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June 2, 1950

Director, FBI

MAIL A. BERNSTEIN

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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 special. The Bureau desires to receive reports in all these related matters as well as in the case on a 10 day basis. You are requested to advise immediately when the first report on captioned matter will arrive at the Bureau.

cc - Washington Field

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN

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Report in this case has been dictated and is presently being transcribed. It will be forwarded to the Bureau within the next few days.
The NAHUM BERNSTEIN referred to by Confidential Informant 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.

Confidential Informant 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.
New York City, advised that he has known NAHUM BERNSTEIN since November, 1949. He 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 there since November of 1949. He 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 him he had made two trips to Israel since November of 1949.

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:

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

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

On January 13, 1948, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was interviewed by SA and SA 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 whom he had known for some years who told him he himself was active in the Zionist Cause. On this occasion BERNSTEIN told BERNSTEIN that he had been requested to assist in a project to acquire a stock of material for eventual shipment to Palestine. BERNSTEIN 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. BERNSTEIN requested BERNSTEIN to function in this capacity and to this BERNSTEIN agreed.

According to BERNSTEIN, shortly after his talk he received a verification of this proposition from
Jewish Agency for Palestine 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 to forward a check to him for this amount. BERNSTEIN would in turn issue a check for the same amount to the payee named. According to BERNSTEIN, the above outlined plan was followed in connection with the purchase of materials.

On May 12, 1948, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was again interviewed by S.A.'s 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.

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 BERNSTEIN would forward whatever money the former requested.

In the course of this interview, BERNSTEIN stated that in March, 1948, suggested to 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 that he speak to who was active in an advisory capacity relative to articles appearing in the pamphlet. BERNSTEIN stated that several months prior to this interview got in touch with him and advised that he had been talking to an
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].

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:

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

Correspondence was received on the following dates from the organization 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):

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:

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New York 17, New York.

4/19/50 | Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

5/4/50 | 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,

5/10/50 | Ampal House,
17 East 71st Street,
New York, New York.

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 | 

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,
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.

According to Confidential Informant 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.

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:

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Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with who resides at on the following dates:


These contacts were all made from the residence of NAHUM BERNSTEIN, 136 East 67th Street, to the home of

NAHUM BERNSTEIN was again in contact with on November 22, 1949. On this occasion, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in his office at the law office of Silver and Bernstein, 20 Pino Street, New York City.

On January 7, 1950, the same informant advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN was in contact with and that at that time was staying

is identical with who, according to the records of the Protocol Division, Department of State, is listed as an employee.
United States citizen: According to these records, 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."
LEADS

NEWARK

At Patterson, New Jersey

Will, upon receipt of Bureau approval, conduct investigation relative to the background of .

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 in report of SB at New York dated May 8, 1950). b1

CLEVELAND

At Cleveland, Ohio

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, b1

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA dated June 13, 1950 at New York are as follows:

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

REFERENCE:

Letter from Bureau to New York dated April 12, 1950 in case entitled Espionage - IS.
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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 both Russian-born, and applied for United States Immigration visas. Habem 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 $17,537.55. He was said to have cash available in the amount of $90,000.00. 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

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 17, 1942, Bernstein appeared before Committee A of the Interdepartmental 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 Blenochrville, N.J. 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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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 Hagannah, 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] of the pending case in your office, on September 6, 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] has interested in this and he [redacted] wanted to see that [redacted] was satisfied. [redacted] said it did not matter whether there was registration or not as long as it was "clearly understood by the Justice Department."
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 teletype dated July 9, 1947, and New York letters dated July 11 and 16, 1947, all addressed to the Bureau, captioned "Espionage - R." (65-56402-2665, 2666, 2667, 2707)

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


New York teletype to the Bureau dated January 19, 1948, and captioned "Foundry Associates, Inc.; George Trumb; et al; Neutrality Act." (2-875-159)


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

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

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


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.
June 26, 1950

SAC, New York

Director, FBI

[Signature]

New York FBI (s)

Reference is made to your letter dated May 8, 1950 and to the report of Special Agent [Signature] 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) (s)

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

Line 1 of paragraph 3, page 6 of the referenced report contains the date September 29, 1949. 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.

cc - Washington Field [Signature] (s)

cc - 65-39184
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.
DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, New York

NAHUM BERNSTEIN

ESPIONAGE - IS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 13, 1950

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN

ESPIONAGE - IS


It will be noted that in this report a lead has been set out for the Newark Office to ascertain the present activities of since it is known that 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 in the New York area. It is contemplated that a case file captioned, Espionage - IS will be opened by this office.

cc - Newark

6/28/50

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DES: JVL
65-15301
To: Legal Attache
Paris, France

From: John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [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 65-59164. 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.
During the course of the investigation of Nahum H. Bernstein, it has been learned that on April 14, 1950, Bernstein received a letter from one

On April 17, 1950, another letter was received by Bernstein from this same Paris address.

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 attained within 30 days after the receipt of this letter. The entire investigation in the case has been designated as a special task at the Seat of Government and in the field. All matters are being handled on a 30 day basis.
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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

DETAILS: 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 6/29/50, in the matter of Espionage - IS. "RUC - 

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

has received correspondence from Material for Israel, Israeli Consulate, Israel Speaks, Inc., Israeli Industries, Ltd. in Tel Aviv, and in Israel. He also has received correspondence from $6 million dollars in 1948 one million, four hundred ten thousand dollars to the Israeli Supply Mission

other large sums to Israeli organizations in U.S. Law firm SILVER & HERNSTEIN has sent correspondence to Israel Speaks, Inc.

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1-Los Angeles (Info.)
1-Newark (Info.)
1-Washington Field (Info.)
3-New York

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

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 $50,000. 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 S. MC KNIGHT, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York.

