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SUBJECT: SENSTUDY 75

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Reference is made to memorandum W. O. Cregar to Mr. W. R. Wannall, dated 6/26/75, captioned "Senstudy 75."

SYNOPSIS:

(S) The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize information in FBI files concerning Israeli intelligence collection capabilities in the United States. James J. Angleton, former Chief, Counterintelligence Operations, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), advised the FBI on 3/26/75 that he appeared before the Senate Select Committee (SSC) and in response to questions advised SSC he only had secondhand and fragmentary information concerning Israeli capabilities to conduct intelligence collection in the United States, including nuclear information. He advised the SSC that questions concerning this matter might more properly be directed to the FBI. Sensitive technical source coverage by the FBI of the Israeli Embassy, Washington, D.C., between February, 1969, and October, 1972, developed information showing that Angleton, during this period in his official capacity at CIA, had frequent personal liaison contacts with the Embassy of Israel, Israeli Intelligence Service (IIS) representatives involving the exchange of extremely sensitive information. Currently the FBI has no pending investigation involving Israeli intelligence collection capabilities in the United States. The most current information in FBI files concerning this matter involved the investigation based on CIA information dated 11/14/68 concerning the establishment at the Embassy of Israel, