

CONTACTS WITH DAVID RALPH WAHL
AND ASSOCIATES OF WAHL

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[redacted] advised in July, 1947, that David R. Wahl contacted Wynn (believed to be Irwin M. Nathanson) and Nathanson stated Feinberg had checked on Wahl with one Epstein and got a very good bill of goods. . Nathanson said, "What is this un-American Committee thing on Dave?" Wahl asked Nathanson who had inquired about this and Nathanson said Feinberg wished to know. Nathanson said he asked Feinberg what he was talking about and Feinberg asked, "Wasn't it some sort of an investigation? But they couldn't make it stick." Nathanson said he told Feinberg, "Well, you know, if you work in Washington, everybody gets investigated." Wahl agreed. (65-56402-2850)

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[redacted] in Washington, D. C., reflects that on July 9, 1947, Wahl was in contact with one Sullivan and advised that the deal he and Abe Fineberg were working on was a publication which was to go out twice a month and they hoped to have 2,000,000 circulation. Dave said, "We think that with this thing we'll be able to blacken some of this right wing Zionists stuff, come the proper moment." Sullivan said "I get it." Dave and Sullivan were to talk on this later. In touching on the situation over in Hamburg, Germany, they both agreed that it was terrible.

This source further reported that on the same date David Wahl contacted Abe Fineberg in New York City. Abe said he spoke to Ira (Sherman) since David talked to Ira. David said he wanted to get a group of Senators and Congressmen to put out press statements that day.

Abe mentioned that he knew about the deal Wahl was trying to work out for Crum to come here. Wahl asked if there was anyone with whom Crum could be lined up should it become advisable for him to have a press conference in Chicago. Abe suggested Max Wearin (ph), whose number was had by Harold Taver (ph).

Wahl related that he talked to Gael (Sullivan) that morning. Gael was trying to pitch on this and he was also helping on the deal with Marshall. Bob Hannegan was going to be in Chicago that evening and the following one, and he would be in touch with Bart (Crum).

Abe expressed a desire for Crum to issue a statement about coming with "us" (Haganah). Wahl wanted to raise that with him. Wahl had all the correspondence that Nahum (ph) (Bernstein) had with this fellow in the J. D. (Justice Department). Wahl thought it looked all right and Bart had a copy of it, so maybe "we can work that out."

Wahl was planning to come up (to New York City) the next day, but he would stay here if Bart came. Abe wanted Wahl to meet with Welsley (ph) Aaron (ph). Abe suggested that if Wahl wasn't coming he should call the office; otherwise, Abe would make a date for him (with Aaron) at 3. Abe requested that Wahl have some kind of proposal worked out for him (Aaron) to get to work on the Coast.

Wahl said that there was a group in town who would like to organize a big demonstration in Washington about the 30th of September. Abe inquired whether it was Gilbert. Wahl said that it was not any organized group. Abe asked whether Wahl knew (Dick) Gilbert. Yes. Abe suggested that Wahl talk to him (Gilbert), who was anxious to do some work for "us." Wahl was to tell Gilbert that Abe suggested it because Abe didn't want him to think "we just let him float around."

Wahl said that he saw Miss Larkin (at Post Office Department), and they were working on a deal where "we" have to put down a deposit at the rate of the third-class mail. Then "we" have to file a statement on the number of subscriptions "we" have and "we" can get an equivalent number at the cheap rate. Larkin took Wahl up to meet a guy named Riley (ph) who was working it out. "We" will have to make "our" application in New York, and it will be sent up to this guy (Riley) for approval here.

Wahl said he would discuss the foregoing (re Post Office deal) more in detail when he saw Abe. (65-56402-1-2201, pp4,5)

According to [redacted] on July 22, 1947, Wynn Nathanson, (ph), of New York City, talked with Dave Wahl.