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

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

Confidential Informant [name] of known reliability, advised that in September, 1947, NAHUM BERNSTEIN was negotiating with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice concerning the organization "Americans for Haganah, Incorporated". The Department, according to this informant, had written a letter to the organization citing the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and asking why the organization did not register. BERNSTEIN advised the Department 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 [name] on September 8, 1947, and 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.
The following information was obtained by Confidential Informant 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:

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<td>JOSEPH L. LINN 37 Wall Street New York 5, New York</td>
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<td>6/2, 13, 15, 24/50</td>
<td>Israeli Industries, Inc. 9 Jaffa Road Tel Aviv, Israel</td>
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Confidential Informant 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. All payments were made by order.

Confidential Informant 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 Bank of New York, to the Union Bank, Switzerland.

Confidential Informant advised that in 1948 six payments totaling one million, four hundred thousand dollars were made by Pictet and Cie. These payments were made 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 to several organizations that have had connections with Israel.

Confidential Informant of known reliability, furnished the following information concerning JOSEPH J. LITTMAN:

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
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.

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

Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that the law firm of SILBER & BERNESTEIN sent correspondence to Israel Speaks, Inc., 250 West 57th Street, on June 6 and 22, 1950.
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 BROTHER & COMPANY, chemical engineers, regarding his activities in the interest of the Jewish Agency. Mr. BERNSTEIN advised that his client, in the interest of whose behalf 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 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.
NY 65-15301

LEADS

NEW YORK

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 it is known that NAHUM BERNSTEIN is a summer resident of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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

United States Department of State.

Mail cover of mail received by NAHUM BERNSTEIN at 20 Pine Street, New York, New York.

Mail cover on mail received care of Israel Speaks, Inc., 250 West 57th Street, New York, New York.

July 14, 1950

SAC, New York

Director, FBI

BY File (s)

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 ___________________ dated June 23, 1950, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent ___________________ dated June 29, 1950, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent ___________________ 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.
July 13, 1950

A. H. Belmont

C. E. Herrlich

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.

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 S. 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.

ACTION:

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.
Paris, France
August 15, 1950

A 33 year old American Negro who claims to be a long time Communist now returned (without the knowledge of his Communist friends), arrived on August 14, 1950, that 35 years of age, born at Varska, Poland, travelling as a student with Israeli Passport No. 970. He arrived in Paris on August 10, 1950.

According to the informant, he is a doctor of medicine and is left for London, England, by train on August 11, 1950. He arrived in Paris from Tel Aviv on board an airplane of the TWA Airlines. All expenses of the trip were paid for by the Agency Juif (Jewish Agency) located in the Consulate of Israel, 26 Avenue de Stalingrad, Paris.

The informant reported that the Communist Party of Israel has a good friend or Israeli AIRMAIL, once the informant described as a member of a Maryland Branch of the Communist Party, USA, approximately 5 years of age, still living in the State of Maryland. This person is a doctor who served in the Medical Corps of the Israeli Army during the hostilities with the Arabs in Palestine. This person is now on route to Haifa, Israel, for the purpose of reestablishing the way of Israel.

During the few days in Paris, he remained in a hotel, approximately 25 years of age, associated with the hotel on the U.S. side. He is employed in Paris. Her phone number is 830-03-03, she is a member of the Communist Party, USA, according to the informant, who accompanied us to London.

In London, he will confer with officials of the Communist Party of England concerning the Communist campaign against the rearmament program in France. Also, they will join 15 Israeli students of the Young Communists of Israel who arrived in England via TWA on about August 15, 1950.

He will remain in England for about 3 weeks. Thereafter they intend to return to Paris with the above described Communist student.

Told the informant that he had been in contact with

ENCLOSURE.
the Italian Communist Partisans in Switzerland, has documents and plans concerning the military coordination of the Italian Partisans which were given to him according to statements in the interview.

The informant also has letters of introduction and evidence from the Communist Party of Israel to the Communist Party of France. He also has a letter of introduction to the London Daily Worker.

The informant reported that a member of a Communist extremist group in Israel calling itself the BLF, with headquarters in Salisbury, will be in Paris by September 29, 1950, but name is not known.

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

The informant reported that on August 15, 1950, an American citizen about 25 years of age believed to be associated with an outfit for the Bulgarian government, was in contact with . At that time furnished detailed information concerning Bulgarians in France, these are actual Communists, those who pretend to be Communists and the non-Communists. He also furnished information to be relayed to Communist party officials in London concerning anti-mobilization plans in France.

On August 15, 1950, the informant reported that he had landed that day with and had learned the following concerning him.

is an American citizen. He was born in the United States and speaks English with a brand "A" and soft "W" as they do in Boston and some of the New England States.

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 2 months.

stated that the Bulgarian government intends to bring about the surrender of Tsy in Yugoslavia that in each town in Yugoslavia there are anti-partisanist groups which will make trouble for the government. He would not elaborate on this point.

Told the informant that had been arrested in Italy near Lake Como and was being interrogated that received important information and was paid 75,000 Swiss francs (about $25,000) per
The informant was further advised that he receives 75,000 French francs per month while in Paris and stated that he was used to carry information on micro-film to certain officials of the movement in London.

He was asked by the informant about a Swiss Communist when the informant got in Paris, Switzerland, several months ago. He stated that knowledge of atomic energy might be useful to the movement. In this connection, he mentioned a meeting that is scheduled for August 25, 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 "informatory" type meeting. It will be held from August 25-31, 1950, in Zurich, Switzerland.

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

HARRY HAYWOOD, American Negro author 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.

He reported on August 12, 1950 that he left that day for Hilton in a Citroen sedan, black, having license and that he was going to pick up at Fontainebleau.

