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Without disclosing my motives, I visited the Zionist Organization of America in Washington, located at 1529 Sixteenth Street NW, to obtain such information and material as was available in regard to the Zionist Organization.

I was introduced to Mrs. Bernstein who is secretary of the Washington branch of the Organization, and told her that I was interested in Zionism in America and would appreciate any data or facts as to its organization in this country and some history of its background.

Mrs. Bernstein was most agreeable and showed me various pamphlets which she said are distributed throughout the country, and one in particular entitled The Jews and the Arabs by H. N. Brailsford, a copy of which is attached hereto. She said that this pamphlet was being published by Christian Friends of Palestine, located in the Woodward Building, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Bernstein was quite talkative and she seemed to want to give me the entire history of the Jews from as far back as records exist. She said that the above-mentioned pamphlet was

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obviously of a "political" nature, but that the Organization refrained from using that term in describing the pamphlet. Rabbi Isadore Breslau, 625 Woodward Building, is to be in charge of distributing this pamphlet and similar literature now in preparation.

Mrs. Bernstein informed me that the Zionist Organization of America was organized in Pittsburgh in June 1918. I asked her if she could give me a copy of the articles of incorporation or their charter. She informed me that they had none available here in Washington, but suggested that I write to the Secretary of the National Organization at 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City, who, she thought, would be very glad to supply me with any information I would want.

During the conversation Mrs. Bernstein said it was very gratifying to find people who were not Jews but who were, nevertheless, interested in the Zionist Movement, the assured me that the Organization would be most happy to cooperate in any way possible.

Accompaniment:

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