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The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)

Documents

Since the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's incorporation in 1963 it has been periodically investigated by the FBI and US Department of Justice. The following archive presents a chronology of publicly released documents with links to other sections of the Israel Lobby Archive, shedding light on the origins and activities of AIPAC.

Document/File Date	Contents
Archive	AIPAC Founder Isaiah L. Kenen works for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a public relations specialist for the "Israel Office of Information"
Archive	AIPAC Founder Isaiah L. Kenen works for the American Zionist Council until it is shut down by a Justice Department order to formally register as an Israeli foreign agent.
01/02/1963	Two months after the American Zionist Council is ordered to register as a foreign agent, Isaiah Kenen incorporates the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. However Kenen does not register AIPAC with the Justice Department as a foreign agent of the Israeli government.
11/27/1967	AIPAC applies for an IRS tax exemption 2.5 years after the Department of Justice finally closes its American Zionist Council foreign agent registration case and the AZC shuts down.
01/25/1968	The IRS grants AIPAC tax exempt status, retroactive to 1953 according to the determination letter, recognizing AIPAC to be the continuance of an unincorporated group called the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs; which was never functionally separate from the American Zionist Council.
Archive	AIPAC and the Israeli embassy are investigated by the FBI between 1984-1987 for illegally obtaining and circulating classified US documents about US-Israel trade.
09/30/1986	AIPAC begins to establish and coordinate political action committees, in violation of its tax exempt status and US campaign finance laws.
08/04/2005	Colonel Lawrence Franklin and AIPAC employees Steven J. Rosen and Keith Weissman are indicted under the 1917 Espionage Act for passing classified national defense information to Israel and persons not entitled to receive it.
2008	AIPAC Insider - Voting guide

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