He is described as follows:

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<td>Eyes: Dark brown</td>
<td>lower lip, nervous</td>
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<td>Hair: Dark, straight, receding</td>
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<td>hairline, comb it back</td>
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<td>Nose: Large, hooked</td>
<td>Scars: thumb and forefinger, left hand</td>
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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.

DETAILS: A review of the transcript Volumes XXVIII, XIX, and XIX 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 PACT 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 5th 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 PIERSOHN 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, 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, SCHWINGEtAL, 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, SCHWINGER, to head up a project of acquiring aircraft.
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 those 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 of 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 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, Naum Bernstein was interviewed by SA and SI 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 from whom he had known for some years, who like himself was active in the Zionist Cause. On this occasion, told Bernstein that he had been requested to assist in a project to acquire a stock pile of material for eventual
shipment to Palestine. 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. requested BERNSTEIN to function in this capacity and to this BERNSTEIN agreed. 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 he received a verification of this proposition from the JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, 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 to forward a check to him for this amount. BERNSTEIN would in turn issue a check for the same amount to the payee. 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.

SA 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 and SA 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 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 were acquitted by the Jury on January 6, 1950. Another phase of that case involving SCHWIMMER 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.
On July 17, 1950, Mr. HERSCHEL E. CHAMPLIN advised the writer that Judge PIERSON M. HALL had fined ten thousand dollars each on their pleas of guilty to conspiracy to violate the U. S. Neutrality Act. He was fined for conspiracy to violate the U. S. Neutrality Act by exporting arms and ammunition to Palestine in 1948. He was 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 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 inculmination 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.

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.

In passing sentence on the two individuals 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 Judge HALL said, "I think 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."
It is Mr. CHAMPLIN's belief that in making this statement with regard to [blank] who was also a defendant in the SCHWIMMER case, Judge [name] particularly had in mind such persons as NAHUM BERNSTEIN and others who were primarily responsible for the actions of the defendants.
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.
REFERENCE:


Bureau telegram to Los Angeles dated July 18, 1950, captioned ESPIONAGE.
Assistant Attorney General
James M. McIverney
Director, FBI

August 30, 1950

CONFIDENTIAL

NAHUM BERNSTEIN
NEUTRALITY ACT - CONSPIRACY

There is submitted for your information and consideration a
Copy of the report of Special Agent dated July 28, 1950,
at Los Angeles, California, and captioned as above.

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 of the FBI. Bernstein's testimony will be found
in Volumes XXX, XXX, 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 particu-
larly 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 could 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.
In view of Bernstein's connection in this country, you are requested to review the material in your files and recommend whether a security index card should be prepared for inclusion in the special section of the index at the Seat of Government.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. A. H. HELMONT

FROM: C. E. HENNICH

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN NEUTRALITY ACT CONSPIRACY

DATE: August 30, 1950

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 conspiracies.

Details:

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

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.

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 __________ for his opinion regarding Bernstein's violation of the conspiracy statute.

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Attachment

WHW: Jo
DATE OF MAIL 7-16-50

HAS BEEN REMOVED TO BE KEPT PERMANENTLY IN HIS OFFICE, ROOM 2242

SEE FILE 66-2551-7530 FOR AUTHORITY.

SUBJECT JUNE MAIL

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FILE NUMBER 65-21374-11

PERMANENT SERIAL CHARGEOUT
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To: Director, FBI
From: Legal Attaché, Paris
Subject: (Bureau File # (s))

August 10, 1950

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CO 65-59184
On July 23, 1950, was brought to this office by a friend of his who explained that he suffered a "nervous breakdown" and was being hospitalized before being sent back to the United States. Before entering the hospital, however, he insisted on telling his story to an officer of the United States Government and was referred to this office.

Most 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...

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

stated that asked him whether he was interested in joining the Israel Navy. Told him they had to be very careful of spies infiltrating into Israel.

On August 10, 1950, 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-Arabic 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 stated that MENDelson concluded that he would not receive an appointment in the U.S. Army and left for...
Haifa where he intends to rejoin the Israeli Army. MENDLSON sailed for Haifa, via Genoa, Italy, aboard a vessel of the Israeli Navigation Company (GNV). The informant stated that MENDLSON has

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in the State of Maryland, place unknown to him.

Confidential Informant [blank] stated that he met MENDLSON and knows he is a Communist because his name was given to the informant by a contact in the Jewish Bookstore, 14 Rue Visille du Temple, Paris, who told the informant that MENDLSON was a reliable contact for him. After making contact with MENDLSON he took the informant to the headquarters of the Communist Party of France in the Fourth Arrondissement (Nord) on Francois Morant Street, and introduced him to [blank] the Party in that section.
Further reference is made to your letter of May 6, 1950, and to the Bureau's reply thereto dated June 28, 1950, advising that an effort was being made to develop information in Paris, France, concerning

Under date of August 10, 1950, the Bureau's representative in Paris, France, forwarded the results of certain inquiries he had made with respect to this matter. Two copies of his communication are attached hereto for your information. You will note that he is presently endeavoring to secure additional data with regard to the

Any further information received from the Bureau's representative in Paris will be made available to you. Pertinent information from the attachments should be included in the next reports submitted by your office in the case and in the Bernstein case.

In referenced bullet you were requested to advise whether a date appearing in line 1, paragraph 3, page 6 of the report of Special Agent dated May 8, 1950, at New York in captioned matter, is correct. Your immediate reply to this inquiry is requested.

Enclosure

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DATE OF REMOVAL 4/1/77

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SEE FILE 66-2554-7530 FOR AUTHORITY.

