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In reply to your inquiry concerning the "Raganah Organization," the following information is being set forth:

The Military Intelligence Division of the Mar Department in September, 1943, advised that the Haganah is the defense army of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in that country. The Haganah was said to have been founded in, or shortly after, 1919 and through the aid rendered by the Palestinian Mational Labor Federation, known as the Histadrut, it finally developed into a well organized defense force. The word "Haganah" itself means defense. It is reported that the Haganah actually since the early 20's has consisted of two groups, a legal group composed of the police force, the constabulary, etc., and an unofficial defense force made up of volunteers from the Jewish community. It was reported that this unofficial group was naturally illegal and had to be trained in secrecy.

The Haganah reportedly was dominated by individuals who believed in a policy of "havingh" (self-restraint). There graw up within the organization a small group which objected to this policy of self-restraint and advocated acts of violence, retaliation and terrorism. In the middle 30's this minority broke with the Haganah and formed the Irgun Zvai Isumi. Both the Irgun and the Haganah are presently in existence in Palestine.

On September 14, 1947, an advertisement appeared on page 15 of the New York newspaper "PM". This advertisement had in it the question, "What Is The Haganah?" and the explanation that the Haganah is the jewish peoples defense army of Palestine and is the only organization actively engaged sending immigration ships to Palestine. This advertisement appeared in the newspaper over the name of an organization known as Americans for Haganah, Incorporated. The Department of Justice on December 23, 1947, advised the Eureau that a letter had been addressed to the organization of mericans for Haganah, Incorporated, informing the officers thereof of the

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existence of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and of the possible obligations thereunder on the part of the organization. The Department advised that in due course a reply was received from the organization denying that its activities came within the purview of the Act. The Burean was requested to transmit any information received concerning Americans for Haganah to the Department.

The possibility exists that the activity reported in reference letter is sponsored by Americans for Haganah, Incorporated. It is desired that you undertake an investigation to determine the veracity of the information originally reported. This investigation must be most discreet and caution should be exercised to assure that no undue criticism will be directed against the Bureau because of this inquiry. If it is determined that the information originally furnished was of a reliable nature, the inquiry should proceed under the character "Neutrality Act".

Your attention is directed to the memorandum from your office dated February 6, 1948, bearing the caption "Treum Lyat Tenmi. Registration Act. Yourhis Act."

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This information is being brought to the Bureau's attention in the event it is desired that the Department be notified concerning the information reported herein.

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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn Criminal Division Director, IN

April 12, 1948

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No further action is being taken concerning the information furnished herein above. It is being submitted to the Bureau, so that in the event it is desired, the material contained herein and the names of the individuals, may be brought to the attention of the Department.





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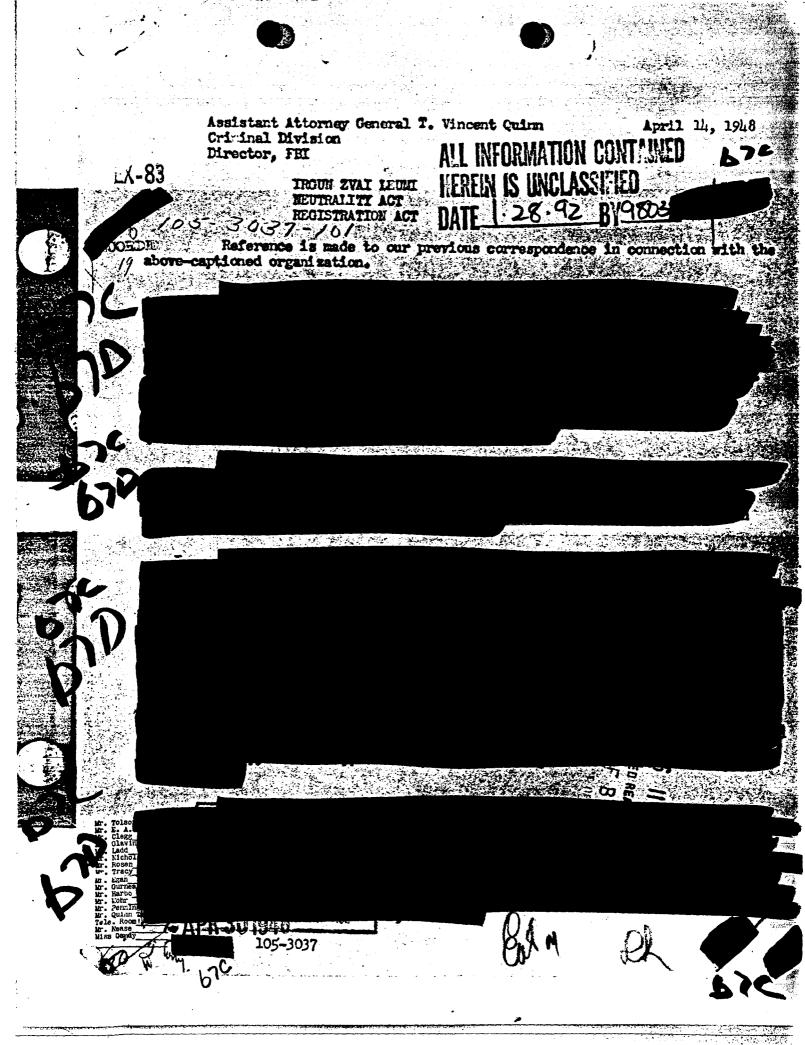
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Division of Foreign Activity Correlation State Department