They discussed an advertizement appearing in the "Herald Tribune," (possibly sponsored by Americans for HAGANAH, INC.). Wynn stated that he had just had a long talk with Feinberg and the others and they liked David Wahl very much and wanted him and that was the reason Nathanson was getting in touch with Wahl. Wahl said he would like to work with Feinberg and the other guys. Wynn said he would see Abe in a little while and may call Dave back. Feinberg is possibly identical with Abraham Feinberg. (65-56402-1-1914)

[redacted] advised that on July 30, 1947, David Wahl contacted Charlie Flato at Hyannis, Massachusetts. Flato asked about Wahl's plan and Wahl stated there was no decision as to how "this thing" was to be set up, but that he (Wahl) got a letter that Emanuel Newman sent to Bartley Crum. In the letter Newman stated he hoped to have it worked out soon, and he hoped that "Bart" would take the National Chairmanship and that Wahl would take the Directorship. Wahl said he had been in touch with Wynn (ph) and it was sort of coasting along the way it was. Flato stated that the reason he contacted Wahl was that he wanted to stay up where he was if there was no reason for him to come back. Wahl stated he planned to be in New York on Monday, and have lunch with Wynn and Fineberg, and, if anything developed, he would contact Flato. (65-56402-1)

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[redacted] reported the following information:

On August 6, 1947, Emanuel Newman, New York City, contacted David Wahl. Newman told Dave that he talked to Grossman and suggested that a temporary arrangement be made for the next

two or three months--"They don't want to have you sever your connections with the conference and it may be the wise thing all around if you can do it that way rather than make it permanent (job with Haganah)." Dave said he promised Grossman and Lipsky that he would go on the judgment of the Conference and whatever was worked out between the two groups. Newman said "we" discussed it yesterday at a meeting of the American Section of the Agencies and considered it also from the point of the Conference and the consensus was that if it was done for the time being on a temporary basis that it would be all right. Newman had just discussed it with Feinberg (ph) and they also were willing to accept a temporary arrangement.

On the same date, Wahl contacted a Mr. Sherman in New York City. Sherman said he had just heard from Abe Feinberg to the effect that Dave would get an OK from Newman. Dave said that Newman called him yesterday and today and Newman requested that Dave see him (Newman) Friday morning in New York. Sherman said that Abe also asked Dave to come up tomorrow or Friday. Dave said Newman wanted to give him (Dave) a lot of details that Newman had in mind and also "this thing" can't be settled without the approval of "my own organization as far as my availability is concerned." Sherman said that Abe Feinberg had advised that A.J.C. had suggested that Dave could be loaned for four or five months and Dave said that was a possibility but added that they hadn't really discussed it yet and further that it would be rather rough on the Conference if he was away entirely.

Dave would see Feinberg Friday. Sherman then said that Feinberg had advised that (Bartley) Crum would get an OK also and wondered if Dave would get in touch with Crum to that effect. Dave said that Newman was going to wire Crum and give him an OK.

Also on the same date Dave Wahl contacted Ella Shalit, his secretary, informing her that Peggy Lieberman (ph) would send something to Wahl's office by special messenger tomorrow morning. Wahl was to take this up with Senator Pepper tomorrow. Wahl was to be in the Office tomorrow. He said that Mr. Sherman wanted him (Wahl) to see Mr. Feinberg on Friday. (65-56402-1979)

[redacted] advised on 10/24/47 David Wahl contacted Wynn Nathanson in New York and they discussed plans for Wahl to go to work for "Haganah." Nathanson indicated he would discuss the matter with Abe, believed possibly identical with Abraham Feinberg. (65-56402-2298)

Source [redacted] stated that on 10/24/47 John (Dierkes) advised Dave Wahl that Feinberg then had an income of \$100,000 a year and Wynn Nathanson's income was about \$30,000 a year. (65-56402-1-2381, p 3)

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On October 31, 1947, [redacted]

[redacted] advised the Washington Field Office that David R. Wahl had indicated Crum (Bartley C. Crum) was going to see Nathanson (Wynn Nathanson) and Feinberg the following afternoon. (100-138754-357, p 25)

[redacted] advised the following:

On 3/5/49, Wahl and Feinberg had a conference in which they discussed the necessity of securing some intelligent person to do a public relations job in Washington, D. C.; someone besides Hy (last name unknown). They referred to getting 400 odd Congressmen lined up and obtain clearance for erecting a memorial of some kind. They eventually agreed that Herman Edelsberg would be a good man as he works for B'NAI B'RITH. Wahl thought that Crum or Bernstein (possibly Al Bernstein) should make this request of the organization for the services of Edelsberg. (The above conversation probably refers to the United Palestine Appeal.)