SUBJECT JUNE MAIL

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FILE NUMBER 91-0-9174-12

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SUBJECT JUNE MAIL

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TO: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
FROM: James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General
SUBJECT: Nahum Bernstein
Neutrality Act - Conspiracy

Reference is made to your confidential memorandum dated August 30, 1950, concerning the above subject in which you requested 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.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CASE ORIGINATED AT
NEW YORK

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CASE NO.
NO. 1

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NAHUM BERNSTEIN
has received correspondence of recent date from:

Foreign Ministry, Israeli Industries,

Tel Aviv, Israel; and

Paris, France.

Also from the Israeli Consulate, New York City; Governor

of Israel Supply Mission; El Al Israeli National Air Line

Israel Speaks, Inc.; Material for Israel; Rudolf

Sonneborn, President of Material for Israel; and the

Land Sens Products Corporation, with whom

A.W. Schneider have had previous connections.

Information from Confidential Informants set out to known

contacts and associates of BERNSTEIN.

ENCLOSURE

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Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that
NAHUM BERNSTEIN received the following correspondence pertaining to this
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RUDOLF SONNEBORN, in 1948, according to Confidential Informant 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, 1943, as a membership organization. Besides SONNEBORN, the officers were listed as follows:

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.

who corresponded with BERNSTEIN, is presently connected with the Foreign Ministry in Israel. He visited the United States in 1949.
Concerning the Land Seas Products Corporation, 39 Broadway, New York City, it is known that 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.

Also, on May 4, 1948, the Aircraft Branch of the War Assets Administration, Los Angeles, California, advised that A. W. SCHWIMMER had purchased five C-46 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 ammunition out of the United States, via Mexico to Israel.
who is known to have corresponded with NAHUM BERNSTEIN, may be identical with [u] who was recently mentioned [u] as one of four hundred Communists, whom [u] was now able to name. [u] did not supply any address for this individual.

from whom BERNSTEIN received correspondance, 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. [u] described himself as formerly connected with the Palestine Police. According to himself, he is attempting to sell, in the United States, a book that he recently published.

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 correspondance are undoubtedly identical with [u] who were retained as attorneys by the eleven Communist leaders, who were recently convicted in the Federal Court, Southern District of New York. [u] were sentenced in contempt proceedings by Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA.

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.

[u] 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
Israel. He said that BERNSTEIN represented the State of Israel and was sent to Bridgeton, New Jersey, to arrange for the release of the constellations. 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. 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 of known reliability furnished the identities of subscribers to telephone numbers called by NARUM BERNSTEIN from the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. They are set out as follows:

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According to Confidential Informant of known reliability, 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.

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

Confidential Informant 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", Civil Rights Congress for Los Angeles, was heard by Special Agent of the Los Angeles Office, at a Civil Rights Congress rally at the Embassy Auditorium on October 16, 1949, to state that the fund was made up of loans which would be returned on thirty-day notice, 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 and endorsed address not given.

Confidential Informant of known reliability, furnished certain information concerning

According to this source:
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 in August, 1943, and the following information was obtained concerning him:

...
According to the records of Confidential Informant on January 1, 1949, the following items of record concerning were also furnished by Confidential Informant received in January, 1949, by Confidential Informant According to information Confidential Informant 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.
Examined by Judge Pacht, on January 15, 1950, Bernstein stated that he was asked 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 Schimmer, 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 Schimmer in October or November, 1947.

Special Agent 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 and Special Agent of the New York Office, that he had never seen nor met Adolph W. Schimmer although he knew of him.

As a result of this trial, three individuals, Adolph W. Schimmer, 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 were acquitted by the jury on January 6, 1950. Another phase of this case involving Schimmer, 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, Malhur Bernstein was called as a witness by the defense and gave his home address as 138 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 Pacht and Strong replied "everything". ——, that the whole plan
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 Facht, 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, 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 12, 1950, Facht 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, Schimmier et al., were merely agents. Bernstein pointed out that at the suggestion of he took over the general supervision of handling the funds and again at the suggestion of agreed to contact one of the defendants, Schimmier, to head up a project of acquiring aircraft.

Facht 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 some time 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 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 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 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 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, the Government knew 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 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.

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

WILLIAM STRONG is an attorney representing the commission on law an
social action connected with the American Jewish Congress in Los Angeles. STRON
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.

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

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

Confidential Informant 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 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.

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

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

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

Mr. HERSCHEL E. CHAMPLIN, Assistant United States Attorney for Southern District of California, stated that he was familiar with the cases
involving SCHWIMMER et al and the Allied Foundry Associates, Incorporated, and he does not recall the name entering into these cases either in the pre-trial or trial negotiation, but did consider the possibility that have been used by Judge PACHT 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

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

Confidential Informant 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 during his stay at the Ambassador Hotel in July, 1949.

Confidential Informant furnished a list of outgoing calls made by BERNSTEIN from the period of January 9 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 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.
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.

NEW YORK

At New York City, New York

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

Retail Merchants Credit Association, as furnished to Special Employee.

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

as of May 17, 1947.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York

DATE: September 19, 1950

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
ESPIONAGE - IS
(Bufile 65-59184)

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)

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<td>TAB FOR COMSAB</td>
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<td>DATE OF BIRTH</td>
<td>September 5, 1907</td>
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<td>PLACE OF BIRTH</td>
<td>New York City, New York</td>
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<tr>
<td>RESIDENCE ADDRESS</td>
<td>136 East 67th Street, New York City, New York</td>
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<tr>
<td>BUSINESS ADDRESS</td>
<td>SILVER &amp; BERNSTEIN, 20 Pine Street, New York City, New York</td>
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<td>Attorney-at-Law</td>
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Encls. (5)
Date: October 2, 1950

To: Legal Attache
   Paris

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

Subject: 

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

- SECURITY MATTER - C
- SECURITY MATTER - C
- ESPIONAGE - BU

A review of this letter has failed to indicate that the matters discussed therein have any connections with (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 Bulletin 6/28/50 and urlet 8/10/50, in the case, may be expected.

cc: 65-59184

WRW: de

cc: FOREIGN SERVICE DESK
SAC, New York

Director, FBI

Nathan Barneisen
ESPIONAGE - IS
(New York file 65-15301)

Report Special Agent of September 19, 1950, at New York City does not identify informants on Confidential Informant Page. Furnish Bureau and offices receiving copies of this report revised informant page.

