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October 5, 1939.

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Justice Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At his press conference the other day, Attorney General Murphy informed us that the policies of the department had been changed so that we could request interviews from the directors of bureaus and divisions.

I wonder if I could talk to you sometime this week or next about the Nazi and anti-Semitic organizations, which have become so prominent within the last year.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency established a bureau here six weeks ago, and I am their correspondent. Perhaps you will recall that I, for many years, was with the Times-Herald, and covered a great many stories emanating from the Department of Justice.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Frank
October 21, 1939

Mr. Pat Frank
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.
1050 National Press Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Frank:

Upon my return to Washington, your letter of October 5, 1939, was called to my attention, and in the meantime the contents had been communicated to me over long distance telephone while on the West Coast. I had instructed that my office communicate with you and advise that it would not be possible for me to give you the interview desired due to departmental regulations. I do hope you will understand my position in this matter.

I recall, of course, your contacts at the Bureau, and some time when you are in the building I hope you will drop by my office and say hello.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Miss Gandy:

Mr. Hoover instructed that Pat Frank be called and advised that he, Mr. Hoover, has not been advised of any change in the policy; that as far as he knows all requests must be referred to Mr. Mulcahy; that Mr. Hoover is presently on the West Coast but even if he were here he could not grant an interview since existing regulations preclude his doing so:

RP

10:20am. I called Mr. Frank and in his absence left a message with his Secretary who stated she was familiar with the letter and Mr. Frank's request.
She expressed Mr. Frank's appreciation for the call and stated she would inform Mr. Frank to contact Mr. Mulcahy.
I informed her Mr. Hoover would not be back for some little time.
February 1, 1940

Mr. H. Wishengrad
Editor
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.
1560 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wishengrad,

I have received your letter of January 19, 1940, concerning your interest in releases which may be made by the FBI from time to time.

Mr. P. F. Foxworth, Special Agent in Charge of this Bureau's New York City Field Division, has advised that he has added your name to his press release list so that a representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Incorporated may receive such material as it is issued.

It was thoughtful of you to call my attention to your desire for this information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Reference is made to the letter of January 19, 1940, received from Mr. H. Wishengrad, Editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Incorporated, 1560 Broadway, New York City.

In regard to this I called Special Agent in Charge P. E. Foxworth on the night of January 29, 1940, who advised that he had also received a letter from Mr. Wishengrad and in reply had advised him that his name had been added to the press release list of the New York Office to receive such material as is available from time to time.

I asked Mr. Foxworth to advise the Bureau by letter concerning the nature of this agency.

An appropriate letter is attached to Mr. Wishengrad.

Respectfully,

R. C. Hendon
January 19, 1940.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -

It is my painful duty to inform you that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, one of those which has been for some time reporting developments affecting the Christian Front, was completely scooped on your announcement of the seizure of the seventeen alleged plotters. I am now informed that you broke the story late last Sunday afternoon by notifying the New York newspapers and news agencies to send reporters to your office. This agency was not among those notified.

I need not, of course, point out to you the serious consequences to us of such a lapse on a story of that character. Our agency has been in existence for twenty years and serves several hundred Yiddish and other newspapers throughout the world.

I should deeply appreciate if in the future you and the various offices of the F.B.I. concerned in the Christian Front affair would keep us apprised of all developments pertaining to it.

Our Washington bureau, in the National Press Building, is headed by Mr. Pat Frank, formerly of the Washington Times-Herald.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

F. Wishengrad
Editor

[Handwritten notes and stamps]
IN COMPLIANCE WITH TELEPHONIC REQUEST TODAY FROM MR. R C HENDON AT BUREAU

THE FOLLOWING DATA HAS BEEN OBTAINED CONCERNING JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY INC ONE FIVE SIX NAUGHT BROADWAY THIS CITY. WESTERN UNION RECORDS SHOW ABOVE TO BE A NEWS GATHERING AGENCY WHICH HAVING GATHERED NEWS MATERIAL IN THIS COUNTRY TELEGRAPHS IT ABROAD THROUGH USE OF WESTERN UNION EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE. THEY RENT AND OPERATE A WESTERN UNION "PRINTER" AND HAVE BEEN SUBSCRIBERS TO THIS SERVICE SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. ON FOUR OCCASIONS DURING THIS PERIOD WESTERN UNION HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO SUSPEND SERVICE BECAUSE OF SUBSCRIBERS TARDINESS IN PAYING RENT HOWEVER SUBSCRIBER ALSO HAS AN OFFICE IN CHICAGO WHICH IS VERY BUSY AND PROMPT IN PAYMENT BECAUSE OF WHICH LATTER CONDITION SERVICE IN NEW YORK HAS EACH TIME BEEN RESTORED. RETAIL CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING EITHER WISHENGRAF OR HIS COMPANY.

FOXWORTH

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OK FBI WASH DC AG
New York, N. Y.
April 23, 1943

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On April 10th, Mr. L. B. Nichols of the Bureau called and requested that I get in touch with Jacob Landau of the Overseas News Agency and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who had been referred to the Bureau by Herbert Bayard Swope. Mr. Landau was out of the city at that time, but called at this office on April 22nd, at which time he stated that he desired to offer the cooperation of his organizations. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was organized some time ago for the purpose of disseminating information which might be helpful to the Jewish people. Subsequent thereto, according to Mr. Landau, at the suggestion of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope and other prominent citizens, the Overseas News Agency was organized to assist in the fight against Nazism and Fascism. Mr. Landau was of the opinion that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which numbered among its clients many foreign language newspapers, could be of assistance in this country insofar as the various foreign groups were concerned. He also felt that the Overseas News Agency which had rapidly developed in South America could be of value through contacts with the six hundred thousand Jews now residing in South America.

Since Mr. Landau's English was very poor and it was rather difficult to understand his exact proposition, I requested that he prepare a memorandum outlining in detail just what he felt his group would be able to do and the estimated expense involved. He agreed to do this and I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of the memorandum which Mr. Landau submitted. It will be noted that as far as being of assistance in this country is concerned, he estimates it will require approximately $5.00 per week, and in South America from $4.00 to $500 per week. Mr. Landau emphasized the fact that neither one of his agencies desired to profit from such an arrangement, however the expense which he estimates is considerable. I would not recommend that he undertake such a program as he suggests.
Director,

I have also asked Mr. Landau to supply a memorandum on the Ukrainians in the United States and their activities. It would be my suggestion that upon receipt of this memorandum we very carefully review it and if it does appear from the information contained therein that his organization could be of any assistance to us here in the United States, we then approach him on a much more modest basis than $540 per week in order to probe the possibilities of utilizing him further. I do not think that in the beginning we would be justified in an expenditure so far as the United States is concerned of over $75 or $100 per week, and that that should be entirely dependent upon the information obtained.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
Assistant Director.

Enclosures.
MEMORANDUM

APRIL 22, 1942

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS SPENT FIVE MONTHS IN SOUTH AMERICA, RETURNING TO THIS COUNTRY IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR. HE ESTABLISHED OFFICES OF THE OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY IN BUENOS AIRES AND RIO DE JANEIRO. CORRESPONDENTS ARE MAINTAINED IN VARIOUS OTHER CENTERS. HE AND HIS CORRESPONDENTS HAVE ESTABLISHED MANY CONTACTS IN VARIOUS SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STRATA. PARTICULARLY INTIMATE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE JEWISH GROUPS AND LEADERS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

WHILE THE GERMANS AND THE ITALIANS IN SOUTH AMERICA NUMBER IN THE MILLIONS, THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH POPULATION IN SOUTH AMERICA IS NUMERICALLY INSIGNIFICANT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE 600,000 JEWS LIVING IN SOUTH AMERICA, MANY OF WHOM OCCUPY IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE FREE PROFESSIONS. THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION, POSSESSING MANY INTIMATE CONTACTS WITH POLITICIANS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ETC., ETC.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A SPECIAL EFFORT BE MADE TO UTILIZE THIS IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION. IT IS NECESSARY TO POINT OUT THAT THE JEWS IN SOUTH AMERICA ARE ANTI-NAZI AND ARE VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE VICTORY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE APPOINTED IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES, NOT ONLY IN THE CAPITALS, BUT IN THE VARIOUS PROVINCIAL CENTERS.