On 3/12/49, Wahl and Feinberg had another conference in which Feinberg mentioned that a Mr. Hammond, whom they both despise, gave Bart Crum "the works." "They boxed him into a corner and had him on hands and knees." Wahl said that he was going to have the whole matter straightened out when he saw

Lester. Feinberg was quite upset about the Arms Embargo and they did not know whether the Government wanted it. (This refers to the indecision on the part of Israeli officials as to whether or not they wanted the Arms Embargo lifted by the U. S.) They agreed that they couldn't understand why the Israeli Government did not want the Embargo lifted.

On 3-29-49, Wahl, Feinberg, and Weintraub left Idlewild Airport for Paris and Israel via President Weizmann's private plane. They planned to return with Weizmann from Israel.

On 4-8-49, informant received information that Wahl was returning home on Saturday via Air France and that Weizmann would be coming with Abe Feinberg on Thursday or Friday.

On 4-13-49, Weizmann arrived at Idlewild Airport with his official entourage including Abe Feinberg, and Dewey Stone, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Weizmann Institute of Science. (101-2261-76)

[redacted] advised that on 11-13-47, Bartley Crum of San Francisco talked with David Wahl.

"Crum requested that Dave tell Abe Feinberg that Governor Dewey cannot accept but that Herbert Lehman accepts with pleasure and so does Eddie Cantor. Dave will be in New York on Monday to meet with Abe and some of the other fellows. Dave said that Abe's address is Empire State Building. It is the firm of Jack Feinberg and Sons. Crum will wire Abe directly." (65-56402-1-2761 X 16)

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During the period April - August, 1949, [redacted] advised that David R. Wahl was in constant contact with Abe Feinberg chiefly relative to Israeli Affairs. Feinberg was also in touch with Bartley Crum. In July, 1949, Abe Feinberg visited Israel. (101-2261-83)

[redacted] advised that on 10-17-49 that David Wahl was contacted by an individual who may be identical with Abe Feinberg. There ensued a discussion concerning the proposed trip that Feinberg intended to make to Washington, D. C. Feinberg mentioned he would do anything he could to assist Israel while he was in Washington, and he would

also do anything to assist in the forthcoming election. The name of the candidate that Wahl and Feinberg were interested in was not mentioned but it appeared that Feinberg intended to obtain the assistance of people in official positions to assist actively in the campaign for their candidate. (101-2261 -88)

[redacted] determined that Wahl was in contact with Abraham Feinberg on 12-9-49.

Feinberg informed Wahl that Leon Moehill (ph) was coming to New York on the following Monday, and that Bartley Crum would like to sit down with Leon, David Wahl and Abraham Feinberg to discuss the Israeli situation. At that time, Feinberg stated to Wahl that he could not see why he should get involved. David told him at that time that it would mean no investment for him; he merely wanted his advice. Wahl stated that it was a political as well as economic problem, and that they were attempting to get Dr. Emanuel Newman out of the situation. Dr. Newman is a member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. Arrangements were then made for Feinberg and Wahl to get together on the following Monday.

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On 12-9-49, through the same source, it was determined Wahl was again contacted by an individual who was identified by the name of Walter. At that time Walter informed Wahl that he had spoken to Joseph Cohen who has a large office at the Madison Hotel. He stated that he still did not know what "they're" doing. David stated that he did not know either. Wahl stated that Cohen had been trying to get to see Abraham Feinberg for a month, and that he also stated that he wanted to talk to him, Wahl. Wahl stated that he still had not heard what proposition Cohen had in mind. Walter speculated that it was probably for investing in Israel. David agreed with him and stated that he knew it had nothing to do with Bob Nathan, and stated that he believed it was a private combine that had been organized by Cohen.

On 12-13-49, according to the same source, Lillian Feinberg invited Edith and David Wahl to come to her home on the following evening. [redacted]

[redacted] it was determined that on 12-13-49 Lillian Feinberg invited Philip and Mary Jane Keeney to the Feinberg's home on the evening that the Wahls were to be present. It is noted that the Keeneys were contacts of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, known Soviet agent.