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SEE FILE 66-2554-7530 FOR AUTHORITY.

SUBJECT JUNE MAIL

FILE NUMBER 60-54184-16

PERMANENT SERIAL CHARGEOUT
EAC, Cleveland

October 3, 1950

Director, FBI

NARUM BERNSTEIN
ESPIAORGE - 18

Rerep Special Agent dated June 13, 1950
at New York City, in captioned matter.

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
DATE OF REMOVAL: 10-17-50

DATE OF MAIL: 10-3-50

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SUBJECT: JUNE MAIL

FILE NUMBER: 65-59184-18

PERMANENT SERIAL CHARGEOUT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO DATE MADE 10/12/50 PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/10/50 REPORT MADE BY mmk

CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS

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.

- RUC - G. I. R. - 1

Details:

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 2½%.

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.
CV F. O.,
65-2718

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

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<td>3320620</td>
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<td>New England Mutual Life Insurance Company</td>
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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.

I 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. It is temporarily holding in his possession the material in question because the records are normally rather inaccessible.

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.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -
Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:  MR. C. E. HENNICH
FROM:  W. R. WANNALL

DATE:  October 11, 1950

SUBJECT:  NAHUM BERNSTEIN
NEUTRALITY ACT
CONSPIRACY

Purpose

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.

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.

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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SUBJECT: PERMANENT SERIAL CHARGEOUT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE - IS

DATE: October 25, 1950

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

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)

PJT: smf 65-5508
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.
Director, FBI

SAC, New York

NAHUM BERNSTEIN

ESPIIONAGE - IS

Report of SA dated October 12, 1950 at Cleveland, Ohio, in instant case.

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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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Last passport issued subject was based on application dated June 7, 1948, to visit England and France for professional and personal purposes. Prior passport applications of BERNSTEIN set forth.

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**DETAILS AT WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The title of this report is being changed to reflect the full name of the subject as NAHUM AMBER BERNSTEIN.

The following information was contained in the records of the Passport Division, Department of State.

By virtue of a passport application dated June 7, 1928, NAHUM AMBER BERNSTEIN was issued a passport by the Department of State on June 11, 1928, for travel to France, Holland, England and Germany for the purpose of study. The passport application reflected that BERNSTEIN was born September 5, 1907, at New York City, the son of CHARLES BERNSTEIN (deceased), who was born in Russia. The subject's residence at that time was 1622 50th Street, Brooklyn, New York. BERNSTEIN was described as 5'11" in height, having brown hair and brown eyes.

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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.

The subject was issued a fourth passport on an application dated June 7, 1948, to visit England and France for professional purposes 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 through source 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.
REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent b1
dated May 8, 1950, at New York, entitled Espionage-IB.

Report of Special Agent b1
dated September 19, 1950, at New York
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: GUY HOTTEL, F.B.I., WASHINGTON FIELD
SUBJECT: NAHUM AMBER LERNSTEIN

DATE: October 27, 1950

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent 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)

Enclosures
ENCLOSURES TO LETTER TO BUREAU
DATED OCTOBER 27, 1950

WFO file 65-5508

3/25/94 SP128TT 15% on Envelope
4/4/94 9803144/32
38539
BORN 9/5/07, NYC
HT. 5'11"
HR - BRN
EYES - BRN (WEARS GLASSES)
BES: - 136 E. 67th ST, NYC
OCCUPATION: ATTY, 20 PINE ST, NYC
3/25/93 534-539
SP12BTJ/539
4114/93 339,539
9803/ADD/SC
63 -5-91 8/4 - 23°
Nahum A. Bernstein
and wife
Maxine Bernstein
1941
3/25/94 SP1287J/S

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Contacted NAHUM BERNSTEIN. BERNSTEIN continues to receive correspondence from Israeli organizations and official establishments. He received correspondence from Israel and NAHUM BERNSTEIN continues to correspond. Other correspondence received by BERNSTEIN set out.

- B7C
- B2
- B7D

**DETAILS:**

Confidential Informant [illegible] of known reliability, advised that on November 5, 1950, [illegible] also known as [illegible] 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.

**APPROVED AND FORWARDER:** Edward Schenck

**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:

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<td>Material for Israel, Incorporated 250 West 57th Street New York, New York</td>
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<td>9/29; 10/16, 11/3, 10/50</td>
<td>Landseas Products Corporation 39 Broadway New York, New York</td>
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<td>9/1, 30/50</td>
<td>Israeli Industries, Incorporated Post Office Box 2876 Tel Aviv, Israel</td>
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Irving Trust Company
1 Wall Street
New York, New York

9/16/50

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

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

9/25

Post Office Box 2431
Tel Aviv, Israel

9/28; 10/5/50

9/28; 10/4/50

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

10/3/50

10/4/50

Post Office Box 367
Tel Aviv, Israel

10/7/50

Importaciones Generales,
S. A. Edificio Encoracion Piso
Lima, Peru
NY 65-15301

10/11/50  Jewish Center
        Pompton Lakes
        New Jersey

10/13/50  American Fund for Israel
        Institutions
        267 West 71st Street
        New York, New York

10/16/50  Hebrew University
        Jerusalem, Israel

10/17;11/7/50  11 East 70th Street
{Israeli Consulate}
        New York City

10/17/50  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

11/3,9/50  Riggs National Bank
        1503 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
        Washington, D.C.
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 [ ]

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 NAD KOHN who is also listed as a representative of the Israeli Supply Mission in the United States.

Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that [ ] New York City, received correspondence [ ]
on September 21, 1950, from the American Jewish Congress.

He checked his records for the occupants of Room 1712 and advised that this premise is leased to a JAMES HODES. He also advised that he occupies space in Room [ ] 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 his 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 I am neither a sub-tenant of mine nor assignee of any interest in my lease, but handles some of my business affairs."

He advised that Mr. HODES and he 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 [ ] of known reliability, advised that he received the following correspondence pertaining to this investigation at his office, 37 Wall Street, New York, New York:

Dates
10/4, 25, 27, 31;
11/1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10,
14/50

Addressor
Bank of Manhattan
40 Wall Street
New York, New York
Confidential Informant [Blank] 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 [Blank].

Correspondence received [Blank] from Ultramar International Corporation, 200 West 57th Street,
NY 65-15301

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

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

Subsequently, 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, 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.

advised that this company sold C-46 aircraft or parts to customers in practically every country in the world. was questioned also about advised at that time that did not have any connection with or interest in the affairs of the Israeli Government. It should be noted that both and BERNSTEIN received correspondence from Ultragom International Corporation. This corporation is presently engaged in purchasing airplanes and parts of planes for the Israeli Government.

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, 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.
Confidential Informant of known reliability, Manufacturers Trust Company, 55 Broad Street, New York City, advised SA 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.

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

Confidential Informant of known reliability, Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 165 Broadway, New York City, advised SA 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 of known reliability, Bank of New York and Fifth Avenue Bank, 48 Wall Street, New York, New York, advised SA 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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LEADS

MIAMI OFFICE

At Miami, Florida

Will recontact Ultramar International Corporation and ascertain if it has had any business dealings with American Airmotive Company.

Will also discretely ascertain if BERNSTEIN has had any business contacts with NAHUM.

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

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

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. Will audit this account.

Will check the Central Hanover Bank and Trust.
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LEADS (CONT'D.)

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

At Lake Success, New York

Will conduct investigation in the vicinity
of 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.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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

- Anonymous Source

    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. NAHUM BERNSTEIN, 136 East 67th Street, New York, New York.

Mail cover on mail received at his place of business.

Mail cover on mail received at his home.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS (CONT'D.)

REFERENCES:

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DATE: 1/23/53 BY 9803 NEW
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TO:        Mr. Hennrich
FROM:      Mr. W. R. Wannall
SUBJECT:   NAHUM BERNSTEIN
ESPIONAGE - IS

PURPOSE

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

DETAILS

Our investigation concerning Bernstein has reflected that he
has been in contact with persons who formerly have come under investiga-
tion in view of their Communist activities and backgrounds. The
primary contact falling within this category is

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 be-
lieved 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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To: Director, FBI
From: Legal Attache, Paris

Subject: (S)

(Record No. 65-59184)

Re: Bulletin October 2, 1950.

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SAC, New York

December 18, 1950

Director, FBI

NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN, waa...

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.

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 310 of the attachment indicates Bernstein claimed 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.

Enclosures
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cc: (s)

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Date: January 4, 1951

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NAHUM BERNSTEIN
          ESPIONAGE - IS
          Bureau File No. 65-59184

Re: Rep 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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cc--Los Angeles (ENC)
cc--Newark (ENC)
cc--Washington Field (ENCS 4)

DES: EMD
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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 that Nahum Bernstein had received a call from one 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.

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 the District Attorney's Office that if the case was delayed much longer, she was going to Hoover of the FBI replied, "She threatened to go to the FBI, huh?" Bernstein said, "Yes." Then said he was going to try to get to retract his statement. Bernstein replied that if he 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.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field Office

DATE: January 15, 1951

SUBJECT: NAHUM AMBER BERNSTEIN
ESPIONAGE - IS
(Snfile 65-59184)

Re: Rep. Special Agent ___________ 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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310, New York City

January 13, 1951

Director, FBI

NAHUM BERKSTEIN
ESPIONAGE - IS
Your file 65-15301

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

Advise status of this matter.

[Handwritten notes and codes]

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JAN 3, 1951
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[Redacted text]
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: Nahum Bernstein
Espionage - IS
(BuFile 65-59184)

Re: Bullet 1/13/51.

By letter dated 1/4/51, there was transmitted an additional page identifying Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA dated 9/19/50 at NYC.
WASHINGTON TO NEWARK 1 FROM NEW YORK 12-21ST.

DIRECTOR AND SACS DEFERRED

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NAHM BERNSTEIN, ES. - IS.

ADVISED THAT NAHM BERNSTEIN ARE PRESENTLY DEFENDANTS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT BY ONE FOR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS RE A PROJECT 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, NEUTRALITY ACT", THE CASE IN POINT WAS ON THE CALENDAR FOR JANUARY LAST AT BRIDGETON, N.J. HARRY ADLER WAS THE LOCAL ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTS SCHWIMMER AND BERNSTEIN. INF. ADvised

ISRAEL EMBASSY PLANNED TO IN BRIDGETON LAST MONDAY AND THAT AN ATTORNEY IN STATEN ISLAND, NY, WHO IS KNOWN TO BE ACTIVE IN ISRAELI AFFAIRS

IN THIS CASE. NEWARK SHOULD ASCERTAIN THE TITLE OF THE CASE, THE

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FORM No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE no. 65-2410

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

DATE WHEN MADE 1-29-51

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-5-51

REPORT MADE BY

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CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - IS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

American Airmotive Company, Miami, has had dealings 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 American Airmotive with Ultramar International Corporation, or BERNSTEIN. 