THE UNDERSIGNED IS CONFIDENT THAT THE EFFORT HE SUGGESTS WOULD PROVE PRODUCTIVE OF IMPORTANT RESULTS.
BUDGET

A MODEST SALARY OF $50 OR $60 WEEKLY SHOULD BE PAID THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES. THE PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES COULD BE HAD FOR $30 OR $40 WEEKLY.

TRAVELING EXPENSES AND OTHER INCIDENTALS SHOULD BE FIGURES AT THE RATE OF $150 OR $200 WEEKLY.

THE TOTAL BUDGET WOULD DEPEND ON HOW MANY COUNTRIES ARE TO BE COVERED.

IN THE TWO LARGEST COUNTRIES, ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, A WEEKLY BUDGET OF FROM $400 TO $500 WOULD BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO COVER ADEQUATELY THE MOST IMPORTANT CITIES AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS PROVINCIAL CENTERS.

[Signature]
MEMORANDUM

APRIL 22, 1942

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE UNDERSIGNED AND THE OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY BE UTILIZED FOR THE GATHERING OF INFORMATION AMONG THE FOREIGN-LANGUAGE GROUPS AND THE VARIOUS FOREIGN POLITICIANS WHO HAVE COME TO OUR COUNTRY.

THE UNDERSIGNED, WHO IMMIGRATED IN 1921, HAS VISITED EUROPE ALMOST EVERY YEAR AND HAS SPENT A CONSIDERABLE PART OF HIS TIME THERE. HE HAS ACQUIRED MANY CONTACTS AND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE POLITICAL BACKGROUND OF THOSE WHO ARE ACTIVE AMONG THE VARIOUS FOREIGN-LANGUAGE GROUPS.

THE OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY IS PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOREIGN-LANGUAGE GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS SERVICING MANY OF THE FOREIGN-LANGUAGE PAPERS AND MANY CONTACTS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED WITH EDITORS, PUBLISHERS, POLITICIANS, ETC.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A SPECIAL DIVISION BE ESTABLISHED DEVOTED TO THE GATHERING OF SUCH INFORMATION IN WHICH YOUR OFFICE WOULD BE INTERESTED. THE ADVANTAGES OF THE ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS PROPOSED WOULD CONSIST OF:

1) AN INTERMEDIARY AGENCY COULD UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF NON-CITIZENS. AMONG THEM THERE ARE QUITE A FEW WHO POSSESS GREAT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WHICH WOULD PROVE VERY VALUABLE. YOUR EMPLOYING THEM DIRECTLY HAS OBVIOUS DISADVANTAGES.

2) THE UNDERSIGNED AND THE AGENCY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN SUPPLYING THAT COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THOSE WITH WHOM THEY WOULD BE CONCERNED, OUTLINING NOT ONLY THEIR PRESENT ATTITUDE, BUT GIVING AN ALL-ROUND PICTURE OF THEIR PAST RECORD, THEIR PREVIOUS TIE-UPS WITH EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES, AFFILIATIONS, ETC.

3) EVALUATING THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES AS TO BIAS, PRESENTING COMPREHENSIVE CONCLUSIONS BASED ON ALL DATA WHICH WOULD BE SUBMITTED.

4) THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF AN UNOFFICIAL AND INCONSPICUOUS APPROACH. WE WOULD BE FREE TO INTERVIEW ALL THOSE WITHINQUIRIES ARE MADE, AS WELL AS THEIR FRIENDS AND ANTAGONISTS.
IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE FEASIBILITY OF THIS PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT BE TESTED ON A MODEST BASIS FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF THREE OR SIX MONTHS. NEITHER THE UNDERSIGNED NOR THE AGENCY ITSELF WISH TO BENEFIT FINANCIALLY.

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SIGNED:

Kent Landau
106 E 41st St
In answer to the memorandum of March 27, 1944, written in the captioned matter by Mr. James R. Sharp, Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section, War Division, this is to advise that all information in the possession of this Bureau relating to a possible violation of Federal law on the part of the Overseas News Agency, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jacob Landau for failure to properly register as agents of a foreign principal has already been made available to the Department.

With reference to the last paragraph of Mr. Sharp's memorandum, it is requested that you inform me whether an active investigation to determine the applicability of Section 1 (d) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act to the captioned individual, organizations is desired and if so, along what lines such investigation should be conducted.

cc: Mr. Tom C. Clark
    Assistant Attorney General

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ATTENTION TO INCLUDE 279 CHILDREN ULTIMATELY DESTINED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES IN A TRANSPORT OF 1000 CHILDREN FROM FRANCE TO ARGENTINA

From: Agudas Israel of Argentina

c/o Mr. Abay Deutsch

Vinccento 333

Buenos Aires, Argentina

and signed by Jacob Rosenheim

Par 2. of said letter reads as follows:

Wishing translation:

The following matter causes my writing to you today.

The "Jewish Telegraph Agency" reports that the Argentine Government desires to permit the entry of 1000 Jewish children from Europe for which the "Deja" has guaranteed the transport and support after the transport to bring 5000 destitute, parentless children from Southern France to this country failed. It is no small matter that this small scale action for 1000 children can be undertaken. I am "however, in doubt, whether the "anti-murderers will permit the exit of these children. We have found here in New York possibilities to house 279 orthodox children, evidenced by the signature of friends and relatives."

Par 3. "Should the action of the "Deja" become reality, it might be possible to include those 279 children whose names and addresses could be submitted and then send them here from there."

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**BYRON PRICE**

Director.
anyhow, you should try and place orthodox children in orthodox homes as much as possible."

Another letter from the sender to the addressee dated December 14, 1942 refers to a child whose parents live in La Paz, Bolivia; the child has the Bolivia entry permit. The address of the child is.

Helga Kalmuschnitz
Chateau De Moreles
Bouvrnent, Allier, France

The Bolivian Entry Permit is in the hands of the Bolivian consul in Lisbon and sender requests that all efforts be made that this child be included in the transport.

Balance of letters read and appear to be harmless.

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETES PLAN FOR EVACUATION OF JEWS FROM BALKAN COUNTRIES

ANKARA, Turkey, March 12. (JTA) -- The first steps toward mass evacuation of Jewish refugees from Rumania and Bulgaria have been completed, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told today by Ira A. Hirshmann, representative here of the United States War Refugee Board.

Mr. Hirshmann revealed that Turkey has agreed to passage of 5,000 children to Palestine. He added that negotiations for a Turkish ship, capable of carrying 1,000 children at a trip, are shaping up for early settlement. The ship will pick up its passengers at Constanza, Rumanian Black Sea port, and take them to Haifa.

The British authorities, Hirshmann said, will provide Palestine visas and is hopeful of getting a German safe conduct. At the present time, only about 100 persons weekly are allowed exit from the Axis-controlled Balkan states. They are allowed 24 hours to pass through Turkish territory.

Jewish Children From Bulgaria Reach Palestine

HAIIFA, March 12. (JTA) -- Fifty Jewish children from Bulgaria arrived here today. They were met by representatives of the Jewish Agency and taken to Jewish settlements where they will reside and be educated. The last group of Rumanian Jews who were held in Cyprus for more than two years also landed in Haifa today.

DISMISSED JEWISH ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS IN RUMANIA CALLED BACK TO WORK

ZURICH, March 12. (JTA) -- All Jewish engineers and technicians who were dismissed from the large industrial war plants in Rumania for racial reasons have been reinstated, the Gazette de Lausanne, a Swiss newspaper, reports today.

