. b7C

In passing sentence on [redacted] and in passing sentence on the two individuals [redacted] who were involved in the Miami phase of this aircraft smuggling case, it is to be noted that Judge PIERSON M. HALL as quoted in the "LOS ANGELES TIMES" and the "DAILY NEWS" of July 17, 1950, stated in effect that as he has indicated before in the case of United States vs. SCHWIMMER, Et Al the smuggling of aircraft and weapons to a nation at war and in defiance of United States neutrality is a most serious crime. "The Government, he said, cannot permit individuals or private groups to conduct their private wars." With regard to [redacted] Judge HALL said, "I think [redacted] as the leader, but I cannot bring myself to send him to prison because I believe that there are other persons more culpable than he in the background but they are not in the jurisdiction of this court."

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It is Mr. CHAMPLIN's belief that in making this statement with regard to [redacted] who was also a defendant in the SCHWIMMER case, Judge HALL particularly had in mind such persons as NAHUM BERNSTEIN and others who were primarily responsible for the actions of the defendants.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE:

Mr. HERSCHEL CHAMPLIN, Assistant United States Attorney, Los Angeles, was contacted on July 18, 1950, regarding copies of the transcript in the case of United States vs. SCHWIMMER, Et Al, and he advised that the Justice Department in Washington is in possession of a copy of the transcript in this case. Testimony of BERNSTEIN will be found in Volumes XXVIII, XIX, and XXX.

Three copies of this report are being furnished New York and the Washington Field Division. However, no copies are being designated for the United States Attorneys in these jurisdictions at this time until a decision as to the prosecution of BERNSTEIN is made by the Justice Department in Washington.

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Report of SA [redacted] dated June 13, 1950, at New York City, New York.

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There is ^{RECORDED - 46} attached for your information and consideration a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 28, 1950, at Los Angeles, California, and captioned as above.

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In reviewing this report, you will note that Nahum Bernstein appeared as a defense witness in January, 1950, at the trial in Los Angeles of United States vs. Schwimmer, et al. During his testimony, Bernstein admitted that he had furnished money to the defendants and issued directions to them in connection with the purchase of material for shipment to Israel in contravention of the Neutrality Act. In essence he admitted that he was responsible for the actions of the defendants.

Assistant United States Attorney Herschel E. Champlin of Los Angeles has stated that from the admissions made by Bernstein during the course of his testimony, it appears that he may have participated in the conspiracy involving Schwimmer et al. Mr. Champlin has stated that he contemplates no action in this matter at Los Angeles since Bernstein apparently committed no overt act in the judicial district there. He advised that the Justice Department has worked out a formula for the prosecutions of the main defendants who were indicted for violations in the several judicial districts in connection with the shipments of material to Israel in violation of the Neutrality Act. Mr. Champlin suggested, therefore, that this matter be taken up with the Department. He advised that the Department has a copy of the transcript of the Schwimmer case which includes Bernstein's testimony and the refutation of part of this testimony by Special Agent [redacted] of the FBI. Bernstein's testimony will be found in Volumes XXIII, XXIX, and XXX of the transcript in this case.

Mr. Champlin also suggested that the matter of prosecution of Bernstein be taken up with the United States Attorney in New York City or in Washington, D. C., inasmuch as Bernstein's activities were confined particularly to those jurisdictions. However, pending a decision by your division, the matter will not be presented to the United States Attorneys.

It would be appreciated if you would advise this Bureau whether Bernstein's testimony does in fact indicate a violation of any United States statute. If so, will you please advise to which United States Attorney this matter should be presented. Pending receipt of this information from your division, no further action will be taken by this Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : C. E. HENNRICH *CH*

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Purpose:

To recommend that a report setting forth a violation of the conspiracy statute on the part of the captioned individual be referred to the Criminal Division without pointing out Bernstein's involvement in the

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Details:

A proposed memorandum to the Criminal Division, together with a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 28, 1950, at Los Angeles in captioned matter, is attached hereto for your approval.

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[redacted] Our investigation with regard to these espionage activities is in a pending status and no dissemination with regard to this investigation has been made to the Department of Justice. [S]

The attached proposed memorandum sets forth information concerning a possible violation of the conspiracy statute on the part of Bernstein. It is not believed that the information we have showing his involvement in Israeli espionage activities is pertinent to the possible conspiracy violation, and, therefore, is not being furnished to the Department at this time.

Action:

If it meets with your approval, the proposed memorandum and report will be forwarded to [redacted] for his opinion regarding Bernstein's violation of the conspiracy statute.

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Re: [redacted] (S)

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On July 26, 1950, [redacted]

[redacted] was brought to this office by a friend of his [redacted] explained that [redacted] suffered a "nervous breakdown" and was being hospitalized before being sent back to the United States. Before entering the hospital, however, [redacted] insisted on telling his story to an officer of the United States Government and was referred to this office.

Most [redacted] information was pure hallucination. He is suffering from an intense persecution complex. One thing that he said, which was not related to his idea that individuals were trying to kill him, involved a man associated with the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Paris. This man's name was [redacted]

[redacted] saw [redacted] in Paris in early July, 1950. He told [redacted] that he was interested in going to Palestine, and that he would be in Marseilles later that month. [redacted] told him that he also would be in Marseilles around that time, and [redacted] later saw him there. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is acquiring fishing sloops in France for the purpose of building up Israel's fishing industry, and that [redacted] is associated with the Israel Navigation Company (SHONAM) in France.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] asked him whether he was interested in joining the Israeli Army. [redacted] told him that [redacted] they had to be very careful of spies infiltrating into Israel. [redacted] (C)

On August 10, 1950, [redacted] who is being developed as a confidential informant of this office, advised that an American by the name of HERMAN MENDELSON, a dentist of approximately 55 years and a member of the Communist Party USA (Maryland) after making unsuccessful efforts to get into the Dental Corps of the United States Army left Paris about 15 days ago. MENDELSON came to France from the United States about six months ago, according to the informant. MENDELSON served as a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the Israeli Army during the Israeli-Arab war and was wounded in the leg. MENDELSON sent his application for appointment in the Dental Corps, USA, directly to the Adjutant General's Office in Washington.

Confidential informant [redacted] stated that MENDELSON concluded that he would not receive an appointment in the U. S. Army and left for

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Haifa where he intends to rejoin the Israelian Army. MENDELSON sailed for Haifa, via Genoa, Italy, aboard a vessel of the Israelian Navigation Company (SHOFAR). The informant stated that MENDELSON has [redacted] [redacted] in the State of Maryland, place unknown to him.

Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that he met MENDELSON and knows he is a Communist because his name was given to the informant by a contact in the Jewish Bookstore, 14 Rue Vieille du Temple, Paris, who told the informant that MENDELSON was a reliable contact for him. After making contact with MENDELSON he took the informant to the headquarters of the Communist Party of France in the Fourth Arrondissement (Ward) on Francois Moran Street, ^{Paris} and introduced him to [redacted] [redacted] the Party in that section.

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TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Nahum Bernstein
Neutrality Act - Conspiracy

DATE: September 18, 1950

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Reference is made to your confidential memorandum dated August 30, 1950, concerning the above subject in which you request my advice as to whether the subject's testimony indicated a violation of any United States statute.

In view of the conclusion of the Schwimmer and related cases involving these matters, it does not appear advisable to reopen any aspect of these cases.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[Redacted] NAHUM BERNSTEIN has received correspondence of recent date from [Redacted] Foreign Ministry, Israel; Israeli Industries, Tel Aviv; [Redacted] Israel; and [Redacted] Paris, France. Also from the Israeli Consulate, New York City; Government of Israel Supply Mission; El Al Israeli National Air Line Israeli Speaks, Inc.; Material for Israel; RUDOLF SONNEBORN, President of Material for Israel; and the Land Seas Products Corporation, with whom [Redacted] and A.W. SCHWIMMER have had previous connections. Information from Confidential Informants set out the known contacts and associates of BERNSTEIN.

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Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that NANUM BERNSTEIN received the following correspondence pertaining to this investigation at his office at 20 Pine Street, New York City:

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7/13/50	Trans Caribbean 160 Central Park South
7/13, 14, 15, 31; 8/4, 8, 11/50	Land Seas Products Corporation 39 Broadway
7/13, 22, 24; 8/9, 11/50	11 East 70th Street (Israeli Consulate)
7/15/50	Manufacturers Trust Company 55 Broad Street
7/18, 22, 24, 25, 28; 8/1, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 26/50	Material for Israel, Inc. 250 West 57th Street
7/18/50	L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc. 300 Fourth Avenue New York 10, New York
7/19, 28; 8/2, 16, 23/50.	Israeli Industries, Inc. 122 Allenby Road Tel Aviv, Israel
7/20; 8/5/50	Sacher Isserman Defense Committee 123 West 24th Street New York, New York
7/21/50	The Riggs National Bank 1503 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C.
7/21/50	American Airmotive P.O. Box 6 Miami Springs, Florida

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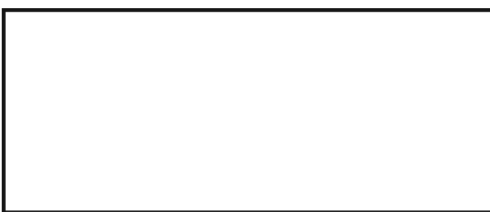
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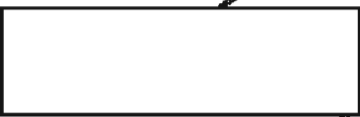
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Government of Israel Supply Mission
250 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

7/29/50

~~El Al Israeli National Air Line~~
250 West 57th Street

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Honorable BROOK S. HAYS
Washington, D. C.

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Israel Speaks
250 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

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Canadian Bank of Commerce
Victoria, B.C.

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~~Harry Sacher Defense Committee~~
123 West 44th Street
New York 18, New York

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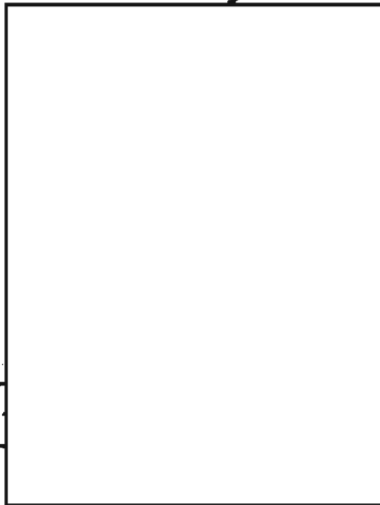
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~~Progressive Israel Projects~~
200 West 77th Street

8/18/50

Irving Trust Company
1 Wall Street

8/19/50



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[redacted] from whom N. BERNSTEIN received correspond-
ence, is [redacted] of the publication "Israel Speaks", which
publication is published by DAVID MAHL. ABRAHAM FEINBERG is the president
of Israel Speaks, Inc. (u)(u)

RUDOLF SONNEBORN, in 1948, according to Confidential Informant
[redacted] of known reliability, was the president of Material for Israel, Inc.,
which corporation was chartered, according to this informant, under the New
York laws on February 4, 1948, as a membership organization. Besides
SONNEBORN, the officers were listed as follows: [redacted]

[redacted] This corporation was
formed for the purpose of accepting donations of materials, such as tents,
blankets, and other non-combatant items for shipment to the State of Israel.
(It will be noted that NAHUM BERNSTEIN received several communications from
Material for Israel, Inc. (u)(u)

[redacted] who corresponded with BERNSTEIN, is [redacted]
presently connected with the Foreign Ministry in Israel. He visited the
United States in 1949. (u)(u)

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Concerning the Land Seas Products Corporation, 39 Broadway, New York City, it is known that [redacted] was arrested and pled guilty to the charge of attempting to illegally ship T.N.T. to Israel, in December 1947. In a signed statement given at the time of his arrest, he advised that after his arrival in New York City, from California in 1945, he was employed for a period of three to four months by the Land Seas Products Corporation. (u)

Also, on May 4, 1948, [redacted] the Aircraft Branch of the War Assets Administration, Los Angeles, California, advised that A. W. SCHWIMMER had purchased five C46 Airplanes in the name of the Land Seas Products Corporation, 39 Broadway, New York City. A. W. SCHWIMMER recently was found guilty in the Federal Court in Los Angeles, California, of illegally transporting arms and ammunitions out of the United States, via Mexico to Israel.

