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Memorandum

TO : Files

DATE: October 30, 1964

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FROM : Nathan B. Lenvin, Chief
Registration Section~~146-1-41-14032~~SUBJECT: AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL
Conference - October 22, 1964

On October 22, 1964, I was present during the course of a meeting held in Mr. Katzenbach's office regarding the discharge of the above subject's obligations under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Present during the meeting were: Messrs. Katzenbach and Yeagley, and Mr. Nathaniel Rothenberg, acting as counsel for the subject.

Mr. Katzenbach had to excuse himself shortly after the meeting commenced because of urgent business elsewhere, but before he left he made clear to Mr. Rothenberg that, in response to the latter's assertion that to submit all of the financial information we had previously requested for a two to two-and-a-half year period would be a great burden on the subject, we would accept a statement as to a typical three month expenditure projected for the entire period concerned. Mr. Rothenberg replied to Mr. Katzenbach that the Department could take any three-month period it wanted, but Mr. Katzenbach made it clear that the responsibility of selecting the three-month period was squarely on the American Zionist Council and that it was their responsibility to pick a three-month period that would reflect by projection the true state of the expenditures made by the Public Information Department of the American Zionist Council.

After Mr. Katzenbach's departure, Mr. Rothenberg's statements indicated he did not entirely appreciate the ruling which Mr. Katzenbach had made in this matter, to-wit that we would not accept a typical three-month period, which was what Mr. Rothenberg seemed to think Mr. Katzenbach had requested, but we would have to have this typical three-month period projected so that it would reasonably reflect all of the expenditures of the Public Information Department of the American Zionist Council.

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Information Department of the subject during the period concerned. Mr. Rothenberg then stated that he understood and would attempt to accomplish this result.

Included among the items which we advised Mr. Rothenberg we would want in the breakdown of expenditures were payments made to lecturers who were retained by the subject to make speeches or talks on behalf of the subject. Mr. Rothenberg claimed that this could well be embarrassing, particularly to individuals such as university professors who would not want to make it part of a public record that they received fees or expenses from the subject for this type of activity. Mr. Yeagley indicated he would present this view to Mr. Katzenbach to determine whether he would be willing to modify the financial statement we were expecting so that the names of these particular individuals would not have to be included.

*They are to include the names
for confid. info of Dept - not
for public file*

[Signature]

*He in view
Agency is
terminated
Shankar did
not realize
Council was
a foreign agent.*

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