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Liability of Zionist Organization of America  
to Registration under the Registration of Agents  
of Foreign Principals Act.

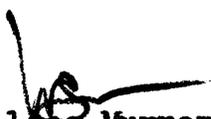
From the attached file, it would appear that the Zionist Organization of America was invited in 1938 to register under the Registration of Foreign Principals Act. The Organization's reply of September 9, 1938, was to the effect that in the opinion of counsel it is not an organization whose registration is contemplated by the Act, for the reason that it receives no subsidy, directly or indirectly, from a foreign principal.

This statement is in accord with the facts, so far as this Division is aware. However, it is our understanding that the element of control also enters in. Your attention is invited in this connection to page 19, Chapter VI, entitled "Discipline," of the constitution of the Zionist Organization (also known as the World Zionist Organization), a mimeographed copy of which is included in the file. As we understand it, the Zionist Organization of America is an affiliate of the Zionist Organization and the policies of the former are subject to the direction of the latter.

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If you concur in the above viewpoint, you may wish to consider the desirability of again inviting the Zionist Organization of America to register.

  
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