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[redacted] who is known to have corresponded with NAHUM BERNSTEIN, may be identical with [redacted] who was recently mentioned [u] as one of four hundred Communists, whom [redacted] was now able to name. [redacted] did not supply any address for this individual.

[redacted] from whom BERNSTEIN received correspondence, is identical with the individual by the same name who recently supplied information to the New York Office regarding alleged Communists in the United States, whom he knew in Israel. [redacted] described himself as formerly connected with the Palestine Police. According to [redacted] himself, he is attempting to sell, in the United States, a book that he recently published. (u)

The Sacher Isserman Defense Committee, 123 West 24th Street, New York, New York, and the Harry Sacher Defense Committee, 123 West 44th Street, New York 18, New York, from whom NAHUM BERNSTEIN received correspondence are undoubtedly identical with [redacted] who were retained as attorneys by the eleven Communist leaders, who were recently convicted in the Federal Court, Southern District of New York. [redacted] were sentenced in contempt proceedings by Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA. (u)

The following investigation was conducted by the Newark Office:

GROVER C. RICHMOND, JR., Assistant United States Attorney, Camden, New Jersey, advised that he had business dealings on at least two different occasions with NAHUM BERNSTEIN, one being a collection which he had referred to BERNSTEIN, and the other concerning the seizure of a constellation airplane of the United States Government. RICHMOND stated that BERNSTEIN had been retained by the State of Israel and an organization representing the State of Israel to arrange for the release of the constellation. BERNSTEIN was characterized by RICHMOND as being very sharp and very interested in the welfare of the State of Israel. He also stated that he believed that BERNSTEIN was a loyal American citizen.

[redacted] Attorney, Bridgeton, New Jersey, advised that his dealings with NAHUM BERNSTEIN had come about as a result of the United States Government's seizure of a constellation airplane, which was being flown to

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Israel. He said that BERNSTEIN represented the State of Israel and was sent to Bridgeton, New Jersey, to arrange for the release of the constellation. [redacted] stated that, in his opinion, BERNSTEIN is a typical "loud mouthed" New York lawyer, who is very sharp, but still honest in his dealings. He said that BERNSTEIN is very much interested in the State of Israel and is very active in its behalf. However, ADLER stated that he believes that BERNSTEIN'S enthusiasm for the State of Israel is due to his receiving a goodly sum of money to represent the various interests of Israel. [redacted] stated that he has the impression that BERNSTEIN is absolutely loyal to the Government of the United States and that if there was a case of conflict between his loyalty to the United States and his love of Israel, his loyalty to the United States would be stronger.

The following investigation was conducted by the Los Angeles Field Division:

On June 23, 1950, Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability furnished the identities of subscribers to telephone numbers called by NANUM BERNSTEIN from the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. They are set out as follows:

Number

Subscriber

EX 1234

The Town House (a hotel)
639 South Commonwealth Avenue,
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According to Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, [redacted] is presently organizing an air line which will operate from the United States to Israel, and he is in the process of conditioning four Lockheed Constellation planes purchased from the War Assets Administration for this purpose.

[redacted]

A review of the indices of the Los Angeles Office did not reflect any information identifiable with [redacted]. However, there is information concerning [redacted]

[redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, in February, 1950, made available certain information concerning the "Los Angeles Civil Rights Bail Bond Fund", which is maintained at the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles. With regard to the "Los Angeles Civil Rights Bail Bond Fund", [redacted] Civil Rights Congress [redacted] for Los Angeles, was heard by Special Agent [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office, at a Civil Rights Congress rally at the Embassy Auditorium on October 18, 1949, to state that the fund was made up of loans which would be returned on thirty-day notice. [redacted] stated that the loans could only be used for the Communist Party leaders convicted in New York.

Examination of the bail fund account reflects that a number of checks have been written on the account to various persons, marked "refund of loan". Among the checks written to individuals marked "refund of loan" is a check dated January 25, 1950, in the amount of \$200.00 [redacted] and endorsed [redacted] address not given.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, furnished certain information concerning [redacted]. According to this source, [redacted]

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[redacted] According to this source, [redacted]

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The indices of the Los Angeles Office reflect that [redacted]

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The above information was obtained by a review of the records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County [redacted]

[redacted]

Investigation [redacted] was requested by the British Security Service in 1943 when it was found that she had contracted what appeared to be "a marriage of convenience" with a British subject in 1936, and thereafter had traveled widely about Europe alone, thus giving rise to the opinion by British Security agents that she might have been employed as a courier by either the Nazis or the Soviets. (S)(u)

Investigation of this woman by the Los Angeles Office reflected that she did not appear to be engaged in any subversive activities, and the matter was closed. Incidental to this investigation, a check of the records of the Douglas Aircraft Company was made [redacted] in August, 1943, and the following information was obtained concerning him:

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According to the records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] as compiled on January 1, 1949, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following items of record concerning [REDACTED] were also furnished by Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to information received in January, 1949, by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] is stated to [REDACTED]

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that BERNSTEIN was a guest of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on January 8, 9, and 10, 1950. His home address was given as 136 East 67th Street, New York City. He was registered alone.

At the time of BERNSTEIN'S visit to Los Angeles, trial was being held in the United States District Court, Southern California Division, in the matter of the United States vs. SCHWIMMER and others. The trial involved ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER and five other individuals, plus SCHWIMMER'S Corporation on charges of conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and Export Control Act by smuggling aircraft to Israel.

Defending the six individuals in this trial were ISAAC PACHT, former Superior Court Judge for the County of Los Angeles, and present chairman of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, and WILLIAM STRONG, former United States Attorney in and for the Southern District of California and present legal advisor to the Israeli Consulate in Los Angeles.

From a review of a portion of the records of the trial, which was quite lengthy, it was found that NAHUM BERNSTEIN, an Attorney for the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was the last witness for the defendants in this trial, and was in Los Angeles for this purpose, from January 8 through 17, 1950.

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Examined by Judge PACT, on January 15, 1950, BERNSTEIN stated that he was asked [redacted] in 1947, to establish air facilities which could be used for communication with Palestine and to carry refugees to Palestine. For this purpose, he stated that he obtained the services of ADOLPH SCHWIMMER, whom he placed in charge of the procurement of aircraft.

BERNSTEIN testified at this time that the money for the purchase of Lockheed Constellation Planes and C-46 surplus United States aircraft came from a special account of SILVER and BERNSTEIN. At the time of this testimony, BERNSTEIN testified that he had met with SCHWIMMER in October or November, 1947.

Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Office, appeared as a rebuttal witness in this trial to testify that he had interviewed BERNSTEIN on January 13, 1948, at which time BERNSTEIN told Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Office, that he had never seen nor met ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER although he knew of him.

As a result of this trial, three individuals, ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER, [redacted] and the Corporation, Service Airways, were convicted and fined \$10,000.00 each for conspiracy to violate the United States Neutrality Act. The three other defendants, [redacted] were acquitted by the jury on January 6, 1950. Another phase of this case involving SCHWIMMER, [redacted] and others, is now pending in Miami, Florida.

Inasmuch as certain portions of BERNSTEIN'S testimony concern his background and past activities in connection with the Jewish Agency for Palestine portions of his remarks are being set forth as follows:

On January 15, 1950, NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN was called as a witness by the defense and gave his home address as 136 East 67th Street, New York City. BERNSTEIN stated that he was a member of the New York Bar and named one of his partners as EDWARD S. SILVER, whom he described as the Chief Assistant District Attorney of Kings County, Brooklyn, New York, and a former special assistant to the Attorney General.

In response to a question by the court (Judge PIERSON M. HALL presiding) as to what the defense intended to prove by this witness, that is BERNSTEIN, both PACT and STRONG replied "everything". -----, that the whole plan

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of operations in the formation of the Service Airways were under BERNSTEIN'S supervision, "the setting up of the plan, the purchase of the planes, the Panamanian situation -- everything". BERNSTEIN stated in answer to questions of Mr. PACHT that he was the legal representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine which he explained was an agency created and recognized by the old League of Nations.

BERNSTEIN stated that the American Section of this agency in America was headed by Rabbi ABBA HILLEL SILVER of Cleveland, Ohio, and maintained headquarters at 16 East 66th Street, New York City. He stated that it consisted of a Political Department, an Economic Department, and a Refugee and Immigration Department, and has a substantial staff of people running into perhaps a hundred or more. BERNSTEIN under questioning of attorney ISAAC PACHT stated that sometime between October and November, 1947, in the Executive Room of the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, 16 East 66th Street, New York City, at a meeting of five or six men and women, including Rabbi ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Chairman [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was decided that in view of the imminent partition of Palestine at that time with a consequent war with the Arab State, the institutions and investments in Palestine were in danger. BERNSTEIN said that he was asked if he could handle the problem of acquiring aircraft for the purpose of maintaining communication with Palestine and the United States. BERNSTEIN recalled that [REDACTED] an Israeli citizen, had come from Palestine to attend this meeting, and was at that time an executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

On January 12, 1950, PACHT continued the questioning of BERNSTEIN to show that the Jewish Agency for Palestine financed the entire project of the purchase of aircraft under the direction of BERNSTEIN, and that the defendants in this case, SCHWIMMER et al, were merely agents. BERNSTEIN pointed out that at the suggestion of [REDACTED] he took over the general supervision of handling the funds and again at the suggestion of [REDACTED] agreed to contact one of the defendants, SCHWIMMER, to head up a project of acquiring aircraft.

PACHT at this point questioned BERNSTEIN as to his service background, and BERNSTEIN replied that he was connected with the Office of Strategic Services during the past war and spent sometime on the West Coast "in charge of preparing and training the missions for operations in enemy territory during the past war".

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BERNSTEIN testified that in November, 1947, he met with SCHWIMMER, and arrangements were made for the purchase of aircraft. The money for this purchase was provided by the Jewish Agency and by means of checks which he deposited in his law firm's special account at the Chase National Bank, 20 Pine Street, New York City. SCHWIMMER opened an account to receive these funds at the Bank of America in Hollywood, California. This took place in November of 1947.

