

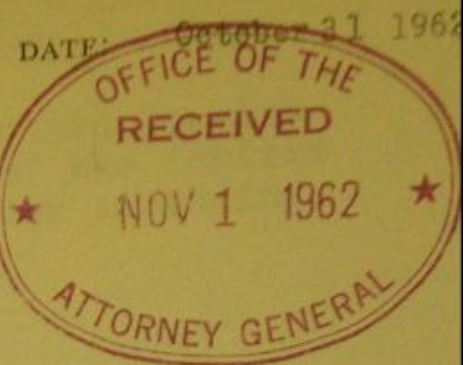


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to : The Attorney General

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL



I think you ought to know that we are soliciting next week the registration of the American Zionist Council under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. In an amendment to a supplemental registration statement filed by the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Israel for the period ending March 31, 1962, it was reported that the Council received over \$32,000 in subventions and over \$11,000 as a special grant from the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Under the Act the receipt of such funds from the Jewish Agency constitutes the Council an agent of a foreign principal as that term is defined in Section 1(c) of the statute. The stated purpose for which these funds were received makes unavailable any exemption from registration. Consequently, it would appear that the Council's registration is required.

On page 5 of the staff study of the Fulbright Committee it was stated that the registrant for a foreign government that carries on varied fund-raising and public relations activities within the United States showed in its supplemental statement contributions to affiliates of almost \$23,000, and grants and subventions of approximately \$93,000. The staff study goes on to say that the statement carried no breakdown as to what individuals or organizations shared in this money.

Upon specific inquiry made by the Registration Section of this Division to the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Israel -- which is the organization referred to in the staff study -- we received the information upon which the request for registration is based.

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You may be aware that the American Zionist Council is composed of representatives of the various Zionist organizations in the United States including the Zionist Organization of America.

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