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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: ISADORE IRVING DAVIDSON
REGISTRATION ACT
[SECURITY MATTER, NICARAGUA]

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On February 15, 1957, Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section received a telephone call from Mr. A. J. Nicholas, Chief of the Legal Division Passport Office, State. Mr. Nicholas advised that he received information "third or fourth hand," and that he does not even know the original source concerning Isadore Irving Davidson. Mr. Nicholas stated that his information was that Davidson is from Washington, D. C., and is a registered agent for the Government of Nicaragua; that he plans to travel as a Nicaraguan using a Nicaraguan passport and wearing a Nicaraguan uniform to Israel and Egypt to buy small Corvette-type boats for the Nicaraguan Government. Mr. Nicholas stated that he has no further information concerning this matter and is passing this on as a matter of interest to the Bureau.

Bureau files reflect that one Irving Davidson, who maintains a Public Relations Office in the Wyatt Building in Washington, D. C., is a registered agent of Nicaragua. On several occasions he has telephoned Assistant to the Director, Nichols. On February 21, 1956, Davidson telephoned Nichols and stated that he was working on a deal to acquire 50 M-14 tanks for Nicaragua; and that according to Davidson, both the Pentagon and State Department knew about the deal. (2-0-320)

Bureau files further reflect that [as a result of our coverage of the Embassy of Nicaragua] many telephone calls have been made between Davidson and the Embassy which reflects a very close tie. [100-143895] (S)

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