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Upon cross examination, BERNSTEIN stated that he became the attorney for the Jewish Agency for Palestine in October or November, 1947, and that he represented this organization when the planes were transferred to the State of Israel. He stated that he was a secretary for Americans for HAGANAH in 1947, having been personally responsible for forming this organization as a corporation. He denied that he had ever told [redacted] the FBI Office in New York that he had never met SCHWIMMER prior to their interview with him.

On January 16, 1950, during the cross examination of BERNSTEIN, the Government Defense Consul in the person of Judge PACT requested the court to consider the feasibility of releasing BERNSTEIN at the conclusion of the cross examination, inasmuch as he was to leave for Israel a week from that day. BERNSTEIN was released by the court on Tuesday, January 17, 1950, stating to the court that he was returning to New York City, on that date and would turn over to Agents of the New York Office certain material and records regarding the purchase of aircraft for Israel on the following afternoon.

According to Assistant United States Attorney HERSCHEL E. CHAMPLIN in an interview had with him on June 7, 1950, by the writer, had the Government known of BERNSTEIN'S participation in the conspiracy involving SCHWIMMER et al prior to his admission of it in court, he would have been indicted along with the others. CHAMPLIN said it is still possible that BERNSTEIN could be indicted in the Miami phase in this case, although he does not believe any indictment has been contemplated by the United States Attorney in Miami in respect to BERNSTEIN

Judge ISAAC PACT

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised Special Agent [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office, on June 7, 1950, that Judge ISAAC PACT is president of the Jewish Community Council of Los Angeles. He stated that although he does not believe that PACT is a member of the Communist Party, he feels that PACT is very definitely a Communist sympathizer.

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WILLIAM STRONG

WILLIAM STRONG is an attorney representing the commission on law and social action connected with the American Jewish Congress in Los Angeles. STRONG is a practicing attorney in the City of Los Angeles and a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California in 1947. He was also a hearing commissioner and regional attorney (New Orleans) for the National Labor Relations Board prior to coming to Los Angeles as Assistant United States Attorney.

The Los Angeles "Daily News" for Friday, March 19, 1948, carried an article concerning the formation of a legal committee for the American Jewish Congress which included the name of STRONG.

The California State Committee investigating un-American activities in its report for 1948, has listed the California Chapter of the American Jewish Congress as a "Communist front organization".

The "B'Nai B'Rith Messenger" for February 11, 1949, in announcing the elections held by the American Jewish Congress Mens' Club for that year, advised that WILLIAM STRONG was elected Treasurer for this club.

On January 27, 1950, according to articles appearing in the Los Angeles "Times" and the "B'Nai B'Rith Messenger", WILLIAM STRONG and GUSTAVE L. GOLDSTEIN were designated as legal consuls for Israel in Los Angeles. STRONG was designated to represent the consulate in all matters relating to Federal law and procedure. GOLDSTEIN was designated to represent the consulate before state agencies.



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CHARLES J. KATZ

CHARLES J. KATZ is a practicing attorney in the City of Los Angeles and resides at 2640 Carmen Crest Drive, Hollywood, California. His business address is 403 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Confidential Informant of known reliability, who is familiar with the Communist Party organizational setup in Los Angeles County, advised, on May 17, 1947, that KATZ had been transferred from "membership at large" to the Engles Club of the Los Angeles County Communist Party. This club, according to this informant, is made up exclusively of attorneys in the Los Angeles area. (S)u

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The "Daily Peoples World" of October 17, 1949, publicized the fact that CHARLES KATZ, attorney and a member of the Defense Consul of the "Hollywood Ten", was active in filing legal briefs for numerous organizations on behalf of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and DALTON TRUMBO, screen writers.

The "Daily Peoples World", a newspaper, has been described as a West Coast news organ of the Communist Party by Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, had identified all the members of the "Hollywood Ten" as members of the Hollywood Cultural Section, Los Angeles County Communist Party, or its affiliate, the Los Angeles Communist Political Association, during the early 1940's.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that during the past year, attorney CHARLES KATZ has cooperated very closely with the Civil Rights Congress in Los Angeles. In this connection, KATZ furnished legal services, endorsed projects promoted by the Civil Rights Congress, and advocated various things protested by the Civil Rights Congress.

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There is no information identifiable with this individual in the indices of the Los Angeles Office.

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There is no information identifiable with this individual in the files of the Los Angeles Office. The reason for the visit [redacted] to Los Angeles and to the office of Judge ISAAC PACHT on October 31, 1949, is undetermined.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has stated that [redacted] were guests at the Ambassador Hotel from July [redacted] 1949, but not in October, 1949. A check of the various logical stopping places was made for this period, but the results were unavailing.

Attorney NYC

Mr. HERSCHEL E. CHAMPLIN, Assistant United States Attorney for Southern District of California, stated that he was familiar with the cases

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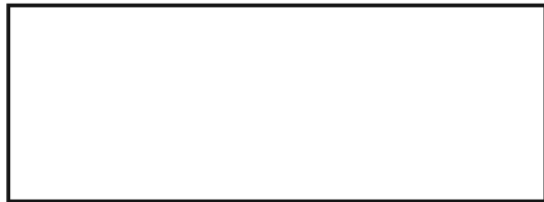
involving SCHWIMMER et al and the Allied Foundry Associates, Incorporated, and he does not recall the name [redacted] entering into these cases either in the pre-trial or trial negotiation, but did consider the possibility that [redacted] may have been used by Judge PACT in the preparation of the defense in this case. He does not recall any participation on the part of CHARLES KATZ and has no recollection of [redacted]

CHAMPLIN also considered the possibility that BERNSTEIN may have stayed at PACT'S home after leaving the Ambassador Hotel on January 10, 1950.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that he has no record of calls dating back prior to the first of the year; and, hence, has no record of calls made [redacted] during his stay at the Ambassador Hotel in July, 1949.

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a list of outgoing calls made by BERNSTEIN from the period of January 8 to January 10, 1950. They are as follows:

- January 9, 1950
- January 9, 1950
- January 10, 1950
- January 10, 1950
- January 10, 1950
- January 10, 1950



Confidential Informants [redacted] both of known reliability, exhausted all possibilities in trying to locate the reason why the Union Bank and Trust Company should be in correspondence with BERNSTEIN. Correspondence files were checked, open and closed accounts and accounts of the organization where authorized signatures were made which might have included BERNSTEIN, were all checked, without effecting any record of BERNSTEIN.

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LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

Will ascertain at the Riggs National Bank, 1503 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., if NAHUM BERNSTEIN has an account in this bank. Will monitor said account if one is located there.

BERNSTEIN received correspondence from this bank on July 21, 1950. Will ascertain the nature of this correspondence, if there is no account maintained in BERNSTEIN'S name. (X)(u)

NEW YORK

At New York City, New York

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* Will ascertain present activities of [redacted] and ascertain his connection with the Israeli interest. (X)(u)

Will check at the Bank of New York and Fifth Avenue Bank, 48 Wall Street, for an account in the name of NAHUM BERNSTEIN. (BERNSTEIN received mail from this bank on July 28, 1950. Will ascertain the nature of this correspondence.) (X)(u)

Will check at the Irving Trust Company, 1 Wall Street, for an account in the name of NAHUM BERNSTEIN. (BERNSTEIN received mail from this bank on August 18, 1950. Will ascertain the nature of this correspondence.) (X)(u)

Will follow the activities of NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

Copies of this report have been designated for the information of the Los Angeles Office because that office is currently engaged in the investigation of Israeli activities. It is therefore felt that the information in this report should be made available to that office.

A copy of this report has been designated to the Newark Office for information, because of the fact that it is known that NAHUM BERNSTEIN has a summer home at Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 19, 1950 at New York, New York are as follows:

[redacted] This information is contained in letter [redacted] of the Local Attache', Paris, to the Director, FBI.

Mail cover on mail received by NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN at 20 Pine Street, New York City. ↓

[redacted] Special Agent's Office, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, as furnished to Special Employee [redacted]

[redacted] as furnished to Special Agent [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office [redacted]

Retail Merchants Credit Association, as furnished to Special Employee [redacted]

Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles, as furnished to Special Agent [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office in February, 1950.

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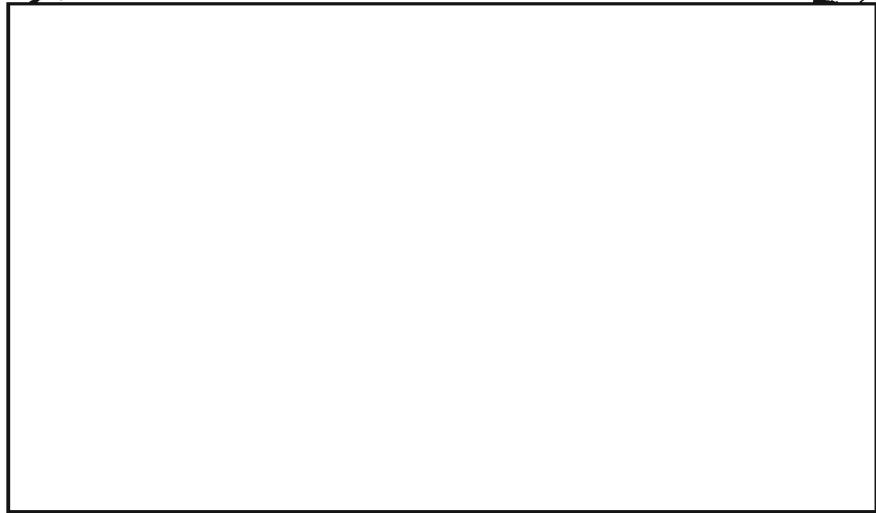
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 19, 1950

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FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME NAHUM BERNSTEIN *3/25/94 SP12BTS*

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RACE White SEX Male NATIVE BORN Yes NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) Special Section - Espionage **ISRAELI** ←

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DATE OF BIRTH September 5, 1907 PLACE OF BIRTH New York City, New York

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 136 East 67th Street, New York City, New York

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) SILVER & BERNSTEIN,
20 Pine Street, New York City, New York **RECORDED - 58**

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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Date: October 2, 1950

To: Legal Attache
Paris

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [redacted] (s)

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On Aug. 18, 1950, you forwarded a letter bearing the following captions:

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A review of this letter has failed to indicate that the matters discussed therein have any connections with [redacted] (s)

You are requested to advise the Bureau what these connections are. You should also advise when a further reply with regard to the matters set forth in Bulet 6/28/50 and urlet 8/10/50, in the [redacted] case, may be expected. (s)

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- Clegg _____
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- Nichols _____
- Rosen _____
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SAC, New York

November 27, 1950

Director, FBI

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Report Special Agent [redacted]
of September 19, 1950, at New York City does
not identify Informants [redacted] on
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October 3, 1950

Director, FBI

MAHUM BERNSTEIN
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Rerep Special Agent [redacted] dated June 13, 1950
at New York City, in captioned matter.

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Rerep set out a lead for your office to conduct certain
investigation at Cleveland, Ohio. Bureau files indicate that no
reply has been received to date.

You are instructed to give attention to this matter at once.

cc: New York

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- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
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- Mr. Quinn
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- Miss Gandy

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

*No data furnished
development of Espionage
suspects will*

Records of Cleveland Trust Company show subject obtained \$38,000 loan from said bank on November 18, 1948. Loan paid off on April 10, 1950. Records indicate loan for same amount originally obtained by subject from Guaranty Trust Company of New York and obligation transferred from that bank to the Cleveland Trust Company.

