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a report received from the Office of Naval Intelligence dated November 11, 1940.

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Serial: 25143  
Date: 4 November 1948  
Place: San Francisco  

**Reference**: None

**Source**: See below

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**Political Affairs**

1. The informant advises that he received a telegraph message on 3 November 1948 from a source who he considers reliable and well informed, and with whom he exchanges information of mutual interest in connection with aviation activities. Although the information, at least in part, is unconfirmed, the informant believes that, because of its nature, the information may be of interest to the United States Navy.

2. The message relates to an O. B. R. CHALK, President of the Trans Caribbean Airways, with headquarters at Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey, who recently returned to Newark from a trip which included Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and the Vatican at Rome. The informant states that the visit to the Vatican was probably to obtain financial support and/or commitments from the Vatican in connection with anticipated heavy demands for air travel to Rome from various parts of the world during 1949-1950 in connection with scheduled Holy Year rites and festivals. Several airlines are reportedly competing for this business, and are trying to obtain recognition as the designated line for pilgrimages as well as financial subsidies from the Vatican.

3. The informant further advises that the message received by him states that it is rumored that CHALK completed arrangements in Palestine whereby TCA has become the direct purchasing representative in the United States of the Jewish underground movement in Palestine, and that it is also rumored that one half of the highly critical aviation material being sent by TCA to Palestine is for ultimate delivery to the Soviet government.

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4. The informant advises that he has heard rumors from other sources that CHALK, who is Jewish, has had dealings with the underground in Palestine, and feels that the rumors are probably true. He states that CHALK is a keen individual and an opportunist, and that TAC presently operates unscheduled flights from the United States to South America and Europe, and is understood to receive some financial support under the European Recovery Program in connection with the European flights.

SOURCE: The informant is an executive of a substantial airline engaged in unscheduled operations throughout the world. He has been found cooperative and reliable in previous dealings with DIO, 12ND.