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available information concerning the deposits of 7/3/67 and 7/31/67, in the amounts of \$424.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively, to the account of FREIDA LAWRENCE.

2. The NYO will await completion of investigation by the New Haven Office.

New York, New York  
January 11, 1968

John M. Laurence, also known as  
John M. Lawrence  
Registration Act - Middle East

On November 20, 1967, James Post, Clerk, "The New York Times" Information Bureau, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, advised that his records contained no information concerning Laurence or the Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism.

On November 2, 1967, Lawrence Keenan, Division of Corporate Records, New York State Department of State, Washington Avenue, Albany, New York, advised that he has no record of the Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism ever having been incorporated in the State of New York.

On December 4, 1967, by the use of a suitable pretext, the subject advised that he had been in Bridgeport, Connecticut, for the past two weeks, and that he was arrested during the latter part of November, 1967, and charged with disturbing the peace, loitering and selling obscene literature. He added that there was no obscene literature, and that the only literature he was selling was pro-Arab literature published by the Arab Information Center, New York, New York. He again stated that he obtains his literature from the Arab Information Center at a discount, and does not receive these pamphlets on consignment.

On December 4, 1967, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who has knowledge of business firms in the New York City area, advised that he could furnish no information concerning Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism.

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On November 20, 1967, Miss Tammy Benamy, 736 West End Avenue, New York City, telephonically advised that on approximately November 15, 1967, she observed a male and female in charge of a table full of literature at 8th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City.

Upon inspection, Benamy noted that the literature, which was for sale to pedestrians, was pro-Arab and anti-Israeli.

According to Benamy, the table contained the following literature:

Soft Cover Booklets and Pamphlets

1. "The Enraging Story of Palestine and Its People" by Dr. Izzat Tannous, published by the Palestine Liberation Organization, 801 Second Avenue, New York City.
2. "The Arab Israeli Conflict" by Sayez A. Sayegh, PhD., published by the Arab Information Center, 757 Third Avenue, New York City.
3. A Student Non Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Newsletter.
4. "Israel and the Arab Minority" by Sami Hadawi, published by the Arab Information Center, 120 East 56th Street, New York City.
5. "Palestine in the United Nations" by Sami Hadawi, published by the Arab Information Center, New York City.
6. "The Arab Heritage of Western Civilization" by Rom Landau, published by the Arab Information Center, New York City.

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7. "Education in the Arab States, no author shown, published by the Arab Information Center, New York City.

8. "Who Benefits From Anti-Semitism?" by Sami Hadawi, published by the Arab Information Center, 120 East 56th Street, New York City.

9. "Peace in the Middle East" by M.T. Mehzi, publisher not indicated.

#### Newsletters

1. "The Palestine Issue" distributed by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

2. "Arab News and Views" - distributor not identified.

#### Hard Cover Books

1. "What Price Israel" by Alfred Lilienthal.

#### Buttons

1. "Restore Palestine to the Arab People".
2. "Kill an Arab for Zion Today".
3. "Love Moishe Dayan or I Will Kill You".
4. "Lebensraum for Israel".

#### Posters

1. Pictures of Arabs under napalm attack.

The two individuals selling this literature are described as follows by Benamy:

Name	John Lawrence
Race	White

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Age	35-40 years
Height	5'7"
Eyes	Pale blue
Complexion	Fair
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown, mixed with grey, thinning on top

Name	Marjorie Lawrence, also known as Mrs. John Lawrence
Race	White
Age	35 years
Height	5'2"
Complexion	Medium
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, mixed with grey
Characteristics	Wears glasses

Benamy advised the above two individuals are husband and wife and reside apartment 3C, 57 West 10th Street, New York City, telephone number GR 7-1826. This is the same address utilized by FAIR (Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism) as its headquarters. According to Benamy, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence appear to be the leaders of FAIR.

On December 21, 1967, Gretchen Elliott, clerk, Connecticut State Jail, Bridgeport, Connecticut, was interviewed concerning the arrest of JOHN M. LAURENCE, 57 West 10th Street, New York, New York. She furnished the following information:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 21, 1967

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GRETCHEN ELLIOTT, Clerk, Connecticut State Jail, Bridgeport, Connecticut, advised that the files of that institution reflect that JOHN M. LAURENCE, 57 West 10th Street, New York, New York, was arrested by Danbury, Connecticut Police on September 28, 1967, on a fugitive warrant issued by New York Police Department. No disposition was contained in file.

She also advised that LAURENCE was incarcerated in that institution for breach of peace; obscene literature; soliciting without a permit and loitering on November 15-16, 1967. He had been charged by the Danbury Police. No disposition was contained in file.