The report discloses that Jews have also been called back to work at the Malaza factories which are the largest in the country, producing the major part of Rumania's war material and railway stock. These factories were taken over by the Germans in 1940 and incorporated into the Hermann Goering Works, and the Greek owner Malaza was jailed. Recently they were returned to the owner who was released to resume charge of the plants.

NAZIS PLAN NEW MEASURES AGAINST FRENCH JEWS; MAY PROCLAIM STATE OF SIEGE IN ALL FRANCE

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- The Algiers radio today reported that the German occupation authorities in France are planning to intensify their Anti-Jewish campaign with native Jews as their chief target. The broadcast stated that a state of siege may soon be proclaimed all over France "with immediate measures against Jews" in connection with the expected Allied invasion.

A Belgian who recently fled here from his homeland told today how a Jewish woman deportee had her hands shot off by machine-gun fire when she tried to smuggle a letter to her family notifying them that she was being deported. When the train in which the woman, together with several thousand other Jews, was being shipped to Poland passed the station of Boiselt, Belgium, she threw a letter out of the car—As she did so Nazi guards opened fire on her, cuddling her hands which hung outside the car. A bystander bravely braved the gun fire to pick up the letter and succeeded in sending it on to the woman's family.
MOST OF ROVNO JEWS KILLED BETWEEN FALL OF 1941, SUMMER OF 1942, EYE-WITNESS REPORT

MOSCOW, March 12. (JTA) – Almost the entire Jewish population of the city of Rovno, in the Ukraine, were massacred by German troops between the Fall of 1941 and the Summer of 1942, according to dispatches from Rovno, appearing in the Moscow press today. The city was recaptured by the Red Army on February 5.

The first large-scale massacre of Jews occurred in October of 1941, when 12,000 men, women and children were taken to the Koreck Highway – ostensibly to be transported to a camp and machinegunned. The remaining Jews in the city were killed in the summer of 1942. The only ones to escape execution were those who succeeded in fleeing to partisan groups in the vicinity or who secured shelter in the homes of friendly Ukrainians and Poles.

On Belya Street in Rovno, the dispatches state, are five large mass-graves. In three of them, hundreds of murdered Jews are buried. The Nazi extermination of the Jewish population was disclosed by eye-witnesses interviewed by the front-line correspondents.

JEWS ORGANIZATIONS AGREE TO AFFILIATE WITH FEDERATION BODY TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) – All national and local organizations invited to affiliate with the new National Community Relations Advisory Council have officially accepted, it was announced today by Philmore J. Haber, of Cleveland and Edgar J. Kaufman of Pittsburgh, chairman of the organizing committee.

Participating in the first meeting of the new body at New York City, March 18-20, will be representatives of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B’nai B’rith Anti-Defamation League and Jewish Labor Committee and the following communities: Baltimore, Boston, Brooklyn, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Francisco.

Launched at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at Pittsburgh last month, the new body will begin its first meeting to deal with the major problems of anti-Semitism confronting the Jews of America and will attempt to bring about joint policies for the national and local agencies which are attempting to meet them.

ANTI-IMMIGRATIONISTS IN CANADA INTENSIFY THEIR ACTIVITIES IN QUEBEC PROVINCE

QUEBEC, March 12. (JTA) – Objections to mass immigration into Canada have been raised in the Provincial Legislature by members of the "Union Nationales" party, who are followers of the ex-premier, Maurice Duplessis, sponsor of an anti-immigration resolution in the Legislature.

Onesime Gagnon, one of Duplessis’ lieutenants, argued that his opposition to immigration was not directed against any particular race, nor against individual immigrants, but against the idea of mass entry into Canada. He warned of the "danger" of such a movement and called on the Quebec government to "use all means at its disposal to halt the threat." Reiterating his opposition to mass immigration, Mr. Gagnon pointed out that even the Arabs of Palestine did not want mass Jewish immigration.

ESTABLISH LARGE PARK IN TEL AVIV IN COMMEMORATION OF CITY’S FOUNDER

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) – The largest and most elaborate park ever to be established in this city was opened here today at ceremonies marking the 70th birthday of the late Meir Dizengoff, first mayor of Tel Aviv and one of its founders, after whom the park is named. The formal opening of "Gen Meir," "Meir’s Park," was attended by the entire municipal council and representatives of the Palestine Government and Jewish institutions.
ROOSEVELT STATEMENT ON PALESTINE HAILED AT YESHIVA COLLEGE CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Delegates representing hundreds of Jewish organizations meeting today at a conference of the National Council of Fraternal and Landsmanshaften Organization sponsored by Yeshiva College at the Hotel Commodore, adopted a resolution commending President Roosevelt for his "sympathetic expression" in favor of Palestine as a Jewish National Homeland and urging Congress to adopt the pending Palestine resolution.

The conference heard Congressman Emanuel Celler and many distinguished educators and Jewish leaders, pay tribute to Yeshiva College and hailed the efforts to expand the college as symbolic of democracy's determination "to preserve its spiritual heritage and uphold the traditions of culture in a war-torn world."

HIAS TO SEND FOOD AND CLOTHING PACKAGES TO NEEDY PERSONS IN U.S.S.R.

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA).-- Americans who wish to aid their relatives and friends in the U.S.S.R., particularly those from Poland and the Baltic states who are now domiciled on Soviet territory, may avail themselves of the facilities of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society which has resumed its service of sending food and clothing packages to the Soviet Union.

An announcement of the arrangements that have been made by Hias in cooperation with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, was made by Abraham Herman, president of the organization. Under the arrangement, the stockpiles of food and clothing which have been assembled by the Joint Distribution Committee in Teheran, Iran, will be utilized for this service. Packages weighing 11 pounds will be sent. They will consist of sugar, tea, marmalade, shirts, shoes, stockings, sweaters, skirts, blankets, soap and other articles. The cost per package ranges from $21 to $30 depending upon the contents. These amounts include the customs duty which is collected by the Soviet authorities, and the cost of packing, mailing and freight.

JEWISH LEADERS ISSUE CALL FOR NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF HEBREW-MONTH

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- The annual observance of "Hebrew Month" was urged in a call issued today by leaders of national Jewish organizations and by noted educators and scholars at the annual dinner of the Histadruth Ivrit of America, National Organization for Hebrew Culture. Menachem Ribakow, editor of the Hadar, the only Hebrew weekly publication outside of Palestine, was honored at the dinner on the occasion of completing thirty years of literary activity.

Among the signatories of the call were: Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council; Hon. Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund; Harry Minsky, president of B'nai B'rith; Chaim Greenberg, leader of the Poale Zion Organization; Leon Gellman, president of the Misrachi Organization of America; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Mark Eisner, chairman of the American Association for Jewish Education; Mrs. Judith Epstein, president of Hadassah; Dr. Israel Efros, president of the Histadruth Ivrit; and Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva College.

DR. STEPHEN S. WISE HONORED BY JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Stepehn S. Wise was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel given by the Jewish Institute of Religion to mark Dr. Wise's 70th birthday, which he will celebrate on Friday. The Institute was founded by Dr. Wise. Speakers included Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, executive director of the Army and Navy Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board, Chaplain Morton Berman, USNR, and Dr. Wise.

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SAC, New York

March 22, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director – Federal Bureau of Investigation

"PRESS JE.1.CORRAU"
Internal Security – C

For appropriate attention there are attached photostatic copies of a cablegram which was transmitted to the captioned entity in New York City on March 12, 1945, by John Lyons, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

In view of the information contained in the wire, you are requested to furnish the Bureau by return mail with the information in your possession which would assist in identifying the addressee of the cablegram in question. It may be noted that coded names are employed by cable companies and, consequently, it is believed possible that the one referred to as "Press Jewcorrau" is one of the many press agencies in New York which are well known to your office. In the event the identity of the addressee cannot be determined from a review of your files, appropriate inquiries should be undertaken for the purpose of effecting this identification and of securing relevant background data concerning the organization.
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SUBSEQUENT REPORTS ON ALTO INVESTIGATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE.

