



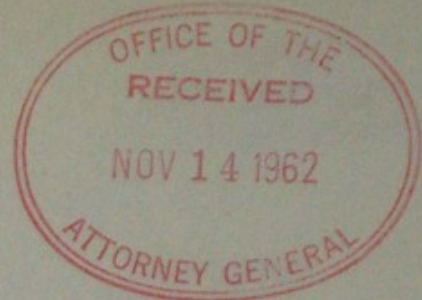
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TO : The Attorney General

DATE: November 14, 1962

FROM : Edwin Guthman

SUBJECT: American Zionist Council

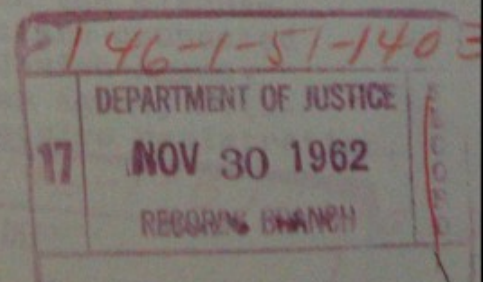
I met with Walter Yeagley and Nat Lenvin today in connection with the proposal to require the American Zionist Council to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

The facts as set forth in the attached memorandums from Yeagley and Lenvin show clearly that the American Zionist Council has been receiving substantial amounts of money for two years or more from the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel for the express purpose of disseminating propaganda about Israel's position in the Middle East. This money comes from funds raised in America through the United Jewish Appeal.

Nat Lenvin proposes to write a letter to the American Zionist Council indicating that the Council should register. Undoubtedly, representatives of the Council will wish to confer with Nat.

I believe Nat should go ahead and send the letter and handle this matter as any other registration. I doubt very much that there will be any fuss. I don't think the American Zionist Council is in any position to do so. If, as it appears, the Zionist Council has used for political propaganda purposes money raised by the UJA in America, the Council has compromised its position. The UJA money is generally for charitable work in the United States and Israel. Disclosure that some of the money -- even a small part -- had been used for political propaganda could hurt the UJA fund raising.

Attachments
cc: Mr. Nicholas Katzenbach



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