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[redacted]  
Embassy of Israel, 3514 International Drive, N.W., Washington, D.C. telephone (202) 364-5692 was interviewed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] regarding the receipt of a U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) report pertaining to free trade between the U.S. and Israel.

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During this interview, [redacted] was accompanied by [redacted]  
[redacted] for the Embassy of Israel, Washington, D.C.

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[redacted] advised that at some unrecalled time in 1984 he received this USITC report pertaining to free trade between America and Israel. [redacted] advised that he received this document from someone that he would not identify. He indicated that he received this information in his official capacity as a diplomat and that it would be against the principles of diplomatic work to divulge any information pertaining to the identity of the individual who provided him the report. He further advised that it is impossible within the professional ethics of a diplomat to identify individuals who provide certain information to a diplomat.

[redacted] did state that the individual who provided him with the report was not a U.S. Government Official nor was he an employee of the U.S. Government. [redacted] indicated that there were numerous negotiators regarding this free trade issue representing several U.S. Government agencies including the U.S. Trade Representatives, the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Commerce Commission, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He advised that there were usually one or two principales representing each of these agencies which would attend most negotiations. He further advised that he thinks certain U.S. negotiators wanted the person who provided [redacted] the report to know about certain aspects pertaining to the United States

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and Israel.

Regarding the availability of this report, [redacted] advised that the report had been widely circulated among the staff and members of Capitol Hill, as well as among various consultants representing the interest of each agency affected by the free trade issue. He advised that the Government of Israel did not ask to receive the report and stated that when the individual provided him with the report, the transaction was not conducted in a discreet or secretive manner.

[redacted] advised that he furnished the report to an employee at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) during the Spring or Summer of 1984. He believes he gave the report to either [redacted] or to [redacted]. [redacted] indicated that this report was only part of a package that he provided to AIPAC with other routine information.

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[redacted] advised that he could not recall the specific period of time when he was given the report but stated that the contents of the report were well known by the time he had received it. [redacted] advised that he did not try to conceal the fact that representatives of Israel had this report in their possession. He further stated that he believes that the controversy regarding this report is extremely exaggerated and that in his opinion, the fact that representatives of Israel viewed this report, caused no economic damage to any U.S. business or interest.