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Details:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Confidential informant of known reliability, made available the records of the Cleveland Trust Company, Cleveland, which pertained to NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

The records reflect that the subject obtained a loan from the Cleveland Trust Company on November 18, 1948 in the amount of \$38,000. The due date on the loan was November 18, 1949 and the interest rate was 2 1/4%.

On July 5, 1949 BERNSTEIN made a payment of \$13,000, leaving a balance of \$25,000. The note for this amount was renewed at the same interest rate, payable by November 18, 1950.

BERNSTEIN made a payment of \$8,000 on January 6, 1950 leaving a balance of \$17,000 which was paid by BERNSTEIN on April 10, 1950.

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As collateral the subject signed to the bank the following three insurance policies.

COMPANY	POLICY NUMBER	AMOUNT OF POLICY	b2 b7D
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company	3665904	\$25,000	
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company	3320620	17,000	
New England Mutual Life Insurance Company	1006278	19,000	

The above insurance policies were returned by the Cleveland Trust Company to the subject as enclosures to a letter dated April 26, 1950.

The records of the Cleveland Trust Company further show that the subject had an outstanding loan in the amount of \$38,000 which had been obtained from the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 140 Broadway, New York City, and that the Cleveland Trust Company paid the New York bank the amount of the loan in November, 1948 and took over the loan from said New York bank.

[] could locate no information other than that shown above indicating that the subject had had any other business with the Cleveland Trust Company.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City

Will advise the Cleveland Office as soon as possible whether or not it desires photostatic copies of the ledger card or other correspondence pertaining to the subject's transaction with the Cleveland Trust Company. [] is temporarily holding in his possession the material in question because the records are normally rather inaccessible. b2 b7D

No lead is being set out for the New York Office to examine the records of the Guaranty Trust Company or to the Boston Office to conduct inquiry concerning the subject's life insurance policies inasmuch as the materiality of the information which may be obtained is not known to the Cleveland Office.


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Reference: Report of Special Agent 
dated June 13, 1950 at New York, New York.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. C. E. HENNRICH

FROM : W. R. WANNALL

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
NEUTRALITY ACT
CONSPIRACY

DATE: October 11, 1950

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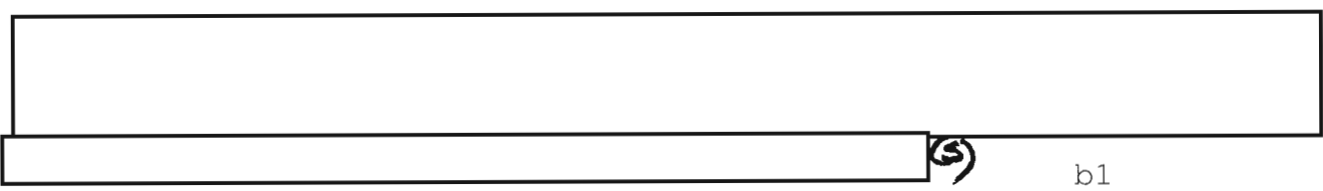
To advise you that the Criminal Division has declined prosecution of captioned individual in connection with a possible violation of the Neutrality Act - Conspiracy Statutes. To recommend that this phase of the investigation of Bernstein be closed.

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Details

Under date of June 29, 1950, the Los Angeles Office submitted a report in which there was set forth the gist of certain testimony given by Bernstein when he was called as a defense witness in the case of United States vs Schwimmer, et al. This case involved a conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and Export Control Act by smuggling aircraft to Israel. According to Assistant United States Attorney Herschel E. Champlin of Los Angeles, had the Government known of Bernstein's participation in the conspiracy involving Schwimmer, et al, prior to his admission of it in court, he would have been indicted along with the others. Mr. Champlin offered the opinion that it was still possible that Bernstein might be indicted.

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When it came to our attention that Bernstein might be prosecutable under the Neutrality Act-Conspiracy Statutes, we had the Los Angeles Office submit a report setting forth the nature of his testimony during the Schwimmer trial and pointing out the opinion of the Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles. On August 30, 1950, we sent a copy of the report to the Criminal Division and requested that we be advised whether Bernstein's testimony did, in fact, indicate a violation of any United States statute. If so, we requested to be advised to which United States Attorney this matter should be presented.

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Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 25, 1950

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
ESPIONAGE - IS
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 8, 1950, at New York, New York, entitled [redacted] Espionage - IS, wherein a lead is set forth for the Washington Field Office to ascertain the connection between [redacted] and NAHUM BERNSTEIN. [S]

[redacted]

A review of Washington Field indices has failed to reveal that any of the aforementioned individuals have been involved in Israeli matters. Information which has been received from established sources fails to shed any light on the connection between BERNSTEIN and any of the aforementioned members of the law firm. It is not believed that the connection between BERNSTEIN and the above firm could be established without direct contact therewith. In view of the delicate nature of instant investigation, such contact is not contemplated by the Washington Field Office unless advised otherwise by the Bureau.

CC: New York (65-15301)

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In reply to our inquiry of September 18, 1950, Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney addressed a memorandum to the Bureau in which he stated in part as follows: "In view of the conclusion of the Schwimmer and related cases involving these matters, it does not appear advisable to reopen any aspect of these cases."

Action

In view of Mr. McInerney's reply, it is recommended that no further action be taken with respect to Bernstein's possible violation of the Neutrality Act-Conspiracy Statutes and that this phase of the Bernstein case be closed. The espionage phase of the case, of course, will be continued.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 25, 1950

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FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
ESPIONAGE - IS

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated October 12, 1950 at Cleveland, Ohio, in instant case.

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This office does not desire that photostatic copies of the ledger cards be obtained from the Cleveland Trust Company, however, if any information appears in their file that would indicate the source or the bank from which BERNSTEIN obtained the \$13,000.00 to make a payment on July 5, 1949; and again a payment of \$8,000.00 on January 6, 1950; and again a payment of \$17,000.00 on April 10, 1950, this information should be made available to this office.

For the information of the Bureau, inquiries are now being made at the Guaranty Trust Company in New York City for information relative to the financial status of NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

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CC: Cleveland

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The subject was issued a second passport on the basis of an application dated June 4, 1934, to travel to France and Switzerland on a pleasure trip. At this time BERNSTEIN resided at 277 West End Avenue, New York City.

BERNSTEIN was issued a third passport by virtue of an application dated April 15, 1941, to travel to Nassau, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Cuba on his honeymoon. The file reflects that BERNSTEIN was to be married [REDACTED] b7C

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The subject was issued a fourth passport on an application dated June 7, 1948, to visit England and France for professional purposes [REDACTED] in England. BERNSTEIN listed as his address 136 East 67th Street, New York City. In a letter accompanying the application, it was reflected that the subject planned to visit France for the purpose of representing the interest of a client concerning an estate in France.

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As determined by Special Agent [redacted] through source [redacted] of known reliability, there is no record of any bank account opened or closed in the name of NAHUM BERNSTEIN at the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C. Source further advised that the bank records failed to reveal any correspondence concerning BERNSTEIN from June 1, 1950, to September of 1950.

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INFORMANT

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent [Redacted]
dated May 8, 1950, at New York, entitled
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Report of Special Agent [Redacted]
dated September 19, 1950, at New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
SUBJECT: NAHUM AMBER BERNSTEIN
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DATE: October 27, 1950

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 27, 1950, concerning the above captioned.

There are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau two copies of a photograph of NAHUM BERNSTEIN and two copies of NAHUM BERNSTEIN and MAXINE BERNSTEIN.

There are being enclosed herewith for the New York Office two copies of a photograph of NAHUM BERNSTEIN including negative and two copies of a photograph of NAHUM and MAXINE BERNSTEIN and negative.

CC: New York (enclosures) (65-15301)

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NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN
1948

BORN 9/5/07, NYC

HT. 5'11"

HR - BRN

EYES - BRN (WEARS GLASSES)

RES: - 136 E. 67th ST, NYC

OCCUPATION: ATTY, DO

PINE ST, NYC

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Nahum A. Bernstein
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[REDACTED] contacted NAHUM BERNSTEIN. BERNSTEIN continues to receive correspondence from Israeli organizations and official establishments. He received correspondence from [REDACTED] Israel. [REDACTED] and NAHUM BERNSTEIN continue to correspond. Other correspondence received by BERNSTEIN set out. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has received correspondence from Ultramar International Corporation. Correspondence received [REDACTED] set out. No further bank accounts for BERNSTEIN located.

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DETAILS:

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that on November 5, 1950, [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] who at that time was visiting in the United States, contacted NAHUM BERNSTEIN and made arrangements to be at the residence of NAHUM BERNSTEIN on that date.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *Edward J. [Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN received the following correspondence pertaining to this investigation at his office at 20 Pine Street, New York, New York:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Addressor</u>
8/29;9/21,23, 29;10/2,3,10,13, 16,19,24,31;11/7,15/50	Material for Israel, Incorporated 250 West 57th Street New York, New York
9/29;10/16, 11/3;10/50	Landseas Products Corporation 39 Broadway New York, New York
9/1,30/50	Israeli Industries, Incorporated Post Office Box 2876 Tel Aviv, Israel
9/1/50	Post Office Box 367 Tel Aviv, Israel

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Irving Trust Company
1 Wall Street
X New York, New York

9/16/50

[Redacted]

9/21,30;
10/18;11/7/50

9/21;10/5;11/10/50

X Government of Israel
Supply Mission
250 West 57th Street
New York, New York

9/25

X Post Office Box 2431
Tel Aviv, Israel

9/28;10/5/50

[Redacted]

9/28;10/4/50

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Ultramer International
Corporation
450 7th Avenue
New York, New York

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Post Office Box 367
Tel Aviv, Israel

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X Importaciones Generales,
S. A. Edificio Encoracion Piso
Lima, Peru

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Jewish Center
Pompton Lakes
New Jersey

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American Fund for Israel
Institutions
267 West 71st Street
New York, New York

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Hebrew University
Jerusalem, Israel

10/17;11/7/50

11 East 70th Street
(Israeli Consulate)
New York City

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Union Bank and Trust Company
760 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California

10/19/50

R 5097 Itelson
107 Shlomo, Hamelech Street
Tel Aviv, Israel

10/20/50

Seventh District Zionist
Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

11/1/50

Trans Caribbean
160 Central Park South
New York, New York

11/2/50

Ultramar International
Corporation
200 West 57th Street
New York, New York

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Riggs National Bank
1503 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

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[REDACTED]

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Post Office Box 2876
Tel Aviv, Israel

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250 West 57th Street
New York City

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Szekely-Hoffmann and Company
Herzl Street
Tel Aviv, Palestine

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Young and Rubicam
285 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

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In connection with the receipt of correspondence from Young and Rubicam Advertising Firm at 285 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, it is noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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In connection with the receipt of mail from Ultramar International Corporation at 450 7th Avenue, New York, New York, and 200 West 57th Street, New York City, this concern is headed by NAT KOHN who is also listed as a representative of the Israeli Supply Mission in the United States.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] New York City, received correspondence

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on September 21, 1950, from the American Jewish Congress.