Deals with Pan American Bank of Miami consist of transfers of stocks and bonds handled for a Pan American Bank customer.

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AS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT IS CONFIDENTIAL

FILED BY

INVESTIGATIVE OFFICER

DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

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, NAHUM BERNSTEIN, advised that he knows that American Airmotive has had some dealings with 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.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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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 but that the negotiations fell through. Also said that he is positive that American Airmotive Company has had no dealings of any kind with Ultramar International Corporation or NAHUM BERNSTEIN.

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

The indices of the Miami Office contain no information concerning

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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 1/3 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.

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 _______ His original attorneys were _______. 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."

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 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 for charter flights terminated the contract on August 11, 1948 on which date the plane was located by COX at Aqui Airport, Israel. COX alleged on August 12, 1948, SCHWIMMER took illegal possession of the aircraft and issued the same thereafter.

On December 14, 1948, a navigator, met COX and SCHWIMMER at the Hotel Gat Rimon in Tel Aviv, Israel and conferred with SCHWIMMER promised to pay for the use of the plane on the same terms as 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 Aviv Airport and was a complete loss. Thereafter agreed
to pay $300,000.00 for the value of the aircraft and SCHWIMMER agreed to
pay $57,000.00 a month for five months or 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.

Attached to the pleadings was a copy of an agreement entered into
at Geneva in July 15, 1948 which provided that payments were to be made to the
Union des Roques 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, paid the plaintiff $300,000.00 and the plaintiff executed a general release to Asem 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.

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

January 8, 1961, witness for plaintiff RALPH COX, JR. 

January 9, 1961, 

January 10, 1961, 

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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:

NACHUM A. BERNSTEIN, New York City:

On January 10, 1951 a witness for the plaintiff testified:

Thereafter defense witness was called but was not permitted to testify at that time. Then followed the Israeli Embassy, Washington, D.C.

ADOLPH W. SCHWIMMER also testified on January 10, 1951.

- PENDING -
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.

REFERENCE: New York teletype to the Bureau, Washington Field and Newark, 1/12/51.
### Synopsis of Facts:

- He has also been in contact with AL SCHUMMER concerning litigation involving the purchase of planes for Israel.
- BERNSTEIN has also been contacted by Ultramar International Corporation. BERNSTEIN has received correspondence from Land & Sea 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.

### Report Details:

- **Date When Made:** 2/13/51
- **Period for Which Made:** 11/18/50-2/8/51
- **Character of Case:** ESPIONAGE - IS
- **File No.:** 65-15301
- **New York Date Made:** 2/13/51
- **Headquarters:** New York
- **File Number:** 65-15301

### Case Origin:

This case originated at New York.
Other correspondence received by BERNSTEIN listed. BERNSTEIN has received correspondence from Ultramar International Corporation, SILVER and BERNSTEIN.

DETAILS: The title of this case has been marked "changed" to reflect the addition of the aliases NED BERNSTEIN, 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.
Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that on January 6, 1951, 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 lawsuit trial coming up in court on the following Monday in which a man was trying to collect in connection with a project 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 that he get some background witnesses, preferably Gentiles and somebody with a rank in the Army or Navy. BERNSTEIN mentioned that he brought back with him the original copies from the Ministry of Defense, of the equipped plane. BERNSTEIN mentioned that they had an appointment to be in Bridgeton, at ADLER'S place, at 3:00 PM the following day.

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

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 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 he could get to Bridgeton from Washington, D.C. the following day. BERNSTEIN told that when he got to Bridgeton he was to go to the office of HARRY ADLER, who was the local lawyer they used.

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

On January 6, 1951 Confidential Informant advised that NAHUM BERNSTEIN contacted
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 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. It was mentioned that was willing to say he brought $100,000.00 in from Switzerland for investment purposes, and $100,000.00 that had with the Israeli Government could be declared. BERNSTEIN advised him that he was "only suspending the day of reckoning." stated that as far as taxes went he did not care, 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.

On January 10, 1951 this Informant advised that BERNSTEIN was in contact with (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 that time that he thought the case was "in the bag." BERNSTEIN also advised that they needed $1,500.00 that day for expenses to pay off the witnesses. 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 advised that on January 16, 1951 NAHUM BERNSTEIN was contacted by the organization Material for Israel. On that occasion asked BERNSTEIN if he was coming...
to the Board meeting. BERNSTEIN replied that he intended to. advised that he was glad to hear this since they needed some legal advice from BERNSTEIN.

This same Informant advised that on January 20, 1951 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 at a later date.

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.

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.

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

According to Confidential Informant 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 intended to stay in the United States.

Confidential Informant 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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<td>Land Seas Products Corporation, 39 Broadway, New York City.</td>
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<td>Israeli Consulate, 11 East 70th Street, New York City.</td>
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<td>Strong and Schwartz, 4441 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California.</td>
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<td>Israeli Industries, Inc., 122 Allenby Road, Post Office Box 2876, Tel Aviv, Israel.</td>
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<td>December 6, 1950</td>
<td>Material for Israel, 250 West 57th Street, New York City.</td>
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<td>December 8, 1950</td>
<td>Ultemar International Corporation, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.</td>
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<td>Embassy of Israel, Washington, D. C.</td>
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ADDRESSOR
El Al Israeli National Airlines,
29 West 57th Street, New York City.

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

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

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

Post Office Box 2876, Tel Aviv,
Israel.

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

Hoffmann and Company,
Ltd., Herzlial 100, Tel Aviv,
ISRAEL - Office; Jabotinski Street,
Ramat Gan - Factory.

