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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (117-2564)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (97-123)(P)
SUBJECT: DR. ZALMAN MORDECAI SHAPIRO
(U) **IS - ISRAEL** (S)
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Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, dated 1/20/69, and Bureau airtel to Pittsburgh, dated 1/21/69, in which Pittsburgh was directed to furnish recommendations as to interview with subject and others involved in this case.

Pittsburgh does not recommend that subject and/or others involved in this matter be interviewed at this time.

(U) The primary objective of this investigation was to establish the nature and extent of subject's relationship with the Government of Israel. (S)

(U) Investigation in this case, to date, has established the fact that subject maintains an intimate and respected relationship with officials of the Israeli Government. He is known to have discussed technical requirements of Israel with Israeli officials and intelligence personnel and further, has requested known acquaintances who are at least sympathetic to Israel, to provide data on a variety of technical matters of interest to the Israeli Government. It is felt that the primary objective of this investigation has been established. (S)

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(U) Concerning the question of subject having diverted U-235 to Israel, this has not been resolved. The relatively few individuals interviewed in this matter, including former employees, revealed their suspicions of subject's activities, but produced no concrete information of value in this regard. (S) (u)

The investigation, however, did disclose the probable existence of an Israeli technical intelligence network as AVRAHAM HERMONI's visit to Pittsburgh revealed. The thought comes to mind that this group is not the only one of its type, as HERMONI, no doubt, has contacts in other sections of the country and is collecting information in all fields. An interview would not produce any information regarding this activity as subject and others would, no doubt, deny any wrongdoing and consider any inquiry along these lines as impertinent. (S)

(U) Investigation has further disclosed that subject and others involved in instant case, in addition to holding top positions in their respective fields, are very active and highly regarded in various Jewish organizations which exert some influence in this country. In addition, subject is known to be critical of the Internal Revenue, "other U. S. Government agencies" and President RICHARD NIXON. He has expressed no allegiance to the United States, but has stated he could fight for Israel and is believed to be seriously contemplating migrating to Israel within the next several years. (S)

(U) It is the considered opinion of the personnel familiar with this case that an interview with subject and/or others intimately involved in this case would develop very little pertinent information without jeopardizing the existence of [redacted]. An interview with subject and/or others could conceivably cause some embarrassment to the Bureau and/or the new Administration. It is felt that disclosure by the subject, DAVID LOWENTHAL and others of an investigation by the Bureau could be interpreted by the Israeli Government as being inimical to cordial relations between the Governments at a critical time. (S)

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(U) It is pointed out that subject and his wife, according to [redacted] are in frequent contact with their [redacted]. (S)

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(U) attorney, JOSEPH SWARTZ, in connection with business and personal affairs. It is further felt that in view of the fact this Bureau has previously interviewed subject, he would, at this time, decline to be interviewed without the presence of his attorney due to the nature such an inquiry would take. ~~(S)(C)~~

(U) An interview would alert subject's associates to this Bureau's interest in their activities and could cause them to be more clandestine in their actions. This could possibly be beneficial by causing them to think twice before taking any questionable action favorable to Israel, or it could possibly cause, as previously mentioned, the Bureau some embarrassment. It is believed the disadvantages far outweigh any benefits which might be gained by an interview of the subject and/or others involved in this case at this time. ~~(S)~~

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