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On 2-7-50, David Wahl informed Abraham Feinberg that he had a message from Mr. Muentz, and that he will go for fifty, and that Katz might also go for fifty. (This in all probability refers to previous contacts which Wahl had had with Louis Muentz of 225 West 85th Street, and Mr. I. Katz of 740 West End Avenue.) Feinberg asked David Wahl on this occasion to get hold of Leon Moehill (ph) to invite him to come in on the deal. Arrangements were made to meet on the following Thursday at Feinberg's office. Wahl then asked Feinberg if he had seen the Israeli Ambassador when he was in Washington. Feinberg replied, "No. He was in Israel" when he was in Washington. Feinberg advised that he was leaving on the following Thursday to spend a week in Florida, and that he would then probably proceed to the West Coast on a business trip.

According to the source, on 2-7-50, David Wahl was in touch with Louis Weintraub and again they discussed the same proposition that had been discussed on the same date between Wahl and Feinberg, that is, the deal involving the setting up of a corporation to send material to Israel. On this occasion, Weintraub told Wahl that he had just left Feinberg, and that Feinberg wanted to have a meeting with Leon Moehill (ph); Weintraub stated that this would mean that they would have to get in touch with Leon and get him into New York on the following night. Weintraub indicated that Feinberg and his partner were preparing to go for fifty each, and with Leon Moehill's (ph) fifty, this would mean one hundred and fifty. Weintraub stated that he doubted if there would be any trouble about Israeli pounds. Wahl stated that Josh (Lardner) had three or four other people who were willing to go in on the deal. Weintraub stated that Feinberg is going to California next week.

Through the same source, it was determined that on 2-11-50, David Wahl was again in contact with Louis Weintraub, and that they discussed the setting up of a corporation to ship goods to Palestine. Wahl stated at that time there was to be a meeting at Feinberg's office at 12:30 p.m. with Leon Moehill (ph) and Shark (ph). Wahl stated that Leon Moehill (ph) is to put up \$100,000 and Feinberg \$50,000. The estimated needs in Israel were 20,000 pounds. Weintraub stated that he wanted Shark (ph) left out of the above set-up, and Wahl agreed and stated that he was quite certain that he would be left out. Weintraub also wanted

to ship luxury items as well as necessities in order to compete with other outfits such as Service for Palestine. Wahl stated that he thought that one of the investors should go to Israel, and apparently Leon (Moehill) was the one to go. Wahl advised that Feinberg was going away on Tuesday afternoon, and that he would be away for several weeks.

On 2-14-50, through the same source, it was learned that David Wahl stated that he was going to leave for Miami on the following Friday afternoon with Abe Feinberg, and that the trip was on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. Wahl advised that Feinberg had a couple of meetings in Florida. Wahl stated that he had never been in Miami. Wahl stated that if he were to go, he would take the train to Washington, spend a few hours there, and then take a plane with Feinberg to Miami. (101-2261-89)

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[redacted] it was learned (no date) David Wahl was accompanied on his trip to Florida by Abraham Feinberg, President of "Israel Speaks" and a well-known contact of Wahl. It was also determined through this source that after Wahl returned to New York City, Feinberg continued on a tour to the West Coast where he was on a speaking tour on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. According to this source, on 4-4-50, Wahl mentioned that Abraham Feinberg was in Washington, D. C., on that date.

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[redacted] it was learned Abraham Feinberg, 350 5th Avenue, New York City, addressed communications to David Wahl on the following dates: 3-28-50, 3-29-50, and 4-5-50. (101-2261-92)

[redacted] it was learned that David Wahl had received correspondence from Abraham Feinberg, 350 5th Avenue, New York City, on May 2, 1950. (101-2261-96, Page 3)

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it was learned David Wahl had received correspondence from Abraham Feinberg, 350 5th Avenue, NYC, on the following dates: June 1, 1950, and June 10, 1950. (101-2261-98)

[redacted] advised that David R. Wahl and Abe Feinberg were scheduled to leave London on 9-15-50 en route to New York City. (101-2261-102)

Reliable [redacted] reported on 10-20-50 Dave Wahl had an appointment with Abe Feinberg and Wahl wanted to know if it was all right to bring Leon Pressman along. It is not known if the Leon Pressman referred to is the same person Whittaker Chambers has alleged to be a member of the Harold Ware Communist Underground Group in Washington, D. C., in the thirties. Pressman referred to by Chambers admitted C. P. membership in the thirties before a congressional committee. Feinberg indicated he would rather see Wahl first as their lawyers had said Pressman was "an unscrupulous guy regardless of his politics." The same source on 10-31-50 reported Wahl asked Abe

Feinberg if the latter desired to inform the Israel "people" to look with favor on the application for passport of "the man from Mt. Vernon who wants to go to Israel."