515 22nd Street, N. W.

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Burean of Investigation

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MEUTRALITY ACT

REGISTRATION ACT

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Reference is made to our previous correspondence in connection with the above-captioned organization.

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submission of the enclosed report to the Bureaus

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April 20, 1948 Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn 2.27.72 CONFIDENTIAL Director, FBI POREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT DECLASSIEY DN. IROUN ZVAI LEUMI POREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT and the second s It would be appreciated if you would advise whether you desire this Bureau to conduct any investigation in connection with the sliens tions concerning RECORDED Enclosure 40-23348 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 97-2898 HEREIN 18 UNCLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL PRESENT WHERE SHOWN



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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn June 1, 1948 Criminal Division Director, FBI PALESTINIAN SITUATION RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

NEUTRALITY ACT

REGISTRATION ACT

(Bureau File No. 97-2912)

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Reference is made to our previous correspondence under the above There is enclosed herewith for your further information one copy of caption. each of the following reports:

dated April 24, 1948, at Report of Special Agent Mobile, Alabama, captioned "Irgun Zvai Leumi, Registration Act, Neutrality Act";

dated May 5, 1948, at Report of Special Agent Newark, New Jersey, captioned "Palestine Situation, Recruiting Program, Registration Act, Neutrality Act";

dated May 7, 1948, at Report of Special Agent Detroit, Michigan, captioned "Palestine Situation, Recruitment Program, Registration Act, Neutrality Act";

dated May 25, 1948, at Report of Special Agent New York City, captioned "Palestine Situation, Recruitment Program Neutrality Act, Registration Act".

From a review of the attached reports you will note that various individuals and Jewish organizations have been involved in activities connected on behalf of the Haganah, the Irgun Zvai with the Leumi and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. You will note that in the report listed last above considerable information is set forth concerning the activities

After completing review of the attached reports, will you kindly advise whether the facts developed to date concerning the activities of all other individuals and organizations mentioned therein indicate a violation of any of the laws of the United States. Will you also outline any further investigation, if any, which you desire conducted in connection with this matter. Any additional tate coungeto this Bureau's attention in connection therewith, of course, will be made available to you immediately.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMEN bo April 8, 1948 MR. IADD DATE: 98137 by FROM IRGUN ZVAL LEUM REGISTRATION ACT NATE 1-28-92 NEUTRALITY ACT During the past month a number of communications have been received from our New York Office indicating that various individuals acting on behalf of the above-captioned organization have been It is believed that the facts now available indicate a possible violation either of the Registration Act or the Neutrality Act or both. Consequently, it is felt that the New York Office should be instructed to In connection with this it may be noted that the Information furnished by our Birmingham Office indicates that Our Fobile Uffice reported that the subject volunteered information at the time of his arrest, verifying data previously reported by Birmingham. The Mobile Office has advised that anless a speci-11c request is received from the Bureau. RECORDED & INDEXE RECOMMENDATION: There are attached teletypes for our New York and Cobi The teletype to New York requests that Office to undertibe The teletype to the Moorie Utilice requests that hathese tele f it meets with your approval, it is recommended that types be dispatched to the respective offices. & water discussed with Attachment