[redacted] the building at 37 Wall Street, New York, New York, advised that that building is owned and operated by the Chase National Bank. He checked his records for the occupants of Room 1712 and advised that this premises is leased to a JAMES HODES. He also advised that [redacted] occupies space in Room [redacted] of this building. He made available a letter addressed to the Chase National Bank from JAMES HODES dated August 31, 1949, in which Mr. HODES requested that [redacted] name be added to the bulletin board in the lobby of that building. In this letter, Mr. HODES stated in part as follows:

"I wish to inform you that [redacted] is neither a sub-tenant of mine nor assignee of any interest in my lease, but handles some of my business affairs."

[redacted] advised that Mr. HODES and [redacted] were insurance consultants and financial advisers. According to their file on JAMES HODES, he was born in 1900 and was a graduate of the class of 1921 from Columbia University. According to their files, he has conducted insurance investigations for the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] received the following correspondence pertaining to this investigation at his office, 37 Wall Street, New York, New York:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Addressor</u>
10/4,25,27,31;	Bank of Manhattan
11/1,2,3,7,9,10,	40 Wall Street
14/50	New York, New York

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Pan American Bank of Miami
Post Office Box 4831
Miami, Florida

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Manufacturers Bank
Edgewater, New Jersey

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Ultramar International
Corporation
200 West 57th Street
New York City

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National Council of Young
Israel
3 West 16th Street
New York, New York

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American Airmotive
Post Office Box 8
Miami Springs, Florida

10/23,11/9

[Redacted]

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Central Hanover Bank
Post Office Box 33
New York, New York

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Silver and Bernstein
20 Pine Street
New York, New York

Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability,
advised that no correspondence pertinent to this
investigation was received during October and up until
the present time at the home of [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Correspondence received [Redacted] from
Ultramar International Corporation, 200 West 57th Street,

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New York City, is the same organization from which NAHUM BERNSTEIN received correspondence. This organization is operated by NAT KOHN previously mentioned.

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The American Airmotive Company from whom [redacted] received correspondence also corresponded, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] with NAHUM BERNSTEIN on July 21, 1950.

Subsequently, [redacted] [redacted] the American Airmotive Company, Miami International Airport and a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was interviewed at Miami concerning this company. At that time, [redacted] advised that the American Airmotive Company was perhaps the world's largest supplier of C-46 type aircraft as well as parts for this type of aircraft. He further advised that the president of this corporation is BEN EPSTEIN, that LEONARD EPSTEIN [redacted]

[redacted] advised that this company sold C-46 aircraft or parts to customers in practically every country in the world. [redacted] was questioned also about [redacted]

[redacted] advised at that time that [redacted] did not have any connection with or interest in the affairs of the Israeli Government. It should be noted that both [redacted] and BERNSTEIN received correspondence from Ultramar International Corporation. This corporation is presently engaged in purchasing airplanes and parts of planes for the Israeli Government.

[redacted] when interviewed in 1949 by United States Customs agents, advised that he was so engaged in an attempt to purchase airplanes and parts of planes for the Israeli Government. On the occasion of that interview, [redacted] was emphatic in stating that his enterprise was legitimate and that he was attempting to legitimately forward to the Israeli Government planes and parts of airplanes.

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Confidential Informant [redacted]
 [redacted] Manufacturers Trust Company, 55
 Broad Street, New York City, advised SA [redacted]
 [redacted] on September 12, 1950, that no account is
 maintained at any branch of that bank for NAHUM
 BERNSTEIN or for Silver and Bernstein. This informant
 stated that it would be impossible to determine
 why the main office of his bank would contact BERNSTEIN.
 He advised that BERNSTEIN might very well be the
 trustee or executive of an estate, a party to a
 mortgage contract, the beneficiary of a trust account,
 etc. and that BERNSTEIN might be contacted in answer
 to miscellaneous inquiries or in connection with a
 foreign payment.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known
 reliability, [redacted] Irving Trust Company, 1 Wall Street,
 New York City, advised SA [redacted] on
 September 12, 1950, that no account for NAHUM BERNSTEIN
 or Silver and Bernstein is maintained in any branch [redacted]
 [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known
 reliability, [redacted] Chemical Bank and Trust Company,
 165 Broadway, New York City, advised SA [redacted]
 [redacted] on September 12, 1950, that there was no
 record of NAHUM BERNSTEIN or Silver and Bernstein
 maintaining an account at any branch of that bank.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known
 reliability, [redacted] Bank of New York and
 Fifth Avenue Bank, 48 Wall Street, New York, New York,
 advised SA [redacted] on September 13, 1950,
 that neither NAHUM BERNSTEIN nor Silver and Bernstein
 maintained an account at any branch of that bank.

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MIAMI OFFICE

At Miami, Florida

Will recontact [redacted] and ascertain if Ultramar International Corporation [redacted] has had any business dealings with American Airmotive Company [redacted]

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Will also discreetly ascertain if [redacted] [redacted] has had any business contacts with NAHUM BERNSTEIN [redacted]

Will contact the Pan American Bank of Miami, Post Office Box 4831, Miami, Florida, and ascertain if [redacted] maintains an account at this bank. Will audit such account. If no account in [redacted] name, will ascertain the nature of the correspondence sent [redacted] from this bank.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

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Will recontact the Riggs National Bank and ascertain the nature of the correspondence received by BERNSTEIN on November 3 and 9, 1950.

NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York, New York

Will check the Bank of Manhattan Company for an account in the name of [redacted] Will audit this account.

Will check the Central Hanover Bank and Trust

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Company for an account in the name of [REDACTED]
Will audit this account.

At Lake Success, New York

Will conduct investigation in the vicinity of [REDACTED] to ascertain who resides at this address and to ascertain their relationship to NAHUM BERNSTEIN. NAHUM BERNSTEIN received correspondence from this address on October 3, 1950.

One copy of this report has been designated for the information of the Newark Office because of the fact that NAHUM BERNSTEIN has a summer home in the vicinity of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

A copy of this report has been designated for the information of the Los Angeles Office because that office is currently engaged in the investigation of Israeli activities. It is therefore felt that the information contained in this report should be made available to that office.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated Dec. 1, 50 at New York, New York, are as follows:

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Anonymous Source

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Not utilized.

Mail cover on mail received by NAHUM BERNSTEIN at his place of business, 70 Pine Street, New York, New York.

Mail cover on the mail of Mr. [redacted] NAHUM BERNSTEIN, 136 East 67th Street, New York, New York.

Mail cover on mail received [redacted] at his place of business, [redacted]
[redacted]

Mail cover on mail received [redacted] at his home
[redacted]

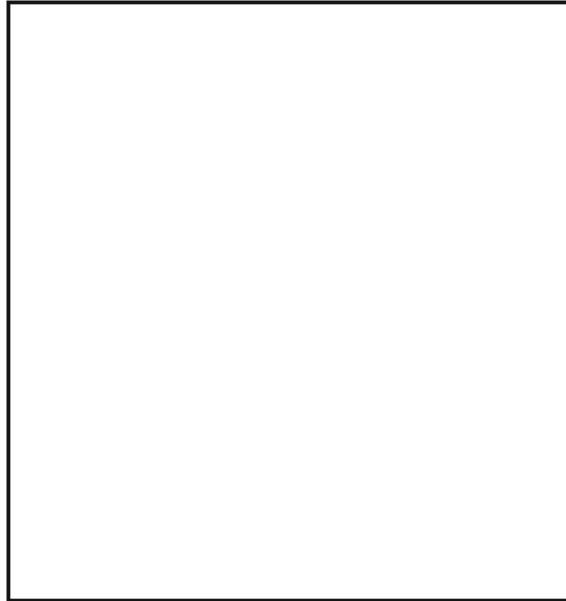
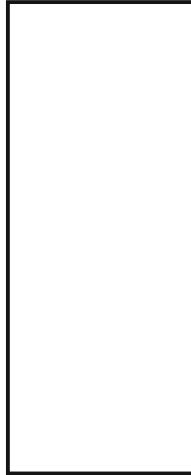
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TO : Mr. Hennrich
FROM : Mr. W. R. Wannall
SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
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DATE December 8, 1950

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- Ladd _____
- Clegg _____
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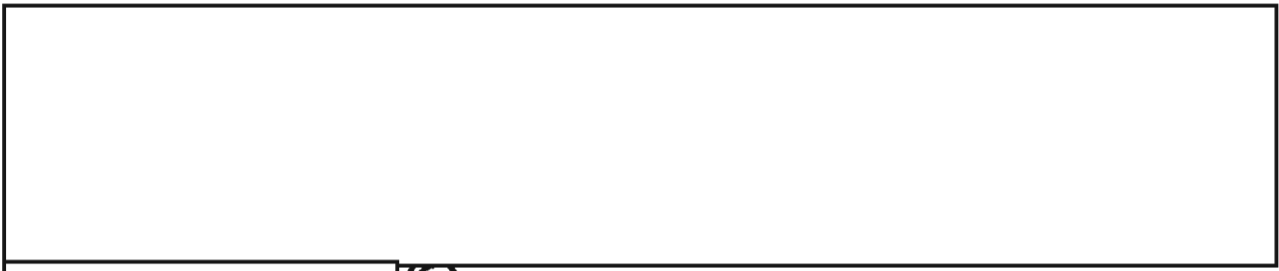
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PURPOSE

To recommend that the Security Index Card on captioned individual be retained in the Special Section (Espionage) of the Security Index.

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Our investigation concerning Bernstein has reflected that he has been in contact with persons who formerly have come under investigation in view of their Communist activities and backgrounds. The primary contact falling within this category is [redacted]. However, our investigation of Bernstein has revealed that his activities should be followed from the viewpoint of his connections with the Israelis rather than his contacts with persons having Communist backgrounds.

A Form FD-122 was submitted by the New York Office on 9-19-50, recommending that a Security Index Card be prepared on Bernstein and that it be placed in the Special Section (Espionage) of the Index. The card was prepared and placed in the Special Section on 11-25-50. It is believed that it should be retained in this section since Bernstein's detention in the event of an emergency would jeopardize our chances of developing data concerning the operation of his Israeli espionage parallel in the U. S.

ACTION

If it meets with your approval, it is recommended that the Security Index Card on Bernstein be retained in the Special Section (Espionage) of the Index.

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Date: November 15, 1950

To: Director, FBI

From: Legal Attache, Paris

Subject: [redacted] (S) (S)
(Bufile [redacted] cc 65-59184)

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Richard D. Bernstein

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Re: [redacted] (S)

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December 18, 1950

Director, FBI

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In an effort to secure additional information concerning captioned subject, an inquiry was directed by the Bureau to [redacted] [redacted] In response thereto, [redacted] furnished a blind memorandum which carries the classification "top secret" and the stipulation that the information therein is not to be disseminated further or exhibited to anyone without prior permission of that Agency. Two photostatic copies of the blind memorandum are attached hereto for your information. (S)(u)

The information contained in the attachment may be utilized as the basis for further investigation. It may be included in the investigative sections of reports, provided the information is paraphrased and the source is protected by the use of a "T" symbol. (S)

You should immediately review the information contained in the attachment and institute any investigation suggested thereby.

