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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT: GLIKSBERG, Shlomo**

In reply to your telephone request of 10 September 1969,  
attached herewith is an excerpt from the dispatch to which you  
referred.

Encl. 1 attachment as stated above

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1. According to Federal Bureau of Investigation information received August 1968, GLIKSBERG was appointed the Chairman of President-elect ARIAS' Commission on Domestic and International Commerce. A Federal Bureau of Investigation comment notes that this appointment may have been made for the purpose of demonstrating to the Jewish community in Panama that ARIAS bore its members no ill will. GLIKSBERG was described as a businessman with interests in plywood and machinery imports. According to GLIKSBERG, he was named ARIAS' personal advisor on economic and financial matters, and GLIKSBERG implied that he had numerous contacts in Washington.

2. Information dated September 1968, and received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation stated that GLIKSBERG is a Panamanian businessman and philologist who formerly represented ARIAS' interests in tobacco and coffee. Due to his foreign language ability and expert knowledge in banking and finance he was (at time of writing) a trusted advisor of ARIAS', at ARIAS' bequest. A Central Intelligence Agency source also reported at this time that ARIAS and GLIKSBERG seemed to have a very friendly relationship. This source made the following comments about GLIKSBERG: "...a very smooth, well-educated and articulate man...He speaks excellent English and sounds like an Israeli who might have received part of his education in the United States..."

3. In June 1969, information was received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service indicating that German Ambassador KOSTER was approached by GLIKSBERG with a request to arrange a visit in Germany for General TORRIJOS. According to GLIKSBERG, TORRIJOS had been invited by the French Government to visit France on his return from Israel. "In Ambassador KOSTER's words, this is the same chantage we experienced with GLIKSBERG last year on behalf of Arnulfo ARIAS. The implication here is that GLIKSBERG now as advisor to TORRIJOS is playing France and Germany against one another to obtain the best deal for TORRIJOS." (Headquarters Comment: KOSTER is referring to the offers of TV systems from these other countries to Panama.)

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