WILFRED H. ERWIN, DATED OCTOBER TWENTY-SIX, NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE, AND RESTATED IN REPORT OF'

AT NEW YORK CITY, IN ALTO CASE. COMPLETE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN

NEW YORK CITY. OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY ALSO OCCUPIES SAME ADDRESS. FOR BACKGROUND

INFORMATION REFER BUREAU LETTER AND MEMO TO NEW YORK OFFICE DATED

MARCH TWENTY-SECOND, NINETEEN FORTY-FIVE. US CENSORSHIP, NY. ADVISES

PRESS JEWCORRAU IS CABLE ADDRESS USED BY JEWISH TELEGRAPH AGENCY,

ONE HUNDRED ONE PARK AVENUE, OR ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST STREET,

NY FILES INDICATE BOTH AGENCIES OPERATED BY JACOB LANDAU.
NLT SOVIET JEWISH PRESS AGENCY
ULITZA KAPOTKINA 10 MOSCOW
SURPRISED YOUR CABLED US "MINOR NEWS WHILE SCHMERTSTEINS APPEAL EHRENBURG ARTICLES CABLED TO OTHERS WHO DON'T SERVE FREIHER IT OTHER NEWSPAPERS STOP HOPE YOU CAN CABLE US NUMBER POLISH JEWS USSR WHETHER REPATRIABLE TO LIBERATED POLAND OR ABLE RESUME CONTACT WITH RELATIVES THERE ALSO WHAT JEWISH LEADERS "MOSCOW DOING TO BRING RELATIVES TOGETHER
JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY
TIME 527
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RAYMOND DAVIES PRESS
HOTEL METROPOLE
MOSCOW
YOUR ROSHASHANAER EXCELLENT BUT SORRY COULDN'T USE YOUR PACKAGES STORIES BECAUSE YOU CABLED SAME TO CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS
JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

PASS 558 59 READ AT 528

COPY FOR CENSORSHIP

R. C. A. C.
Communication is reported written by sender's Mexican correspondent. This correspondent states that in spite of the fact that the Fascist groups "SINAQ-1ST" and the "PARTY OF NATIONAL ACTION" have gone underground because of Government prohibition, Fascism is not dead in Mexico.

This correspondent further states: "At the end of September a great banquet, celebrating the sixth Jubilee of the "Movement of the Nationalistic Unity" was held in one of the hotels in this city.

People surprisingly inquired: What kind of gang is this? and why a six Jubilee? Where were they until now?

The Nationalistic spirit, which the name of the party breathes, created interest in the liberal circles, and the mystery was cleared up. It deals with a new effort to revive Fascism in the country.

The slogan of the party is: "We fight against right and against left!" The structure of the new Fascist movement is the same as of all identical parties. At the top there is a chief and leader. There is no secretary and no president. Three times a week the leader consults with his helpers that he had chosen. The correspondence is confidentially distributed. The laws governing the internal discipline are according to the Nazi code.

The Movement of Nationalistic Unity is full of "schnell" mysticism. It language is full of hints and secrets. The leader "Christian Cortez" spends the burning of the Roman Church. He was a former Deacon who is all this a recent plan in the "Christian Cortez." The leader wants to introduce the movement with a kind of religious exaltation. According to the new gang, the beloved 1934, the freed Mexico from the French Exile, committed the greatest crime against the church because his reforms opened the gates for the "cursed" atheist. The party demands therefore that in Mexico all religions should be prohibited, except the Catholic. In the program, special emphasis is made, that all "Jewish Synagogues" should be closed immediately. The paragraph 130 of the Mexican constitution should be changed, and a special concordat agreement should be made with the Vatican. The bringing up of the young generation should be given over to the church. The second basis of the Movement is Franco-Spain. The new Fascists agree, that "Fascism" is the mother of the people and Latin America in general. The new party maintains, naturally, that the worker is not capable of deciding his own lot, and that he (the worker) lives in darkness with "the Jewish

SPECIAL NOTICE—The attached information was taken from private communications, and its extremely confidential character must be preserved. The information must be used only by those officials whose knowledge of it is necessary to prosecution of the war. It is not to be widely distributed, or copied and, or the information used in legal proceedings or in any public papers or without express consent of the Director of Censorship.

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**Sent with comment to—**

**COMMENT**

It is possible, that the story of the jubilant banquet would have passed quietly and without additional commentary, had it not been for a few unpleasant facts. At the banquet in honor of the six years of the "Movement" were also present a few officers from the army, and a few officials of the Department of Justice. Should we conclude, that this was undermining the basis of the Mexican Republic? Fortunately, however, it is not so. It has been proven in the last few months, that the army is faithful to the government and this fact explains the unsuccessful attempt of a military rebellion.

Encl. 1- News report from JTA. New York.
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York

DATE: January 31, 1946

SUBJECT: JACOB LANDAU, wa.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

Transmitted herewith is a letter from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc., 106 East 41st Street, New York City, dated January 21, 1946 which is self-explanatory.

In connection with this letter it should be noted that JACOB LANDAU, a subject in the ALTO case, is Secretary and Managing Director of the Agency. The New York files do not indicate what prompted the above Agency to make the Daily Bulletin available to the New York Office. It is believed, however, information contained in the New York files reveals that LANDAU has stated that the Office of Strategic Services paid $300.00 per month for the news service. He has also stated that the Office of War Information and other organizations receive the service at varying rates or free of charge. Consequently, it is believed that the enclosed letter may be for the purpose of obtaining an acknowledgment that the service is also being used by the Bureau.

In view of the above circumstances, it is requested that the Bureau acknowledge the enclosed letter.

Enc.

NIA: am
100-69942

76 MAR 4 1946
Mr. E. E. Conroy  
Room 607, U.S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Conroy:

In checking our 1946 mailing list we would very much appreciate your advice on the following points:

1. Is our Daily Bulletin to you correctly addressed?

2. Do you wish to continue receiving this bulletin daily throughout 1946?

3. Would you prefer to receive our digest once a week (containing the highlights of the news in condensed form) rather than the daily bulletin?

With thanks in anticipation of your early reply.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ M. L. Appelman

M. L. Appelman,  
Field Director
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM: J. C. Strickland

SUBJECT: JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC.

DATE: 2-12-46

The New York Office has forwarded to the Bureau for acknowledgment a letter from M. L. Appelman, Field Director of the captioned agency, to SAC Conroy. This letter requests advice as to whether Mr. Conroy desires to continue receiving the Bulletins issued by the J.T.A.

As the New York Office points out, Jacob Landau, a subject in the Alto case, is Secretary and Managing Director of the J.T.A. He at one time tried to sell the Bureau the service of this agency and of the Overseas News Agency with which he is also connected, but was refused. The bulletins are available thru confidential informants.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: (1) That Mr. Conroy direct the reply to Appelman.
(2) That he request deletion of his name from the mailing list.
(3) That arrangements be made to obtain the releases of the J.T.A. through confidential sources in the future, if they are of any value to the N.Y. Office.

If you concur, there is attached a letter to New York for approval.

FEB 20 '46
February 15, 1946

SAC, New York

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY, INC.

Reference is made to your letter in this matter dated January 31, 1946, enclosing a communication directed to you by Mr. M. L. Appelman of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc. Mr. Appelman's letter is being returned to you herewith.

It will be preferable for you to afford Mr. Appelman an acknowledgment and, since the circumstances dictate the inadvisability of your name remaining on the mailing list of his organization, your reply should request its deletion therefrom. You should point out that the releases of the J.T.A. have been received at your office in the past on an entirely unsolicited basis.