Your attention is directed to the fact that paragraph 410 of the attachment indicates Bernstein claimed [redacted] to have cooperated in the past with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. You should immediately furnish the Bureau any information in your files indicating Bernstein has cooperated with your office in the past. (u)

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cc: [redacted] (S)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 4, 1951

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SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
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Rerep of SA New York, 9/19/50.

Enclosed herewith is an additional page that should be added to the referenced report. This page has been designated as page 18a and should be so inserted in referenced report. New York has so inserted the additional page in their report.

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TO : MR. A.H. BELMONT

FROM : C. E. HENNRICH

SUBJECT: TALLULAH BANKHEAD;
NAHUM BERNSTEIN

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DATE: January 6, 1951

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ASAC Whalen called from New York at 11:40 A. M. He advised that the New York Office had ascertained from Confidential Informant [redacted] that Nahum Bernstein, [redacted]

[redacted] had received a call from one [redacted] who is probably an attorney and associate of Bernstein. During the conversation, reference was made to a newspaper article which reported the arraignment of one Evelyn R. Cronin, former maid of Tallulah Bankhead, on an 18 count indictment charging forgery of checks. This article reported that District Attorney Hogan on January 5 had denounced Tallulah Bankhead as being a sucker and a chump and said that she was lacking in civic duty for not having reported the activities of Cronin sooner.

[redacted] disputed Hogan's charge and claimed that Bankhead did not discover the activities of Cronin until June or July and at that time the District Attorney's Office had cautioned against hasty action, and that since the proof is now available, the District Attorney's Office is being pressed for action. Bernstein then said that Bankhead had told [redacted] the District Attorney's Office that if the case was delayed much longer, she was going to Hoover of the FBI. [redacted] replied, "She threatened to go to the FBI, huh?" Bernstein said, "Yes." [redacted] then said he was going to try to get [redacted] to retract his statement. Bernstein replied that if he, [redacted] can't get Hogan to retract his statement, that he would get Bankhead to issue a statement to the effect that Hogan had no right to address her regarding civic duty, and that if he would learn the duties of the District Attorney's Office, he would know from his aides that Bankhead has been "breathing fire down his neck," pushing the prosecution and urging to have the case put before the Grand Jury and threatening to go to John Edgar Hoover if he did not, only to be met with the statement that she was fiery and temperamental and must be patient.

ACTION: None. For your information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 15, 1951

FROM: GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field Office

SUBJECT: NAHUM AMBER BERNSTEIN
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Rerep Special Agent [redacted] dated December 1, 1950
at New York, in captioned matter.

Correspondence files, Riggs National Bank, fail to reflect
any correspondence with subject. Bank officials contacted unable to
recall subject. RUC.

cc: New York (65-15301)

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Director, FBI

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Rebulet 11-27-50 instructing that the identities of Confidential Informants [redacted] mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 9-19-50 at New York City, be furnished to the Bureau and auxiliary offices.

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Advise status of this matter.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 17, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
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ReBulet 1/13/51.

By letter dated 1/4/51, there was transmitted an additional page identifying Confidential Informants [redacted] mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated 9/19/50 at NYC.

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NAHUM BERNSTEIN., ESP - IS. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NAHUM BERNSTEIN ARE PRESENTLY DEFENDANTS IN AN ACTION
BROUGHT BY ONE ~~COX~~ FOR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS RE A PROJECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS HIRED BY BERNSTEIN TO WORK ON INVOLVING THE PURCHASE OF TRANSPORT
PLANES FOR THE JEWISH AGENCY IN ISRAEL. COX AND SCHWIMMER WERE INVOLVED
IN THE CASE ENTITLED "FOUNDRY ^{Assets} ASSETS., NEUTRALITY ACT", THE CASE
IN POINT WAS ON THE CALENDAR FOR JAN EIGHTH LAST AT BRIDGETON, NJ. HARRY
~~XADLER~~ WAS THE LOCAL ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTS SCHWIMMER AND BERNSTEIN.

INFT ADVISED [REDACTED] ISRAELI EMBASSY, PLANNED TO
IN BRIDGETON LAST MONDAY AND THAT [REDACTED] AN ATTORNEY IN STATEN
ISLAND, NY, WHO IS KNOWN TO BE ACTIVE IN ISRAELI AFFAIRS [REDACTED]

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INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, THE NATURE OF THE ACTION, THE WITNESSES CALLED, AND
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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American Airmotive Company, Miami, has had dealings [redacted] in attempts to secure additional financing for expansion. This financing was to be obtained through legitimate financial channels. No information developed regarding any dealings on part of [redacted] American Airmotive with Ultramar International Corporation, [redacted] or BERNSTEIN. [redacted] dealings with Pan American Bank of Miami consist of transfers of stocks and bonds handled for a Pan American Bank customer.

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DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

[redacted] American Airmotive Company, 20th Street Airport, and a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was contacted regarding any knowledge on his part of business dealings between American Airmotive and Ultramar International Corporation [redacted] NAHUM BERNSTEIN, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he knows that American Airmotive has had some dealings with [redacted] whom he knows as a financier in New York in connection with attempts on the part of American Airmotive to secure additional financing for expansion purposes. [redacted]

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said that it was his understanding and information that this capital was to be obtained through regular legitimate financial channels. He said that he does not believe that any business has been consummated between American Airmotive [redacted] but that the negotiations fell through.

[redacted] also said that he is positive that [redacted] American Airmotive Company has had no dealings of any kind with Ultramar International Corporation, [redacted] or NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

[redacted] Pan American Bank of Miami, advised that her records contain correspondence between the bank and [redacted]

[redacted] said that this correspondence is concerned with some transfers of stock between [redacted] a Pan American Bank customer of Miami, and [redacted] said that it is evident from her file that [redacted] is merely acting as a broker for [redacted] the handling of certain of his stock business.

The indices of the Miami Office contain no information concerning [redacted]

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Report of Special Agent dated
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER is defendant in Civil Suit in New Jersey Superior Court, Cumberland County, Bridgeton, New Jersey brought by Atlantic Northern Air Lines Inc., RALPH COX, JR., president. Action is for \$285,000.00 for unpaid rental of aircraft, after plane crashed in Israel 1/2/49. BERNSTEIN is one of three attorneys for defendant. Case tried at Bridgeton, New Jersey from 1/8 to 1/10/51 and recessed to 2/9/51 at Woodbury before Judge ELMER B. WOODS. Nature of action and identities of witnesses called to date set forth.

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DETAILS:

At Bridgeton, New Jersey

the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas, Bridgeton, New Jersey, made available the records of a civil action now pending in the New Jersey Superior Court for Cumberland County, Bridgeton, New Jersey under docket number L161-49 and Superior Court Law Division Number 6580-48.

The records reflected that this was a civil suit brought by the Atlantic Northern Air Lines Inc., of 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, Delaware against ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER. The pleadings reflected that the plaintiff was not a

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resident of New Jersey. His last known address was [REDACTED]. His original attorneys were [REDACTED].

The attorneys for the defendant are presently listed as HARRY ADLER, 19 South Laurel Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey, ORVILLE SHALICK of Newark, New Jersey and NAHUM BERNSTEIN of New York City.

The case was tried before Judge ELMER B. WOODS at Bridgeton, New Jersey on January 8, 9, and 10, 1951. The hearing was then recessed until February 9, 1951 at 10:00 a.m. at Woodbury, New Jersey.

In a petition and affidavit filed June 13, 1949 the plaintiff alleged that SCHWIMMER was indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$285,000.00. The plaintiff obtained an attachment against two aircraft, which he claimed the defendant owned and which were then located at the Millville, New Jersey airport. The planes were constellations number N67930 and number Rx123, which were being detained on a bench warrant of detention issued by Judge THOMAS H. MADDEN, United States District Court for New Jersey in a preceding case entitled, "USA vs. one Constellation Airplane Number N67930 and Number Rx-123." b7C

A writ of attachment was issued by Attorney General FRANK T. LLOYD, JR., Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey at Bridgeton, New Jersey, on June 13, 1949. The notice of attachment levy and complaint were severed by registered mail on the defendant [REDACTED] SILVER and BERNSTEIN, 20 Pine Street, New York City.

The plaintiff through RALPH COX, JR. alleged that the Atlantic Northern Air Line Inc. owned a DC aircraft number NC 58021 on July 15, 1948 and on that date entered into a written agreement [REDACTED] for charter flights [REDACTED] terminated the contract on August 11, 1948 on which date the plane was located by COX at Aqai Airport, Israel. COX alleged on August 12, 1948, SCHWIMMER took illegal possession of the aircraft and issued the same thereafter.

On December 14, 1948, [REDACTED] a navigator, met COX and SCHWIMMER at the Hotel Gat Rimmon in Tel Aviv, Israel and conferred with [REDACTED] SCHWIMMER promised to pay for the use of the plane on the same terms as [REDACTED] agreement. He refused to turn the plane over to COX. On January 2, 1949, the plane had a forced landing in salt water at Tel Avav Airport and was a complete loss. Thereafter [REDACTED] agreed

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to pay \$300,000.00 for the value of the aircraft and SCHWIMMER agreed to pay \$57,000.00 a month for five months on a total of \$285,000.00. This money was to be paid by February 7, 1949. SCHWIMMER failed to pay as promised.

It was noted that in the file there was a recital of indictments against SCHWIMMER in the Southern District of Florida dated June 11, 1948 for unlawfully exporting three B17 airplanes to Zatec, Czechoslovakia and indictments dated April 6, 1949 in the United States District Court in Los Angeles, California for violation of the Federal Arms Embargo Act and Conspiracy to Withhold Material facts from the Government. b7C

Attached to the pleadings was a copy of an agreement entered into at Geneva on July 15, 1948 [redacted] which provided that payments were to be made to the Union des Banques Swiss, Geneva on the account of Mr. RALPH COX, JR. in United States dollars.

In an answer filed January 26, 1950, SCHWIMMER denied being in debt to the plaintiff in any sum. In a separate defense he claimed that on January 10, 1949, [redacted] paid the plaintiff \$300,000.00 and the plaintiff executed a general release to Alsam Ltd. SCHWIMMER also asserted that the two airplanes which were under attachment were owned by the Jewish Agency Inc.

On April 15, 1950, Judge LLOYD ordered the sheriff to deliver possession of the two aircrafts to SCHWIMMER. SCHWIMMER posted a \$100,000.00 bond and the attachment was set aside.

On February 17, 1950, EDWIN S. MILLER, an attorney at 31 North High Street, Millville, New Jersey, was designated as a person before whom depositors and RALPH COX, JR. should be taken.

[redacted] Court Reporter, 706 Schwem Building, Atlantic City, New Jersey, furnished the following addresses for the witnesses who testified as follows:

January 8, 1951 witness for plaintiff RALPH COX, JR. [redacted]

January 9, 1951, [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] advised that the plaintiff rest on January 9, 1951 and a motion by the defendant to dismiss the complaint was denied. Witnesses for the defendant then testified on January 9, 1951 as follows:

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NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN, New York City.

On January 10, 1951 a witness for the plaintiff testified; [redacted] Thereafter defense witness [redacted] was called but was not permitted to testify at that time. Then followed [redacted] the Israeli Embassy, Washington, D.C. [redacted] ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER [redacted] [redacted] also testified on January 10, 1951.

