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Memorandum

TO : Thomas K. Hall
Executive Assistant
Internal Security Division

DATE: March 7, 1963

FROM : Justin O'Shea

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SUBJECT: American Zionist Council *FARA*

At approximately 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 1963 Tony Lewis of the New York Times telephoned the Registration Section and in the absence of Mr. Levin and Mr. Weldon his call was referred to the writer.

Mr. Lewis stated that he had just finished reading a press release issued by the American Council for Judaism which reported that the United States Government had requested the American Zionist Council to file a registration statement under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. He then inquired whether it was true that this Department had requested the subject Council to register as reported in the above press release.

The writer informed him that he had no personal knowledge of this matter but suggested that he contact the Public Information Office of the Department for any information that might be available. Mr. Lewis stated that he had not inquired of the Public Information Office and added that on registration matters he always telephoned Mr. Levin. He then inquired whether the subject Council had filed a registration statement. He was informed that the writer would cause a check of the registration files to determine whether it had filed such a statement. He requested that the return call be made to his home (EL-6-4615).

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Mr. Sullivan is apparently taking care of this matter.

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