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SUBJECT: AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

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On June 28, 1963, Mr. Adrian W. DeWind and a Mr. Kahn (ph) of the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison conferred with Mr. Lenvin, Chief of the Registration Section, and the writer for the purpose of submitting for the Department's examination a stack of publications and several books prepared by the American Zionist Council.

Mr. Lenvin inquired whether the papers submitted were the ones discussed during the meeting in Mr. Katzenbach's Office. Mr. DeWind explained that he was not present during that meeting and consequently, did not know whether these papers were the ones in question. Mr. Lenvin advised that at the earlier meeting Judge Rifkind represented that public registration would be injurious to the Council. Mr. Lenvin continued by saying that no decision was reached at that time with regard to the Council's obligations under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. He added, however, that Mr. Katzenbach made it plain that he wanted all the information including the Council's receipts and expenditures before making any decision. Mr. Lenvin queried Mr. DeWind as to whether the receipts and expenditures were included in the papers which Mr. DeWind submitted. Mr. DeWind replied in the negative. Mr. Lenvin stated that we would examine the submitted publications, and if it was decided that the exemption from registration was not available, the Department would insist that the receipts and expenditures of the Council be furnished for public inspection. It was understood in the meantime that the records regarding receipts and expenditures would be made available to the Department.

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7/3/63* It was my understanding they were to give us in effect full disclosure but not on a registration form.

Mr. Feagly telephoned Judge Rifkind on 7/17/63 - see memo to files. 18-Y

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Mr. DeWind agreed to leave the publications for an indefinite period for the Department's use in analyzing the content.

Prior to Mr. DeWind's departure he said he was disturbed by what he described as the speed with which the American Council on Judaism learned that the Department had solicited the registration of the American Zionist Council. He wondered whether there was a leak in the Department. Mr. Lenvin replied that he knew of no such leak and that any information which was given out on this subject would probably have originated in our public information office.

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