The above instructions are to be complied with immediately. If the instant bulletins have been of any value to your office, receipt of them in the future should be arranged for through a confidential source.

Attachment
October 13, 1949

Honorable Maurer Steinbrick
Chairman, Anti-Defamation League
of B'nai B'rith
212 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Justice Steinbrick:

A recent news story stated that the FBI approved the use of the word "Jewish" as descriptive of apparent nationality in connection with a form utilized by the St. Louis Police Department. The FBI had nothing to do with the formulation, approval or endorsement of this form. As a matter of fact, the FBI does not approve of such phraseology. In identifying individuals the FBI does not use words describing a religion in designating race or nationality.

Had the author of the recent news dispatch contacted us, he would have been specifically advised that the FBI did not recommend, endorse or approve the form containing the word "Jewish."

Sincerely yours,

CT: DSS
With reference to the Director's inquiry as to whether it would be possible to secure a letter from either the St. Louis Community Relations Council or the National Community Relations Council which investigated the St. Louis Police Department's form, I wish to advise that I talked to Mr. Bernard Weitzer again.

Weitzer told me after checking that the St. Louis Community Relations Council had forwarded a communication to New York wherein the Community Council stated that the Daily Compass story of September 22, 1949, contained a statement which would lead to a complete misinterpretation of the problem involved. He is checking into this matter further with a view of securing additional information. He also stated that he saw the Milton Friedman story of the Overseas News Agency as an adjunct of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency who showed him the original story and had spoken harshly of the New York Compass that they had misreported the story. This, of course, is not true in view of the items that appeared in the Reader's Digest.

Friedman told Weitzer the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin carried a two-page story giving the form and this no doubt is where they got their story.

Weitzer is working further in connection with Milton Friedman. We have found many references to Milton Friedman, some to a Milton Friedman who is a Communist so I have asked Washington Field Office to ascertain the identity with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The Director will recall that the New York Compass is the successor to PI and is edited by Ted Thackery who is a "stinker" of the first degree." Weitzer is to let me know after checking further to ascertain if a letter or statement can be issued.

I have also talked to Herman Edelsberg of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Edelsberg does not think much of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Jacob Landau, who has been a sensationalist apparently is out of the picture. Edelsberg checked with the New York office and it is their considered opinion that no good purpose would be served at this time in issuing a public statement that the Anti-Defamation League will take it upon themselves to write to Jewish papers pointing out the incorrectness of the New York Compass story and attest on their own personal experience with the bureau.

#Directors Notation: "Is it true we used the form in our S.A. Bulletin?"

II.
Edelsborg stated that they would have Justice Meir Steinbrink, Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City write letters to the various editors of the Jewish papers.

I told Edelsborg after considerable conversation that the Director would write a letter to Justice Meir Steinbrink and I would give it to him personally for transmittal. In this way Steinbrink will be able to say while they knew what the Bureau’s policies were in this connection these policies have been reaffirmed. A letter is attached.

Edelsborg also advised that when the story first appeared in print he told Freedman that it was not correct that the Bureau advocates or approves the word "Jewish" in describing nationalities.

Exxon Edelsborg stated that the National Community Relations Council is a coordinated agency and does not make announcements and doubted very much if they could within the framework of their setup issue a statement.
October 5, 1949

Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I am sorry I did not have more accurate information about the Jewish Telegraphic Agency when we discussed it on the phone the other day.

The enclosed clipping from the Indianapolis National Jewish Post gives an up-to-date account of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Sincerely yours,

Herman Edelsberg

HE: ghk
encl.
Washington, D. C.
October 5, 1949

CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: HARVEY DURSTEIN
Special Agent

Dear Sirs:

I am transmitting herewith for the Bureau's information a letter, together with a newspaper clipping, which was forwarded by the captioned Special Agent who is assigned to this office.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel
SAC

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G. I. CHP?
Attachment

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76 C. 15 1953
Werth filling up work stop there's available Russian newspaperwomen. Ludmilla Nikitina promany years staffer United Press contributor. Toronto Star Weekly et other foreign English journals stop. Nikitina good linguist thoroughly familiar Press Agency service stop available profull time work Shapiro highly recommends stop if interested contact Nikitina room 2. Two hundred sixtyfour Metropole or direct Shapiro end John Myers Press Card #0 thirtyeight. 1017am. XN.
October 2, 1940

Dear Mr. Hottel:

I hope that you will please pardon the informality of this letter, but a matter has come to my attention which I feel should be communicated to you prior to the time that I return from annual leave.

Shortly after I arrived in East St. Louis, I paid a social call on Lt. Andrew T. Aylward, Jr. (NA) of the St. Louis MPD. Last week, at Lt. Aylward's invitation, I toured the complaint room of the St. Louis department and after the tour, Lt. Aylward and I had a most cordial visit.

During the course of our visit, Lt. Aylward showed me a copy of "The Compass" which, as might be expected, severely criticized both the St. Louis MPD and the Bureau in connection with the key punch card system now in use in St. Louis. Lt. Aylward advised me that steps were being taken in the St. Louis area to have the falsity of this story clearly printed out to the public.

October 1, 1940 my Father, Mrs. Morrie Burstein, received the weekly edition of the Jewish Press of Omaha, Nebraska, and upon reading this issue, dated September 30, 1949, I ran across the enclosed article datelined Washington, and printed as a release of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which has its principal offices in Washington and New York and which furnishes stories to Jewish newspapers throughout the world. This article is practically a word for word reproduction of "The Compass" story.

I immediately called Lt. Aylward, and as a purely personal friend, advised him of the potential circulation of this libelous piece of news, which he greatly appreciated.

The article is being forwarded to you for your consideration and for possible action by the Bureau, should you feel it advisable to forward it on to the Bureau for their information and consideration.

Trusting that there will be no objections in the manner of handling this matter, I remain,

Very sincerely,

/s/ Harvey Burstein
Special Agent
"Jews Not "White Americans" to St. Louis Police"
TO : Mr. Nelson
FROM : L. D. Nichols

DATE : October 13, 1949

SUBJECT:

Mr. McGuire of my office personally delivered the Director's letter addressed to Congressman Jacob K. Javits on the afternoon of October 12, 1949, at which time he saw Javits' Administrative Assistant Roy H. Killencon. On reading the letter Killencon stated this should end the matter as far as Congressman Javits' was concerned. Killencon then got in touch with the Administrative Assistant of Congressman Arthur G. Klein of New York, who was also interested in the New York Compass story. Killencon then called Jilloon Friedmann on the phone. Friedmann is a writer of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency who did the story. Killencon inquired if there was anything more being done on the St. Louis Police Department matter. Killencon told Mr. McGuire that Friedmann was not doing anything more but was leaving the matter squarely up to the St. Louis Police Department since the police department said they copied the form which utilized the word "Jewish" as descriptive of apparent nationality from a similar form from the New York State Police.

Killencon observed that he understood an independent check with the New York State Police showed they did not have such a form. McGuire made no observation on this latter remark since we do know that Lieutenant Alyward of the St. Louis Police Department Records Section has a copy of the New York State Police form in his office.

Killencon was very friendly, stated he thought this closed the whole matter as far as Mr. Javits and Mr. Klein were concerned.

He remarked he had visited the Bureau some years ago on the occasion of a Congressional Tour at which time Mr. McGuire assured him we would be glad to hear from him any time he has any friends that he would like to have see the Bureau or when we could be of service on matters the Congressman was interested in.

Julius
Office Memorandum

TO: Mr. Tolson
FROM: L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT: 

With reference to the Director's inquiry in regard to contacting the Jewish Telegraph Agency, we now have learned that Milton Friedman is the author of the story. I suggest that we withhold making contact until we get a line on Friedman and then I think we should get after them.