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

TOP SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED THAT 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 RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM SILVER AND BERNSTEIN, 20 PINE STREET, NEW YORK CITY.
I:\NY 65-15301

LEADS

NEWARK

At Bridgeton, New Jersey

Will ascertain the type of litigation in which NAHUM BERNSTEIN, A. SCHWIMMER, 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 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.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA dated February 13, 1951 at New York City, are as follows:

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

Mail cover on mail received by at his business address,

SAC, New York

April 9, 1951

Director, FBI

RABAH BERNSTEIN, vas.
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(New York File #65-15301)

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Rep 8A
dated 2-13-51 at New York City.

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Washington Field

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TOP SECRET
In an effort to secure complete information regarding Bernstein's testimony, the Bureau reviewed the U.S. Supreme Court opinion in 316 U. S. Reports 114, October Term 1941, and the Circuit Court of Appeals decision as set forth in 120 Fed. 2d 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 case and described Bernstein's involvement therein in 120 Fed. 2d 485. Justice Hand related that sometime before August 1935, a number of large insurance companies, suspecting that they were being victimized, retained two firms of lawyers to run down the culprit. One Bernstein was a member of one of these firms and in that same month a man came to him and made an oral confession which laid bare the outlines of the whole scheme. He 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.

To the success of such a scheme a confederation of lawyers, doctors - including heart specialists - and, of course, the insured themselves, was necessary. Several of the lawyers, 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 to keep up a front of continued participation in the scheme and be installed in offices a dictaphone which would record talks with visitors. Besides this, he got records of telephone talks between 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, meanwhile disclosing to Bernstein numerous fabricated "case histories" of fraudulent claimants. On October 8, 1935, made a detailed and lengthy written confession which implicated and a great many others. This confession, along with certain other material,
Bernstein presented to U. S. Attorney Hardy. On November 27, 1936, Hardy called in a Post Office Inspector to work up the case. On December 6, 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 on May 18, 1937, and even later. By these means nearly a thousand records were procured of talks between the confederates.

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 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 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 I never heard of a firm by the name of Silver and Bernstein or that was in any way related to them. I never met those gentlemen.

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

I did not in the course of my work at 51st Street or 1200 Broadway come into contact with any law firm. With respect to lawyers, Mr. Bernstein was in, I think, when we made the first installation with Inspector (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 listen how to put these machines in or how to work it.
Inspector  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  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."  testified that the firm of Silver and Bernstein furnished stenographers to monitor the machines covering the tapped lines. Inspector  named these stenographers as:  

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  testified to the fact that Mr. Bernstein paid for use of the machines.

As will be noted, no information regarding Bernstein's own testimony in the District Court trial was available through the sources checked by the Bureau. 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 Mardone 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 captioned et al, General Insurance Investigation; Mail Fraud" and file number captioned 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.

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...
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

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 Schwen 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
3. [Blank]

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NEWARK

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.

REFERENCE: New York teletype to the Bureau, Washington Field and Newark, 1/12/51.
Report of SA Newark, 2/9/51.
SAC, New York
DIRECTOR, FBI

NADUM A. BERNSTEIN
ESPIONAGE - IS
(N.Y. file 65-15301)

March 22, 1951

By letter dated December 18, 1950, the Bureau forwarded photostatic copies of certain material received from CIA in which it was indicated that Bernstein, then 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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FROM: SAC, New York
SUBJECT: NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN
ESPIONAGE - IS
(File 65-59184)

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 Edward Scheidt 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.
APRIL 7, 1951

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SAC, NEW YORK

HARRY A. BERESTEN, WAC., ESPIONAGE - TS.

REQUESTED NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, 1951.

REQUESTING ANY INFORMATION YOUR FILES INDICATING

BERESTEN HAS COOPERATED WITH YOUR OFFICE TO THE DATE. YOUR LETTER MARCH

TWENTY THIRD, TWENTY FIFTY ONE, REPORTED REVIEW OF YOUR FILES DID

NOT REFLECT SUBJEST HAS COOPERATED IN ANY WAY IN ANY INVESTIGATION. ADVISE

[Blank Space] RECENTLY MADE UP CASES ON [Blank Space] ET AL.

GENERAL INSIGNS INVESTIGATION, MAIL FRAUD AND [Blank Space] INTIMIDATION

OF WITNESSES, NEW YORK FILE NUMBERS [Blank Space]

[Blank Space] RESPECTIVELY. REFER PARTICULARLY TO PARAGRAPHS

FOUR, PAGE THREES, NEW YORK LETTER JANUARY TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT,

IN MAIL FRAUD CASE. SUBST. IMMEDIATELY ANY INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE TO BUREAU

WHICH EXPLAINS CONTACTS OR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN YOUR OFFICE AND BERESTEN

IN THESE TWO CASES.

HOOVER

[Signature]

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Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated April 10, 1951, in the above captioned matter.

A check of the indices of the WFO and the information furnished by confidential informant on Israel matters failed to reflect any information concerning NED BERNEY other than that contained in referenced letter. RUC.
WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 45 10 657 P
DIRECTOR URGENT

NAHUM A. BERNSTEIN, WAS. ESP - IS. RE NY LET MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, 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 ETAL, GENERAL INSURANCE INVESTIGATION, MAIL FRAUD, INDICATES NAHUM BERNSTEIN WAS REPRESENTING THE INSURANCE COMPANY'S 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 BERNSTEIN DESCRIBED AS AN INSURANCE COMPANY EMPLOYEE RE CONTACTING THE INFORMANT 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 AT TEN PM. NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFO IN THIS FILE. NO OTHER INFO IN CASE INTIMIDATION OF WITNESSES, IN NY FILE NOT IN POSSESSION OF BUREAU.

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