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

April 13, 1948

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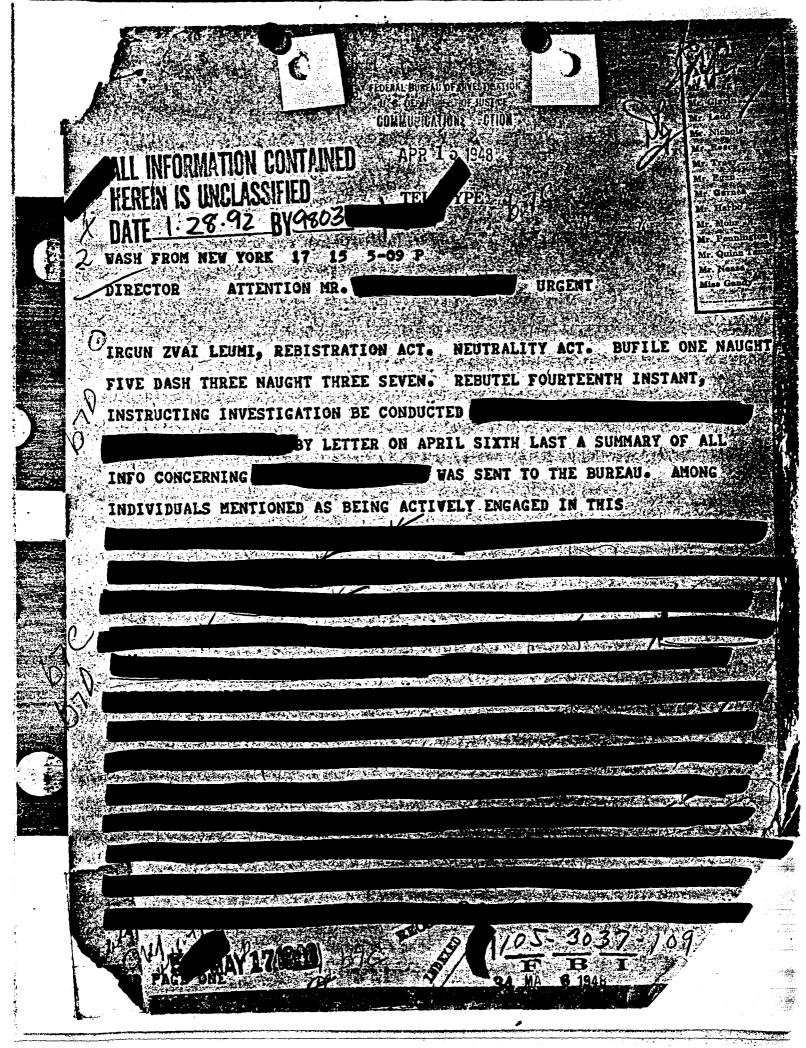
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

April 16, 1948

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2,37-Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell Criminal Division 318.36 Director, FBI IRGUN ZVAI LEUMI Foreign Agents Registration Act Reference is made to the memorandum to this Bureau from Mr. T. Vincent Quinn, former Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (Departmental reference TVQ: WEF: NBL: vml, 146-7-5383) captioned as above. Mr. Quinn requested this Bureau to determine, if possible, is in fact a member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and, if so, whether he engages in any activity for or on behalf of this group. On March 10 and April 11, 1948, information was forwarded to Mr. Quinn with respect to this matter. Our New York Office has further advised that the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City were checked avainst the name but that no record was found under that name. In view of the fact that all investigation to date has produced only negative results and since the original informant in this matter has been unable to substantiate his allegations, no further investigation will be conducted with respect to unless advice to the contrary is received from you. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION SEP 17 1948 P.M. REAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Quinn Tam



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