LBN: dmh

Date: October 7, 1949
Re: MILTON FRIEDMAN

A credit report dated April 20, 1949, at Stone's Mercantile Agency records that MILTON FRIEDMAN resided at 4204 Arkansas Avenue, N. W. He is a white, single, American, approximately 28 years old. He was formerly employed as a reporter by the Norfolk Newspaper, Inc., publishers of the "Virginia Pilot", a Norfolk morning paper. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. HARRY FRIEDMAN, 524 County Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, where FRIEDMAN resided when in the Norfolk area.

Locally, he is employed by the Overseas News Agency in the National Press Building as a reporter. The manager of this agency advised that he had been so employed since February 1, 1949, at a salary of $60 per week on a permanent basis and was a satisfactory employee. Mrs. LEAH KROWITZ, his landlord at the above address, stated that he had been a satisfactory tenant since March 31, 1949.

A report at the Credit Bureau dated May 10, 1949, records his address as 1841 Summit Place, N. W. It is indicated that he resided for a short time at the Hilled Foundation Lounge for George Washington students at 2129 - F Street, N. W.; that he was discharged a short time before from Bethesda Naval Hospital where he had been a patient for several months. It is indicated that his Army service was for a period of three years (dates not given). This report contains a subsequent note indicating that FRIEDMAN is now employed by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The files of the Washington Field Office do not contain any identifiable derogatory information concerning this individual.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that on [redacted]

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October 27, 1949

62-67633 -

Mr. Herman Edelsberg
Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith
1003 K Street, Northwest
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Mr. Edelsberg:

Your note of October 24th has been received and I very much appreciate your courtesy in making available the clipping from the National Jewish Post on October 21, 1949.

Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

MAJ:mb
October 24, 1949

Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I send you a clipping from the National Jewish Post of October 21, 1949, with a marked paragraph on the St. Louis Police classification system, which indicates that the St. Louis Community condemned the original JTA story as being distorted.

Sincerely yours,

Herman Edelsberg

HE: ghk
encl.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MICHAEL

RE: JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY

Please note the Director's notation appearing on the attached memorandum from SAC Guy Hottel, dated October 5, 1949: "Nick should contact the Jewish Telegraphic Agency if it is reputable."

Bureau files 62-67633 and 100-340440 contain information concerning the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the Jewish Telegraph Agency. In addition, there are over 120 miscellaneous references to the Agency scattered throughout Security files on various subjects.

It is not believed that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency can be considered reputable enough to warrant your contacting them. 62-67633-A reflects a newspaper announcement on September 25, 1944, that the Agency had inaugurated a news service to the Soviet Union by arrangement with the Jewish press of Moscow and with permission of the Soviet Government. We also know that former associates of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency include Jacob Landau and Beatrice Heiman, whose contacts and associations with Soviet representatives and Communist Party members have been established by Bureau investigation.

RECOMMENDATION: That you will wish to consider the disreputable nature of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in connection with the Director's suggestion.

Respectfully yours,

M. A. Jones

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THIS MEMORANDUM IS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES TO BE DESTROYED AFTER ACTION IS TAKEN AND NOT SENT TO FILES
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Tolson
FROM: L. B. Nichols

DATE: October 8, 1949

SUBJECT:

The Washington Field Office was advised that the Milton Friedman connected with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is not identical with the other Milton Friedman on whom we have information and, accordingly, I will get in touch with him and invite him to come over to the Bureau and point out how untrue the story carried in the New York Compass was. If possible, we can get him to send out a correction and I will endeavor to do this unless advised to the contrary.

I am suggesting this course with full knowledge that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is not of the best reputation. You recall that Beatrice Heinman, who has been named as a Communist courier, is connected with Jacob Landau, who had contacts with Soviet representatives and Communist Party members, and was formerly head of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency but is now out of the picture.

In 1944 the Jewish Telegraphic Agency inaugurated a news service with the Soviet Union by arrangement with the Jewish press of Moscow and with permission of the Soviet government.

LBN:mrh;hmc

EXCELLENT

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See Me
Send File
For Appropriate Action
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Yes - Overseas News Service is a part of Jewish Telegraph Agency

Yes, Overseas News Service is a part of Jewish Telegraph Agency.

LClosure: 62-67633-15
L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext 691
TO: Mr. Tolson  
FROM: L. B. Nichols  
DATE: 3/10/50

SUBJECT: Jewish Telegraph Agency

For record purposes, Milton Friedman of the Jewish Telegraph Agency, who wrote the piece regarding the use of the word "Jewish" in the St. Louis Police Department form, came over last evening to see me.

He stated he is a liberal writer; that he sought to expose evil wherever he could but that it had dawned on him that certain people were trying to influence his writing and that he would be damned if he was going to let this happen. He stated he was invited to a press cocktail party at the Russian Embassy; that the Russian Press Attache got him aside and berated him for a column he did on anti-Semitism in Russia. The Russian Press Attache told Friedman that he should print the truth, that all the Russian Government wants is truth and if he wanted the truth, Friedman should come to him. The Press attache stated there was no such thing as anti-Semitism in Russia, that some enemies of the State are trying to get revenge against the State and are falsely claiming they are Jews.

Friedman told the Russian Press Attache to give him the straight facts, documents, and to answer the evidence that had been presented such as Jacobson who recently broke out from behind the Iron Curtain and issued a blast.

Friedman further stated that the Daily Worker and the Tass News Agency are trying to cultivate him. The Daily Worker calls him practically every day and gives him some items. He stated that some of the information they give him which sounds good and which he checks upon he finds is accurate and that other information is not so susceptible. He stated they also used almost the same line on the FBI as that which has appeared in the Russian broadcast of which Friedman is familiar.

Friedman then got down to the purpose of his coming to the Bureau. He wanted to know if he could be used in any way to penetrate the Russian Embassy, Tass News Agency or the Daily Worker for the purpose of securing information.

I told him, of course, we would not be interested in having anybody do anything like this. He wondered what he should do and I
Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

told him that as long as he was a reporter he should be a good reporter and should not permit himself to be used. I advised him that any time he ran across anything he felt we should know about we would be glad to receive it as we would from any reporter.

Friedman is a fast talker and he appeared sincere although I could not help but wonder if he was telling the truth as to the real reason for his coming in.

He apologized again for the St. Louis story and for the subsequent involvement of the Bureau. He stated that since that, he is very sensitive when he mentions the FBI. He stated he has been amazed at the vigor the left wingers have employed to embarrass the FBI and he will refuse to be used.
On April 4, 1950, while being interviewed in connection with another matter, furnished the following information:

The JTA is a press wire service dealing in news items of interest to the Jewish community. It depends, for the most part, on contributions from various Jewish philanthropic organizations. As a press wire service, it has the privilege of transmitting copy at a cost per word considerably less than commercial rates.

The statement that during the summer of 1949, Jacob Landau, Managing Director of both JTA and the Overseas News Agency, also located at 101 Park Avenue, had conferred with officials of the Israeli Government at Tel Aviv, is false. Landau made a deal with Gershon Agronsky, head of the Israeli Ministry of Press, whereby the Israeli Government would transmit routine instructions and directives to its consuls and embassies abroad through the wire facilities of the JTA. Such items would be given a dateline and would be written to some extent in ordinary journalistic terminology to give the appearance of bona fide news dispatches.

As stated, arrangements at New York are handled by Dr. Nahum Goldman, head of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in New York City. The Israeli Government, which is seriously short of dollar credits, is supposed to be underwriting the operations of JTA to the extent of $5,000 per month, in exchange for use of JTA facilities at press rates, thereby saving about $10,000 per month.

cc: Washington Field
NY 100-91690 (B. Smolar)
Letter to Director, FBI  
NY 97-New

stated that JTA had not registered as an agent of the Israeli government, and had pointed out that in any case he felt it was grossly improper to practice this deception. SMOLAR is extremely hostile to LANDAU and speculated that some of the Israeli money was eventually going to ONA and perhaps to LANDAU personally. as stating that "someone should tell the government about this."

