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Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned and dated as above.

The source of the information is [WF 568-S*.] (S)

For information of the Bu, information was previously set out in my letterhead memo dated 12/9/59, concerning GERHART and an invitation which was to be extended to GERHART for a [visit to Israel]. The attention of the Bu is also directed to the fact that DAVIDSON reported that in the letter to GERHART from [SELLINGER] it was indicated that [TOM WEBB]'s name was mentioned as being the person to report GERHART's inability to make the trip [to Israel]. WEBB is a former SA of the FBI and is now associated with CLINT MURCHISON's enterprises in WDC.

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On February 5, 1960, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [learned] (S) that [Colonel Aharon Yariv, Military, Naval, and Air Attache] (S) at [the Israeli Embassy, had been in contact] (S) with I. Irving (S) Davidson, a well known Washington, D. C. businessman, and who is registered with the Department of Justice as an Agent by the governments of Nicaragua and Israel. [Yariv] (S) reported that Davidson had mentioned a story given to him by one [Al Schwimmer] (S) which Davidson felt [Yariv] (S) had not heard (S)

Davidson stated [that Schwimmer] (S) was at a meeting in [Israel at Tel Aviv] (S) when [Shimon] (S) possibly [Shimon Peres,] (S) [Israeli Chief of Staff], Ambassador Reid [United States Ambassador to Israel] (S) and Senator Symington were in attendance. [According to Davidson, Shimon] (S) had asked about (S) getting [military aid for Israel] (S) right out in the cold to (S) Symington. Symington's answer was said to be [that the United States] (S) was prepared to give assistance. [Yariv] (S) confirms that this had occurred and that he had previous knowledge of it. (S)

(S) [Schwimmer] is possibly identical with [Adolphe William Schwimmer,] (S) whom the informant believed to be in some way associated with [El Al, official Israeli airlines.] (S)

On February 5, 1960, Mrs. Ruth Brady, Registration Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that [Adolphe William Schwimmer] (S) had filed a registration statement in 1952, at which time he was in charge of the [Office of the Intercontinent Airway, Incorporated] (S) which was an agent of the [Government of Israel supply mission,] (S) New York City, New York. His registration was terminated on December 31, 1959. (S)

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Davidson also had in his possession a letter which was being directed to one Gerhart (possibly Lieutenant General John K. Gerhart, listed in the June, 1959, United States Department of Defense telephone directory as being attached to the Air Force and assigned to the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Program). The letter had been prepared by Shmuel Sellinger, Director of the Israeli Ministry in New York City. The letter stated that Sellinger regretted Gerhart's inability to visit Israel as planned, but that he would be equally welcome in April if it were possible for him to come. The letter stated that "we" have great interest in Al Bettock (phonetic) Aircraft becoming a contractor to the United States Air Force in Europe and the Middle East, and such an arrangement would be beneficial to both countries. The letter requested that Gerhart instruct his people at Chateau Rue or Roux, France to conduct such investigations as are customary in order that Bettock might become, in time, an approved United States Air Force facility.

Davidson also reported to Yariv that he was going to meet Schwimmer in Paris, and although he doesn't have a letter from Gerhart, he had a note of the kind of letter that Gerhart should furnish to him (Davidson). The letter should be to one General Markley who apparently was in France, and who was head of Chateau Rue. The letter should be directed to Markley and was to serve as an introduction for Irving Davidson, a Washington representative of Bettock Aircraft, which was located in Lud, Israel. It was to indicate that Davidson was to assist Bettock in his efforts to secure contracts from the United States Air Force in Europe and the Middle East, and any assistance extended to Davidson would be appreciated. The letter should be signed by John Gerhart. Davidson planned to take such a letter, together with Schwimmer, to Chateau Rue and allow Schwimmer to do the talking since Davidson is not an aircraft expert.

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