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NEWARK OFFICE

At Bridgeton, New Jersey

Will follow and report the determination of the court in the case of Atlantic Northern Air Line Inc. vs. ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER.

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He has also been in contact with AL SCHWIMMER concerning litigation involving the purchase of planes for Israel. BERNSTEIN has also been contacted by [REDACTED] Material for Israel, and was requested to attend a Board meeting of this organization. He has also been contacted by [REDACTED] Ultramar International Corporation. BERNSTEIN has received correspondence from [REDACTED] Land Seas Products Corporation, Material for Israel, Israeli Industries, Israeli Supply Mission, El Al Israeli National Airlines, American Fund for Israel, Progressive Israeli Projects and Israeli Embassy, Washington, D. C., and Consulate, NYC.

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Other correspondence received by BERNSTEIN listed. [redacted] has received correspondence from Ultramar International Corporation, SILVER and BERNSTEIN.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case has been marked "changed" to reflect the addition of the aliases NED BERNEY, MYERS and CORMAN, which NAHUM BERNSTEIN, himself, advised he used when he made application with the Office of Strategic Services. NAHUM BERNSTEIN also related that in the course of his activities he had occasionally used the aliases MYERS and CORMAN in order to conceal his true identity.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that on January 6, 1951 [REDACTED] NAHUM BERNSTEIN on other occasions and who was recently involved in a litigation involving shipment of planes to Israel in California, contacted NAHUM BERNSTEIN and they discussed, according to the above Informant, a law suit trial coming up in court on the following Monday in which a man [REDACTED] was trying to collect [REDACTED] in connection with a project [REDACTED] by BERNSTEIN to work on, involving the purchase of transport planes for the Jewish Agency in Israel. BERNSTEIN revealed that the case was coming up on January 8, 1951 and he suggested [REDACTED] that he get some background witnesses, preferably Gentiles and somebody with a rank in the Army or Navy. [REDACTED] mentioned that he brought back with him the original copies from the Ministry of Defense, of the equipped plane, [REDACTED] BERNSTEIN mentioned that they had an appointment to be in Bridgeton, at ADLER'S place, at 3:00 PM the following day.

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On the same day Informant advised that

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[redacted] contacted BERNSTEIN and BERNSTEIN advised that they were leaving in the morning for Bridgeton and they planned to stay over at the hotel. [redacted] stated that he had asked [redacted] (Phonetic) office to send his deposition to him, [redacted] BERNSTEIN asked if they took depositions [redacted] in that case. [redacted] replied that they had. [redacted] also stated that he had them and indicated that he would leave for Bridgeton, New Jersey the following afternoon.

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The same Informant advised that on January 7, 1951 an unidentified individual in the Military Office of the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D. C. contacted NAHUM BERNSTEIN and told him that [redacted] the Israeli Embassy, called him to tell him that he was not feeling well and that he would not be able to be in New York that morning and he wanted the man to ask BERNSTEIN where and at what time the following day he could meet BERNSTEIN. BERNSTEIN told the man that he was going to Bridgeton, New Jersey that day and gave the man directions as to how [redacted] could get to Bridgeton from Washington, D. C. the following day. BERNSTEIN told [redacted] that when he got to Bridgeton he was to go to the office of HARRY ADLER, who was the local lawyer they used.

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On the same date Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] again was in contact with NAHUM BERNSTEIN and told BERNSTEIN that they were ready. [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] (Phonetic) and [redacted] (Phonetic) had gone down by themselves in one Buick, while [redacted] (Phonetic) and [redacted] would be on call that night and could be down the following morning. It was then agreed that BERNSTEIN was to pick up [redacted] prior to going to Bridgeton.

On January 6, 1951 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN contacted [redacted]

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[redacted] This Informant advised that on that occasion they exchanged greetings and arrangements were made to see each other at a future date.

On the same date a party identified only as [redacted] contacted BERNSTEIN and they discussed a new realty deal, the purchase of a hospital on Queens Boulevard, New York. According to this Informant, this deal would involve \$300,000.00. [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] was willing to say he brought \$100,000.00 in from Switzerland for investment purposes, and \$100,000.00 that [redacted] had with the Israeli Government could be declared. BERNSTEIN advised him that he was "only suspending the day of reckoning." [redacted] stated that as far as taxes went he did not care, [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that on income he would pay taxes but would not on capital gain. BERNSTEIN replied that maybe something could be worked out along those lines.

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On January 10, 1951 this Informant advised that BERNSTEIN was in contact with [redacted] (Phonetic), of the Israeli National Airlines, and he advised him at that time that he returned from Bridgeton, New Jersey early that morning. BERNSTEIN indicated that the case was still going on but it might be over that day or the following day. He indicated at that time that he thought the case was "in the bag." BERNSTEIN also advised that [redacted] they needed \$1,500.00 that day for expenses to pay off the witnesses. [redacted] advised that he would send the money. They then discussed ways of recovering the \$1,500.00 and other expenses from the agency. BERNSTEIN promised to help recover these expenses from the agency.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 16, 1951 NAHUM BERNSTEIN was contacted by [redacted] the organization Material for Israel. On that occasion [redacted] asked BERNSTEIN if he was coming

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to the Board meeting. BERNSTEIN replied that he intended to. [redacted] advised that he was glad to hear this since they needed some legal advice from BERNSTEIN [redacted]

This same Informant advised that on January 20, 1951 [redacted] contacted NAHUM BERNSTEIN and they discussed a proposal for investing in a prospective airline deal with the Israeli Government. This airline was to operate between New York and Israel. The Israeli Government was to set up the airline and take half of the stock. BERNSTEIN indicated that he would discuss this deal [redacted] at a later date.

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[redacted] who was in contact with NAHUM BERNSTEIN, is identical with the individual listed at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, [redacted]

[redacted] He listed the country from which he came as Israel, listed his occupation as manufacturer, and his destination as N. BERNSTEIN, 20 Pine Street, New York City. He listed his age as forty years [redacted]

[redacted] According to the manifest, he was accompanied by his wife when he entered the United States.

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] [redacted] was staying at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City during his stay in New York.

According to the manifest at the Immigration and Naturalization Service [redacted] intended to stay in the United States [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN received the following correspondence which appears pertinent to this investigation, at his place of business, 20 Pine Street, New York City:

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESSOR</u>	b7C
November 17, 1950	Young and Rubicam, 285 Madison Avenue, New York City.	
November 20, 1950	Material for Israel, 250 West 57th Street, New York City.	
November 24, 1950		
November 24, 1950		
November 24, 1950	Land Seas Products Corporation, 39 Broadway, New York City.	
November 25, 1950	Israeli Consulate, 11 East 70th Street, New York City.	
November 30, 1950		
December 5, 1950	Strong and Schwartz, 4441 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California.	
December 6, 1950	Israeli Industries, Inc., 122 Allenby Road, Post Office Box 2876, Tel Aviv, Israel.	
December 6, 1950	Material for Israel, 250 West 57th Street, New York City.	
December 7, 1950	Government of Israel Supply Mission, 250 West 57th Street, New York City.	
December 8, 1950	Ultramar International Corporation, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.	
December 14, 1950	Embassy of Israel, Washington, D. C.	

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El Al Israeli National Airlines,
29 West 57th Street, New York City.

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Israeli Consulate, 11 East 70th Street, New York City. b7C

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Robison Textile Company, 434 52nd Street, West New York, New Jersey.

December 26, 1950

Post Office Box 2876, Tel Aviv, Israel.

December 28, 1950

Material for Israel, 250 West 57th Street, New York City.

January 3, 1951

[Redacted] Hoffmann and Company, Ltd., Herzist 100, Tel Aviv, ISRAEL - Office; Jabotinski Street, Ramat Gan - Factory.

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Material for Israel, 250 West 57th Street, New York City.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESSOR</u>
January 20, 1951	[REDACTED]
January 24, 1951	Israeli Consulate, 11 East 70th Street, New York City.
January 27, 1951	Post Office Box 367, Tel Aviv, Israel.
January 29, 1951	Post Office Box 367, Tel Aviv, Israel.
January 31, 1951	Progressive Israel Projects, 200 West 72nd Street, New York City.
February 1, 1951	[REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that [REDACTED] received correspondence on November 15, 1950 from Ultramar International Corporation, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.

The same Informant advised that on January 25, 1951 [REDACTED] received correspondence from SILVER and BERNSTEIN, 20 Pine Street, New York City.

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At Bridgeton, New Jersey

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Will ascertain the type of litigation in which NAHUM BERNSTEIN, A. SCHWIMMER, [redacted] [redacted] were involved in as of January 8, 1951.

Will obtain all particulars relative to this action, as well as the names of all witnesses representing the Israeli Government.

NEW YORK

At New York City

Will ascertain the purpose of the visit to the United States of [redacted] and his connection with NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

Will continue to follow the activities of NAHUM BERNSTEIN in connection with his Israeli activities.

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Copies of this report have been designated for the Los Angeles and Washington Field Offices for information as those offices are currently engaged in the investigation of Israeli Activities. It is, therefore, felt that the information contained in this report should be made available to those offices.

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Mail cover on mail received by NAHUM BERNSTEIN at his business address, 20 Pine Street, New York City.

Mail cover on mail received by [redacted] at his business address,
[redacted]

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Report of SA [redacted] 12/1/50,
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In an effort to secure complete information regarding Bernstein's testimony [redacted] the Bureau reviewed the U. S. Supreme Court opinion [redacted] et al vs. U.S. as set forth in 316 U. S. Reports 114, October Term 1941, and the Circuit Court of Appeal decision as set forth in 120 Fedl. 2nd 485. In addition, the Department of Justice files in the matter were reviewed at the National Archives. From these three sources it was possible to develop certain information regarding Bernstein.

Justice Augustus N. Hand briefly summarized the [redacted] case and described Bernstein's involvement therein in 120 Fedl. 2nd 485. Justice Hand related that sometime before August 1936, a number of large insurance companies, suspecting that they were being victimized, retained two firms of lawyers to run down the culprits. One Bernstein was a member of one of these firms and in that same month a man [redacted] came to him and made an oral confession which laid bare the outlines of the whole scheme. [redacted] had been one of the insured who had fraudulently collected upon a disability policy, and he had helped others to commit similar frauds. The plan involved the insured's taking digitalis or some similar drug which would make his heart's action simulate disease, and this, together with a proper paraphernalia of cardiograms, hospital records and declarations of symptoms, was enough to evade detection by the insurers. b7C

To the success of such a scheme a confederation of lawyers, doctors - including heart specialists - and, of course, the insured themselves, was necessary. [redacted] inculcated [redacted] lawyers, [redacted] doctors, and a great many others. His story to Bernstein, as Bernstein gave it, if believed, made a complete case, but obviously he would not be believed unless thoroughly corroborated. Bernstein set out to procure the necessary corroboration.

Bernstein instructed [redacted] to keep up a front of continued participation in the scheme and he installed in [redacted] offices a dictaphone which would record talks with visitors. Besides this, he got records of telephone talks between [redacted] and his confederates, by means of an extension receiver at which a stenographer was placed. No machine was interposed in the circuit during this period.