The attention of the Bureau is directed to Bureau file 100-357833, "BORIS SMOLAR, wa; INTERNAL SECURITY -R; ISRAELI REGISTRATION ACT", a pending investigation in this office, which reflects on as yet unverified allegation that SMOLAR disclosed to the Russian Embassy confidential information concerning an Israeli Diplomatic Mission to the United States. This file contains information concerning the administrative set up of both ONA and JTA and reflects that respect to the investigation of SMOLAR.

Based on the allegations received from this office is opening a Registration Act case on the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Bureau authorization will be obtained if it is deemed feasible during the course of this investigation to interview SMOLAR.

The Washington Field Office is requested to check with the appropriate official of the Department of State to determine if the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Overseas News Agency, or JACOB LANDAU are registered as agents of a foreign principal.
April 18, 1950

Mr. Hormay Edolberg
Anti-Defamation League
of D'nai D'rih
1003 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hormay:

Thanks a lot for sending me Arnold Foster's "A Measure of Freedom." I am looking forward to reading this.

I also appreciated your sending me the clipping on the reorganization of the news agency. Your note was interesting.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

LBH:LEH

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[Signature]

EX - 62
Herman Edelsberg

Anti-Defamation League
of B'nai B'rith

Washington, D. C.
From the desk of
HERMAN EDELSBERG

This means more responsibility in JTA News - handling

Herman Edelsberg
Anti-Defamation

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Herman Edelsberg

Anti-Defamation
LANDAU IS RETIRED
IN REORGANIZATION.

NEW YORK—A sweeping reorganization of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, major news agency serving the Anglo-Jewish press, has placed Rudolph Sonneborn, a top American Zionist, in the chairmanship of the JTA board, it was disclosed this week.

The negotiations which brought about the much-discussed and long-delayed reorganization were handled by Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

LANDAU RETIRED
Jacob Landau, founder and managing director of the JTA, will be retired on a pension. Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief, will be succeeded by Victor Blumenstock, until now European general manager of the JTA.

A new board is now under selection which will complete the reorganization. Sonneborn, chairman of the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America, succeeds George Backer.

Reports that the headquarters of the JTA would be transferred to Israel and serve as a central point for the collection and dissemination of Jewish news throughout the world remained unconfirmed.

The relationship of the JTA office in New York to the Palestine Telegraphic Agency in Israel will be changed by the reorganization but details of the changes were not learned.

AGENCY TO HELP
The Jewish Agency will have a hand in the financing problems of the reorganized JTA, but the exact financial relationship remained uncertain, partly because of future operations. The JTA will not be

ENCLOSURE
November 14, 1950

SAC, New York
Director, FBI

JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY
REGISTRATION ACT
New York File 97-1214
Baltimore File 97-62

In accord with September 21, last and Baltimore 1st October 25, last in above-captions matter. Authority declined to interview Boris Smolar at this time pending the results of the interview of who appears to be the original source of the allegation that Smolar is a "top Soviet agent."

After is interviewed in the Smolar case, this request should be resubmitted.

Your request for authority to interview Jacob Blaustein. Research is being conducted at the Bureau as to the advisability of this interview and upon completion thereof you will be advised.

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cc - Baltimore

EEB:hmb

[Signature]
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE
SUBJECT: JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: 10-25-50

Reference is made to report of SA JOHN J. DANAHY, dated 9-21-50 at New York and to New York letter to the Director dated September 21, 1950 regarding the above captioned organization.

Attention of the Bureau is directed to a lead set out in referenced report for the Baltimore Office to interview JACOB CLAUSTEIN of Baltimore, concerning information on the Jewish Telegraphic Agency; said lead also stating that this interview should be held in abeyance, pending clearance from the Bureau.

Attention is further directed to original letter from New York wherein the New York Office apparently requested Bureau permission to conduct this interview.

In order that this requested investigation may be conducted by the Baltimore Office, it is requested that either the Bureau or the New York Office, advise Baltimore as to whether this interview is desired at this time. The Baltimore Office is aware of no reason why this interview should not be conducted.

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97-62

cc - New York (97-1214):

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SAC, New York

January 15, 1951

Director, FBI

JEWS TELEGRAPH AGENCY;
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to Baltimore letter dated October 25, 1950, and New York letter dated November 6, 1950, in the above-captioned case requesting authority to interview Jacob Blaustein in order that this case may be brought to a logical conclusion.

For your information there are enclosed copies of a memorandum dated January 15, 1951, directed to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice requesting an opinion as to whether the Jewish Telegraph Agency has violated the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Until such time as a reply is received from the Department the interview with Jacob Blaustein should be held in abeyance by the Baltimore Office.

cc - Baltimore

Enclosures

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EX-46 cc - 100-357893 (re Boris Smolar)

FLJ:jeff:nj
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Denver
SUBJECT: JEWISH TELEGRAPH AGENCY REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: October 23, 1950

Rep of SA JOHN J. DANAHY, 9-21-50, New York. was interviewed on October 3, 1950. He advised that he is not in possession of any additional information concerning the Israeli Government's use of subject's facilities, and reiterated that the information furnished to a New York Special Agent however, that the alleged arrangement made by JACOB IANNA with the Israeli Government continued to at least January 1950.

advised that

was re-contacted on October 17, 1950, and advised

RUC.

EOJ/mkg
97-53
cc: New York (2)(97-121h)
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York
SUBJECT: JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY REGISTRATION ACT.

DATE: November 6, 1950

Remylet dated 9/21/50 and Baltimore letter dated 10/25/50 concerning the suggested interview of JACOB BLAUSTEIN of Baltimore.

This office still desires that BLAUSTEIN be interviewed, but to date permission for this interview has not been granted by the Bureau. Accordingly, the Bureau is requested to advise whether this interview may be conducted.

For the information of the Bureau a letter is being directed to the Bureau in the case entitled, "BORIS SMOLAR, wa.: INTERNAL SECURITY - R & IS, REGISTRATION ACT" in which permission will be sought to interview SMOLAR concerning the allegations that he disclosed to the Russian Embassy confidential information concerning an Israeli diplomatic mission to the United States. If such permission is granted it is contemplated that SMOLAR will also be interviewed concerning his allegations that JACOB LAUDAU arranged for a subsidy for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from the Israeli Government in return for limited use of the wire facilities of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

It is felt that the interviews of BLAUSTEIN and SMOLAR will materially assist in bringing this case to a logical conclusion, and this office is aware of no reasons why these interviews should not be conducted. They would appear to be the sole logical leads to the conducted at this time, and accordingly an expeditious reply is requested of the Bureau.

cc: Baltimore (97-62)
Office Memorandum

TO: A. H. Belmont
FROM: C. E. Hennrich
SUBJECT: JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: December 19, 1950

PURPOSE:

To obtain State Department clearance to conduct investigation of Victor M. Bienstock, if necessary.

BACKGROUND:

An allegation has been received that Jacob Landau, Managing Director of both the JTA and the Overseas News Agency, made a deal in Tel Aviv in the Summer of 1949 with Gershon Agronsky, head of the Israeli Ministry of Press, whereby the Israeli Government would transmit routine instructions to its representatives abroad through the wire facilities of the JTA. Investigation is to determine if the JTA should be registered.

DETAILS:

The investigation reveals that in April, 1950, Victor Bienstock became Editor-in-Chief of the JTA (62-67633-18).

Bienstock is believed to be identical with Victor M. Bienstock of the Overseas News Agency who in 1946 was an accredited correspondent to the United Nations and whose name appeared on a list of persons notified to the Secretary of State under the International Organizations Immunities Act. (62-77787-1816, p. 82)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Liaison Section in order that it may be determined whether or not Bienstock has diplomatic immunity at present. If he has such immunity, it is requested that clearance be obtained to conduct such investigation of him as may be indicated in connection with the investigation of the JTA.