Reliable [] and [] advised that Dave Wahl, Abe Feinberg, Bartley Crum and Lou Weintraub were active in setting up a corporation to sell certificates in the U.S. redeemable in Israel for merchandise; that Israel Government agreed to give the corporation exclusive rights and about 10% for promotion and profits. The source identified Abe Feinberg as a prominent Jewish financier, Weintraub as an attorney, and Crum as a former publisher of the "Star" newspaper in NYC. (100-11820-549 pgs 35, 36.)

[] advised that Wahl departed for Washington on the morning of October 27, 1950 to attend the National planning Conference for Israel. He stayed at the Statler Hotel and was expected to remain there until the night of October 29. [] advised further that Wahl might be accompanied by Abraham Feinberg. (101-2261-105) L

The records of the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C. reflect that on the night of October 29, 1950 David Wahl and Abraham Feinberg shared a joint room. (101-2261-119)

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[] advised that during the period November 1950 and March 1951 David R. Wahl was in contact with Abraham Feinberg. The informant indicated that apparently Abraham Feinberg was in touch with Harry Beilin, Israeli Consul, Los Angeles, California, in February 1951. On March 14, 1951, when Wahl was in contact with Feinberg, the latter referred to a recent contact he had with Teddy Kollek, the Israeli Minister to the United States. (101-2261-133)

[] advised that on 4-3-51 Abe Feinberg contacted David R. Wahl and advised him that he (Feinberg), Wahl, and Harry Zinder, Press Information Officer at the Israeli Consulate, NYC were to see Rudolph Sonnenborn the next day. Feinberg also advised they would have to go out to St. Alban's Naval Hospital to see Major General William E. Reilly, the UN Chief of Staff in Palestine.

On April 24, 1951, the same informant advised David Wahl was in contact with Teddy Kollek and Wahl asked Kollek if he was going to see Dave Niles that day. Wahl informed Kollek that Abe Feinberg had suggested that when Kollek saw Niles it might be well to suggest that at the luncheon on the "the fourth" that Eddy Jacobson or Abe Feinberg or both, should be present. Wahl also mentioned there was a letter which Feinberg had obtained from President Truman to President Chaim Weizmann of Israel that Feinberg was to take to Weizmann in Israel. Jacobson is possibly the former haberdashery partner of President Truman.

The informant indicated Wahl maintained contact with Feinberg during the period March - June 1951. On May 4, 1951 Feinberg was in contact with Teddy Kollek. (101-2261-142)

During the period June - September 1951 [redacted] advised David R. Wahl was in contact with Theodor Kollek, Bartley Crum, and Abe Feinberg. (101-2261-149)

During the period October - December 1951 [redacted] advised Abe Feinberg continued his close association with David R. Wahl. (101-2261-160)

[redacted] advised that on 12-5-51 David Wahl was in contact with Abe Feinberg. On that occasion Wahl asked Feinberg if he recalled the recording that he, Wahl, had made at the Democratic Party Dinner recently held in NYC. Wahl asked Feinberg what title he should put on the recording, Feinberg told him to entitle it "National Democratic Party Dinner - Abraham Feinberg, Chairman." (65-58700-769)

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[redacted] reported that on 1-2-52 David Wahl contacted Abraham Feinberg and advised him that he had heard that Ted Kollek was planning to leave the United States and return to Israel. (65-58700-799 pg 5)

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that on 1-17-52 Abe Feinberg advised David Wahl that he (Feinberg) intended to have lunch on that date with Rudy Halley (President of the New York City Council and former Counsel to the Kefauver Committee). (65-58700-824 pg 3)