Matters went along in this way through August and September, [redacted] meanwhile disclosing to Bernstein numerous fabricated "case histories" of fraudulent claimants. On October 8, 1936, [redacted] made a detailed and lengthy written confession which implicated [redacted] and a great many others. This confession, along with certain other material,

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Bernstein presented to U. S. Attorney Hardy. On November 27, 1936, Hardy called in a Post Office Inspector [redacted] to work up the case. On December 6, [redacted] without any independent investigation of his own, turned in a report to Hardy in which he declared that there was ground for the indictment of 75 or more persons. Toward the end of January, 1937, Hardy had a conference with Bernstein and the other insurance lawyers at which they decided to begin the regular tapping of the wires of the principals in the scheme by introducing recording machines into the circuits. This went on with some interruptions from that time until the arrest [redacted] on May 18, 1937, and even later. By these means nearly a thousand records were procured of talks between the confederates.

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Department of Justice records were found to contain a pamphlet printed by Judd and Detweiler, Inc., Printers, Washington, D. C., on August 31, 1939, containing excerpts from testimony in the District Court trial of the [redacted] case. This pamphlet apparently was utilized in bringing the appeal before the Supreme Court. It reveals that the original indictment in the case was filed July 30, 1937. Trial began in the District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 6, 1938, before Judge Robert P. Patterson and verdict was rendered March 4, 1938. During the trial [redacted] a detective on the New York City Police Force, testified that he had tapped the wires of telephones at two New York City addresses. He mentioned Bernstein briefly as follows:

I never in my life heard of the Leeds Wireless Company or of a man by the name of [redacted] I never heard of a firm by the name of Silver and Bernstein or that [redacted] was in any way related to them. I never met those gentlemen.

A review of the pamphlet described above reflected that after Detective [redacted] had tapped the telephone wires in instant case he had run the monitoring wires to [redacted] plant. Thereafter, [redacted] an employee of the Harley Detective Agency, installed recording devices on the monitoring wires. After testifying to this effect, [redacted] stated:

I did not in the course of my work at 91st Street or 1200 Broadway come into contact with any law firms. With respect to lawyers, Mr. Bernstein was in, I think, when we made the first installation with Inspector [redacted] (of the United States Post Office Department) and two other men from the Federal offices here. Mr. Bernstein is not a technician. I did not require his services at all in order to ascertain how to put these machines in or how to work it.

Inspector [redacted] during his testimony at the trial revealed he had Bernstein lease space at 1200 Broadway in someone else's name in order that the fact that an investigation was in progress might be kept confidential. Inspector [redacted] also confirmed the fact that Bernstein was present at the plant the first night because "he was rather curious to see how the thing operated." [redacted] testified that the firm of Silver and Bernstein furnished stenographers to monitor the machines covering the tapped lines. Inspector [redacted] named these stenographers as: [redacted]

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During the trial it was established that the recording machines and monitoring devices were rented from the Harley Detective Agency and that employees of that agency were present at all times to supervise the handling of the operation. Inspector [redacted] testified to the fact that [redacted] Mr. Bernstein paid [redacted] for use of the machines.

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As will be noted, no information regarding Bernstein's own testimony in the District Court trial [redacted] was available through the sources checked by the Bureau. [redacted]

[redacted] you are requested to review the records of the trial and report the pertinent information therefrom. It is further suggested that you review the records of the District Court trials in both the Hardone and Weiss cases for the same purpose. In connection with the latter case your attention is directed to the fact that files of your office cover phases of this case. They are file number [redacted] captioned [redacted] et al, General Insurance Investigation; Mail Fraud" and file number [redacted] captioned [redacted] Intimidation of Witnesses."

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In view of Bernstein's professed knowledge with regard to establishing and directing business fronts for covert operations, you are requested to be particularly alert for information regarding Israeli firms and organizations with which Bernstein is connected or for which he or his law firm has acted as an attorney in filing corporate papers. When such firms are discovered, every effort should be made to determine whether they are legitimate business establishments. [REDACTED] (S)

Copies of this memorandum have been designated for the Los Angeles and Washington Field Offices since those offices presently have pending cases on subjects in the [REDACTED] (S)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADOLPH SCHWIMMER'S civil suit concluded at Woodbury, New Jersey, 2/9/51. No decision yet given by presiding judge. Additional witnesses set forth.

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DETAILS:

At Bridgeton, New Jersey

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the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas, Bridgeton, New Jersey, advised that the civil action involving ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER was heard at Woodbury, New Jersey before Judge ELMER B. WOODS on February 9 and 10, 1951 and the judge has not yet given a decision in this matter. Witnesses were heard and testimonies taken on Friday, February 9th and motions and briefs were filed on February 10th.

Court Reporter, 706 Schwem Building, Atlantic City, New Jersey, advised that at the hearing at Woodbury, New Jersey on February 9, 1951, the following witnesses were heard:

1. RUBIN E. GROSS, Attorney, New York City.
2. ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER
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At Bridgeton, New Jersey

Will follow and report the decision of the court in the case of
Atlantic Northern Air Lines vs. ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER.

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to the Bureau, Washington Field and Newark,
1/12/51.
Report of SA [redacted] Newark, 2/9/51.
Report of SA [redacted] New York, 2/13/51.

SAC, New York

March 22, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

HANUN A. BERNSTEIN
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(N.Y. file 65-15301)

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By letter dated December 18, 1950, the Bureau forwarded photostatic copies of certain material received from CIA in which it was indicated that Bernstein when seeking employment with OSS, claimed to have cooperated in the past with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. You were requested to furnish the Bureau immediately any information in your files indicating Bernstein had cooperated with your office.

On 2-26-51, an O-1 form was directed to your office in connection with this matter. Your reply to this form indicated a report had been submitted on February 13, 1951. [A review of this report reveals that there is incorporated the information furnished by CIA with respect to Bernstein, but no reply was included with respect to the Bureau's specific inquiry.]

You are requested to advise the Bureau of any information in your files indicating Bernstein has cooperated with your office in the past. An immediate reply in this matter would be appreciated.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN
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DATE: March 28, 1951

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Rebulet March 22, 1951.

From a review of the indices in this office, there is no indication that NAHUM BERNSTEIN has cooperated with this office. The only contact NAHUM BERNSTEIN has had with this office was reported in the report of SA [redacted] dated 6-1-50, page 6, in which it was pointed out that SAC Edward Scheidt contacted BERNSTEIN in regard to an allegation that had been made by BERNSTEIN concerning an interview [redacted]

It should be noted that NAHUM BERNSTEIN'S law partner, EDWARD SILVER, is the Chief Assistant to the District Attorney in Kings County, New York, namely, MILES McDONALD. It is quite possible that NAHUM BERNSTEIN may have assisted his law partner, Mr. SILVER, in some investigation in connection with the work of the Kings County District Attorney's office. However, a review of the indices in this office does not reflect that BERNSTEIN has in any way cooperated with this office in any investigations.

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SAC, NEW YORK

HARRY A. BERNSTEIN, WAS., ESPIONAGE - IS. REBULET DECEMBER EIGHTEEN
NINETEEN FIFTY, REQUESTING ANY INFORMATION YOUR FILES INDICATING
BERNSTEIN HAS COOPERATED WITH YOUR OFFICE IN THE PAST. YOUR LETTER MARCH
TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, REPORTED REVIL. OF YOUR OFFICES DID
NOT REFLECT SUBJECT HAS COOPERATED IN ANY WAY IN ANY INVESTIGATION. ADVISE

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[REDACTED] REVISIT WAS MADE OF CASES ON [REDACTED] ET AL,
GENERAL INVESTIGATION, MAIL FRAUD, AND [REDACTED] INTIMIDATION
OF WITNESSES, NEW YORK FILE NUMBERS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RESPECTIVELY. REFER PARTICULARLY TO PARAGRAPH
FOUR, PAGE THREE, NEW YORK LETTER JANUARY TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT,
IN MAIL FRAUD CASE. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY ANY INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE TO BUREAU
WHICH EXPLAINS CONTACTS OR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN YOUR OFFICE AND BERNSTEIN
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SAC, New York

April 20, 1951

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Bulet 12-18-50, furnished information received from [redacted] regarding Bernstein. Among this information was a letter which Bernstein had addressed to his Commanding Officer in the Office of Strategic Services in April, 1945. The letter was signed "Ned Berney." In commenting upon this signature [redacted] stated that it was presumed this was the familiar name under which Bernstein was known to his associates. (S) (u)

Report of SA [redacted] 3-8-50, at New York City, captioned [redacted] Espionage - IS sets forth on page 4 the names which appear on the directory of the building at 20 Pine Street for the office of Silver & Bernstein, of which law firm Bernstein is a partner. The directory includes the name of Ned Berney. b7C [S]

In view of the possibility that Bernstein may be using the alias Ned Berney to carry on covert activities, you are instructed to extend the mail cover which is presently maintained on Bernstein's Office to report all information regarding communications addressed to Ned Berney. You should review your files and particularly the information received from established sources in the Israeli field and report any data available in the name of Ned Berney. In addition, every effort should be made to determine if Bernstein currently is using the alias Ned Berney, or whether there is in fact a member of his law firm with this name. If it is established that there is no such member, every effort should be made to determine the nature of the activities in which Bernstein is engaging under this name. b1

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The Los Angeles and Washington Field offices should report to the New York Office and to the Bureau any information from the office files regarding Ned Berney.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 23, 1951

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FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN, wa.
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Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated April 10, 1951, in the above captioned matter.

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A check of the indices of the WFO and the information furnished by confidential informant [redacted] on Israel matters failed to reflect any information concerning NED BERNEY other than that contained in referenced letter. RUC. [S]

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NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN, WAS. ESP - IS. RE NY LET MARCH TWENTYEIGHTH, FIFTYONE, AND BUTEL APRIL SEVENTH, FIFTYONE. A REVIEW WAS NOT MADE OF CASES MENTIONED IN REBUTEL PRIOR TO PREPARING REF NY LET. MEMORANDUM IN FILE [REDACTED] ETAL, GENERAL INSURANCE INVESTIGATION, MAIL FRAUD, INDICATES NAHUM BERNSTEIN WAS REPRESENTING THE INSURANCE COMPANYS INTEREST IN THAT HE WAS WORKING CLOSELY WITH US ATTORNEYS OFFICE IN THEIR INVESTIGATION PRIOR TO BUREAU-S ENTRANCE INTO THE CASE. FILE INDICATES AGENT THIS OFFICE CONFERRED ON JAN. SEVENTH, THIRTY EIGHT, WITH THEN ASSISTANT US ATTY GREGORY NOONAN AND NAHUM BERSTEIN DESCRIBED AS AN INSURANCE COMPANY EMPLOYEE RE CONTACTING THE INFOR- MANT [REDACTED] IN THAT CASE, THAT THROUGH BERNSTEIN INFORMANT WAS INTRODUCED TO AGENT THIS OFFICE, THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR INFT TO MEET AN AGENT OF THIS OFFICE AT BERNSTEINS HOME, TWO SEVEN SEVEN WEST END AVENUE, NYC. THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE AT BERNSTEINS HOME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT TEN PM. NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFO IN THIS FILE. NO OTHER INFO IN CASE [REDACTED] INTIMIDATION OF WITNESSES, IN NY FILE NOT IN POSSESSION OF BUREAU.

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