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EEB: dpk
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Assistant Attorney General James M. McNerney

January 15, 1951

Director, FBI

JEWISH TELEGRAPH AGENCY; REGISTRATION ACT

There are enclosed herewith copies of the following reports in this matter.


You will note that according to T-1 in the report of Special Agent John J. Danahy, New York, New York, dated September 21, 1950, the original informant who furnished the information concerning the Jewish Telegraph Agency is Boris Smolar, Editor of the Jewish Telegraph Agency. Smolar's allegations involve Jacob Landau, the Managing Director of the Jewish Telegraph Agency.

Your attention is invited to the case entitled "Boris Smolar, with alias; Internal Security - R & IS; Registration Act" in which case reports have been made available to the Department. During the course of that investigation naming Smolar as a "top Soviet Agent."

Investigation has disclosed that allegations made by Smolar involving Landau may have been instigated by animosity on Smolar's part towards Landau because of dissention within the Jewish Telegraph Agency.

In light of the above and the information contained in the enclosed reports, your opinion is requested as to whether the Jewish Telegraph Agency has violated the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and as to the extent of any further investigation you desire in this case.

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cc - 100-357893

FLJ: 29

JAN 24 1951.
Director, FBI

JEWISH TELEGRAPH AGENCY
REGISTRATION ACT
Your file 97-1214

February 27, 1951

Attached for your information is a copy of a confidential memorandum dated January 30, 1951, in captioned matter from Mr. James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division.

In view of the Department's opinion, no further active investigation of this organization need to be conducted; however, it is noted the last report submitted by your office in this case was dated September 21, 1950. The results of investigation conducted by you since that time should be submitted at an early date in the form of a closing report.

You should also be alert to forward to the Bureau any pertinent information which you might receive in the future concerning the captioned organization in order that the same may be made available to the Department.

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1950, captioned as above, wherein information was set forth concerning Victor M. Bienstock, Editor-in-Chief of the Jewish Telegraph Agency. A separate file has been opened at the Bureau on this individual under the caption "Victor M. Bienstock, Internal Security - R and IS," File 100-370316. You should likewise open a separate file on Bienstock in your office and report results of your inquiries concerning him under that caption.

The Bureau's liaison representative has determined, through the Department of State, that Bienstock does not possess diplomatic immunity. You should, therefore, conduct such investigation of this individual as may be indicated based upon the information in your possession concerning him. You should submit a report at an early date and at that time make a recommendation to the Bureau relative to further investigation of Bienstock.
September 14, 1959

Mr. Eli J. Rose
The Warwick
Boardwalk and Raleigh Avenue
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Rose:

Many thanks for your letter of September 4, 1959. It was good of you to bring to my attention the smear attack being made against this Bureau, and your interest in the matter is indeed appreciated.

This attempt to thwart the efforts of the FBI is in no way discouraging. We view it as just another example of our effectiveness in carrying out our duties.

It was a pleasure to hear from you again and to know that we continue to have your confidence and support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. Eli J. Rose is a former Special Agent EOD 5-23-34, retired 1-31-59, services satisfactory. Cordial correspondence since resignation. No derogatory information located re "The Jewish Record." The Jewish Telegraphic Agency furnishes news information to various Jewish and Israeli newspapers. Milton Friedman was once criticized by a White House Assistant for slanting his press releases from White House press conferences in favor of the Arabs. His news agency backed him up and said they would continue to publish news as they saw it.
Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached clipping, from The Jewish Record of every state, a weekly published in Atlanta, I was deeply hurt when I read the disparaging references to the Bureau and yourself, attributed to the National States Rights Party. I feel even more at bringing this to your attention, but because your continued concern in all matters pertaining to the Bureau and the desire to see that nothing gets by without the Bureau knowing about it, I thought that I would bring this to your attention.

You may note that the article is by Milton Blecher of the Washington office of the JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

With personal regards and best wishes for your continued good health.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

September 4, 1959
On Eve of His Visit

Latest Hate Line: Nikita’s a Jew

BY MILTON FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Professional anti-Semites are spreading ridiculous rumors that Nikita Khrushchev is Jewish, as the visit of the Soviet Premier approaches. This line was “supported” by an allegation that Khrushchev, when a youth, boarded in a Jewish home in Mariupol, Ukraine, and “even learned to speak and read Yiddish.”

OTHER EVIDENCE was a report that Khrushchev in 1915 sided with Mariupol Jews in a street fight against the “Black Hundred” anti-Semites. It is also alleged that Khrushchev’s wife is Jewish.

Such are the charges published by the organ of the “National States Rights Party.” The NSRP alleged that American Jews welcomed Khrushchev’s visit because “international Jewry controls Ike, the State Department, the Red

enemy is “the Jewish conspiracy which many people still naively believe is Russian ‘Communism.’”

Prepared for the Khrushchev visit the NSRP urged followers to demonstrate and picket. It used the headlines: “Only Traitors Welcome Khrushchev!” and told members: “When that sadistic Jew, Khrushchev, comes to your town or to a nearby city, go down and personally tell him to get out of Christian America.”

THE FBI is believed to have established surveillance over the NSRP and similar extremists. The FBI went so far as to openly report its members were “arming” to make “arrests of treasonous public officials who entertain bloody Khrushchev.”

The national organizer of NSRP, Matt Koehl, actually accused Gerald L. K. Smith, another notorious bigot, of trying to “whitewash” the FBI. In the words of Koehl, the FBI is “a Jew-controlled, Red-race-molding outfit.”

FBI CHIEF J. Edgar Hoover was condemned by NSRP for his acceptance of a B’nai B’rith interfaith award and his “Negroed Nose.”

NSRP bragged, “we will reveal the Red record of the FBI” while the FBI studied NSRP’s own record. The nature of the NSRP is revealed easily: Jews by its mailing of stuff like “The International Jew” and “Nordic Race.”

IN 1958 NSRP VOTED to draft Rear Admiral John G. Commo through USN, Ret.), as its candidate for President of the United States. The Admiral shocked Navy colleagues when he voiced anti-Jewish sentiments over television. NSRP membership includes mainly “White Citizens Council.”

NIKITA KRUSHCHEV

... What Tribe?

FBI, the two old parties and Khrushchev. They are having their two stooges, Ike and Khrushchev, exchange visits.” Dismissing the fakery of Soviet anti-Semitism, NSRP employed Hitler’s tactics of the “big lie.”

MATERIAL CIRCULATED by another group, “the National Renaissance Party,” took a similar approach. It proclaimed that “the enemy capital for many years has been New York, not Moscow. The most vicious atrocities against mankind have been committed by Jews.” Accordingly, the real

... elements from 18 states. John Kasper was the principal convention speaker at Louisville, Ky., last year. Kasper is now confined in a Federal penitentiary as a result of rabble-rousing activities.

THE ANTI-DEFAMATION League of B’nai B’rith quoted Kasper as telling the NSRP he once thought “all problems would be solved if every Nigger would kill a ‘kike.’” But he said he had overestimated the Nigger mind.”

Kenneth O. Griffin, head of NSRP in Georgia, was arrested in Atlanta when he and others sought to picket newspaper offices. Police said “each of the arrested persons was carrying a sign that was very derogatory to the Jewish people and we felt... could be detrimental to the peace, good order and dignity of the city.” Griffin was later indicted in connection with the bombing of the Atlanta Jewish Temple.

EDWARD FIELDS, NSRP leader, is listed by the ADL as a head of the “Christian Anti-Jewish Party” that picketed the White House in 1954. The NSRP publication is “The Thunderbolt, a periodical that displays an emblem reminiscent of the Nazi SS insignia.”

The Jewish Record

Founded by Herman E. Burwasser, Nov. 24, 1939

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September 4, 1959

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Sincerely,

/s/ Eli J. Rose

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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