Investigation was instituted at the request of the Attorney General to establish the nature and extent of Zalman Mordecai Shapiro's relationship with the Government of Israel. This could be connected with, or in addition to, or as a result of, his association with Israeli officials and sympathizers in the United States.

On October 10, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject mentioned that he was in contact with [Redacted] (phonetic) on that date. During the course of this contact, according to source, subject revealed that while in Washington, D.C., September 30, 1968, he spoke with Hermoni and Be'gun and that although there were problems, both were anxious to move ahead. Subject explained, according to source, that they must first determine if the materials are available for exportation; and in this connection, he sent a letter a few days ago to the Commission (Atomic Energy Commission) (AEC) requesting general information as to the availability of the materials for domestic as well as foreign applications. Source went on to say that he also inquired as to what the cost would be and if the metal was available as well as the oxide and things of that sort. Subject reportedly stated that he further indicated in the letter that the Commission urgently give consideration of the matter in view of the fact that it not only affects the possibility of customers, but also affects their desire to do development work on their own.

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On September 6, 1968, the Security Office, AEZ, Germantown, Maryland, advised that AEZ, New York, had recently been requested by the following individuals to visit NUREG, Apollo, Pa.: (U) [Redacted]

AVRAHAM VERNONI,
Scientific Counselor,
Israeli Embassy,
Washington, D.C.,
born - London 1/1/1

Dr. EPHRAIM TIEGON,
Department of Electronics,
Israel
born - Israel

AVRAHAM VERNONI,
Department of Electronics,
Israel
born - Israel

RAPHAEL ETTAN,
Chemist,
Ministry of Defense,
Israel,
born - Israel

On September 6, 1968, CLEM PALAZZOLI, supra, advised that NUREG Security Manager indicated that VERNONI and TIEGON would visit NUREG to discuss with SHAPIRO thermoelectric devices, the proposed date of visit to be September 10, 1968. (U) [Redacted]

On October 7, 1968, PALAZZOLI advised that VERNONI, VERNONI, ETTAN and TIEGON, Israeli citizens, visited NUREG September 10, 1968. (U) [Redacted]