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July 7, 1961

Mr. Saul Joffes
Executive Secretary
International Council of B'nai B'rith
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Saul:

As you know, the Anti-Defamation League for many years has maintained a very important, confidential investigative coverage of Arab activities and propaganda. In terms of our interest, the anti-Jewish and anti-Israel propaganda programs for which the Arabs are spending millions of dollars, emanate primarily from the United Nations, New York, Washington, D.C., and Cairo. Their impact is world-wide and include anti-Jewish and anti-Israel programs affecting almost every nation in the world where they have diplomatic relations. In the course of our work, we have maintained an information-gathering operation since 1948 relating to activities emanating from the Arab Consular Offices, Arab United Nations Delegations, Arab Information Center, Arab Refugee Office and the Organization of Arab Students.

In order to obtain complete and thorough data on these activities, we must follow the Arab diplomatic corps in their political efforts, lobbying activities and propaganda programs emanating from their embassies, as distinguished from the Arab League, Arab relations with organizations like the American Friends of the Middle East and all their professional publicity efforts.

Our information, in addition to being essential for our own operations, has been of great value and service to both the United States State Department and the Israeli Government. All data have been made available to both countries with full knowledge to each that we were the source.

The nature of these activities has supplied us with substantive, documented information which has been the basis for exposés of anti-semitic activities, anti-Israel programs and political maneuvers. In many cases our information has exposed Arab plans before they have been put into effect.

Mr. Schlesinger

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In the course of our current difficult fiscal situation, there is now discussion of the reduction of our activities calling for the elimination of certain projects for which there are no funds. Considerable discussion was held at our last Commission meeting with respect to the subject at hand. It was felt that this activity is tremendously important and should not be discontinued. Therefore, we are requesting that you present this problem to the International Council for a financial subvention.

The cost involved in this entire effort is \$20,000. We hope that the International Council of B'nai B'rith will consider the international aspects of this service as an area of proper concern for its support. Naturally, we are willing to give you any and all detailed information with respect to the activity that may be helpful in your considerations.

Cordially,



Benjamin R. Epstein
National Director

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