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On 12/11/67 at Bridgeport, Connecticut

by SA GEORGE T. FIORDAN/jrb

Date dictated 12/15/67

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On December 22, 1967, Sergeant Edward Keating,  
Detective Bureau, Danbury, Connecticut, Police Department,  
furnished the following information concerning the arrest  
of John M. Laurence, 57 West 18th Street, New York, New  
York:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 22, 1967

Sergeant EDWARD KEATING, Detective Bureau, Danbury, Connecticut, Police Department, advised that Danbury Police File #4938 reflects that JOHN M. LAURENCE, 57 West 18th Street, New York, New York, was arrested by Officer ROBERT O'NEIL on September 3, 1967, for breach of peace; soliciting in violation of Danbury City Ordinance #11-5; loitering and unlawful assembly, Section 12-13 and refusal to submit to taking of fingerprints in violation of Section 29-17 of Danbury City Ordinance.

LAURENCE was born [REDACTED] in Fort Worth, Texas. He is a male of white race.

Sergeant KEATING related that Reverend SEWAN FERRIS, Pastor, St. Anthony's Church, Danbury, on September 3, 1967, complained to Danbury Police that LAURENCE was in front of his church passing out literature to parishioners. LAURENCE, when told to leave by Reverend FERRIS, became belligerent.

Sergeant KEATING stated that Officer ROBERT O'NEIL on arrival at the scene found LAURENCE in front of St. Anthony's Church distributing literature. LAURENCE was at a card table which had a poster with following printing on it: "FEDERATED AMERICANS AGAINST ISRAELI RACISM." LAURENCE refused to move on request by Officer O'NEIL and was arrested.

Sergeant KEATING mentioned that Reverend FERRIS reported that LAURENCE was distributing literature of a political nature against the Jews. When asked to leave by FERRIS, he commenced using insulting language.

Sergeant KEATING also related that EDWARD ACKELL, a member of St. Anthony's Church, told arresting officer that he observed LAURENCE distributing literature in front of the church and asked if he had a license to distribute the material. LAURENCE, according to ACKELL, stated he did not need a license because his constitutional rights granted him permission. ACKELL requested him to respect the cloth of the clergy and remove himself. LAURENCE was reported to have replied that the cloth of

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On 12/14/67 at Danbury, Connecticut

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the clergy means nothing in a war situation.

Sergeant KEATING advised that the Danbury News-Times, a daily newspaper published in Danbury, Connecticut, in its issue dated September 5, 1967, contains a photograph of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN LAURENCE of New York City. Caption of this photograph describes the LAURENCES as leaders of The Federated Americans Against Israeli Racism (FAIR) and depicts them setting up a literature stand on Main Street in Danbury. Signs on the literature table were reflected as follows: "Restore Palestine To The Arab People" and "Arab Victims of Jewish Racism in Israel."

Sergeant KEATING also informed that a communication in department files reflects that Danbury Police received a communication from Nassau County Police, New York, on July 5, 1967, advising that JOHN LAURENCE, 57 West 18th Street, New York City, date of birth - [REDACTED] had been charged with public loitering and resisting arrest, and warrants had been issued for his arrest. A notation reflected that EDWARD F. CURRAN, Chief of Detectives, Nassau County Police Department, advised Danbury Police on October 6, 1967 that LAURENCE had appeared in Nassau County Court on October 3, 1967, to respond to the charges.

Sergeant KEATING stated that charges in Danbury are pending against LAURENCE. He said trial has been postponed as LAURENCE has made counter charges against members of the Danbury Police Department.

Sergeant KEATING provided photostatic copies of the following documents concerning LAURENCE relating to his pro-Arab activities:

1. Letter over signature of JOHN M. LAURENCE, dated October 16, 1967, to ROSS STEVENS, Radio Station WLAD, Danbury.

2. F.A.I.R. News release dated October 15, 1967 issued by JOHN M. LAURENCE.

3. F.A.I.R. News release dated October 6, 1967 issued by JOHN M. LAURENCE.

4. Article from Danbury News-Times concerning arrest of JOHN M. LAURENCE, Chairman of F.A.I.R. by Danbury Police.

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On December 28, 1967, Officer Robert O'Neil,  
Danbury Police Department, Danbury, Connecticut, furnished  
the following information concerning the arrest of John  
M. Laurence, 57 West 18th Street, New York, New York:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date December 28, 1967

Officer ROBERT O'NEIL, Danbury Police Department, Danbury, Connecticut, advised that he arrested JOHN M. LAURENCE, 57 West 18th Street, New York, New York, in front of St. Anthony's Church, Danbury, on September 3, 1967, for breach of peace. He recalled that Rev. SEMAN FERRIS, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church, called and complained that LAURENCE was passing out literature of a political nature in front of the church and refused to leave the area.

Officer O'NEIL related that on arriving at the scene, he informed LAURENCE to stop his activity and leave. When LAURENCE refused, he placed him under arrest and drove him to the Danbury Police Department.

Officer O'NEIL recalled that LAURENCE said he was the leader of a Pro-Arab committee in New York City. However, he did not remember LAURENCE furnishing any other information concerning his affiliation with Arab organizations.

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On 12/18/67 at Danbury, Connecticutby SA GEORGE T. RIORNAN/jrbDate dictated 12/22/67



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