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This is to advise of the receipt of information from our sensitive coverage of the Israeli Embassy that I. Irving Davidson, self-employed public relations counselor, has advised Major General Eliahu Zeira, Defense and Armed Forces Attache, Embassy of Israel, that he should meet with Acting Director L. Patrick Gray, III, prior to leaving his present post. Davidson, who is currently under Federal indictment, stated he has known the Acting Director since 1959.

BACKGROUND:

Major General Zeira was formerly Deputy Chief of Israeli Military Intelligence, and after completion of his duties as Defense and Armed Forces Attache at the Israeli Embassy, Washington, D.C., will return to Israel to become Chief of Israeli Military Intelligence. This is to occur during August, 1972.

I. Irving Davidson is registered with the Department of Justice as the agent for Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He has been the representative of other countries in the past, including the Israeli Military Industries, a part of the Israeli Government, in connection with the sale of a submachine gun manufactured by the Israelis. Davidson has described himself as a "five percenter and out to make a fast buck." Davidson has contacted the Bureau in the past on several occasions. As an example, on behalf of the Romanian Government, Davidson advised the Bureau he had an opportunity to represent the Romanian Government in commercial transactions. He requested that the Bureau notify appropriate agencies of the U.S. Government concerning the Romanian Government's interest in improving trade between the countries. On this occasion, Davidson was referred to the U. S. State Department. On

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another occasion, Davidson, who has financial interests in the Republic of Panama, was interested in a scheduled meeting between representatives of the Panamanian Government, General William C. Westmoreland, and a New York investment banking company to work out Panamanian financial problems. This meeting was cancelled, and Davidson came to the FBI requesting that the Bureau assist in the rescheduling of the meeting. Davidson was Secretary-Treasurer of the Beverly Ridge Estates Corporation, West Hollywood Hills, California, a real estate development corporation, which was recipient of a large Teamsters Union pension fund loan. Two of Davidson's associates in this corporation were indicted for mail fraud, income tax evasion, and perjury. The Beverly Ridge Estates Corporation filed a petition for arrangement under the National Bankruptcy Act. Davidson was indicted on 6/7/72 at Los Angeles, California, in connection with the concealment of some \$500,000 in assets in anticipation of the bankruptcy. This was accomplished by transferring the assets to a Panamanian corporation under Davidson's control.

ACTION:

The above is for information [in the event] efforts are made by Davidson [or others] to arrange a meeting between Major General Zeira and Acting Director Gray. While we have a Legal Attache in Tel Aviv [he does not deal with the military] and it is not recommended, therefore, that Mr. Gray take the time to meet General Zeira.

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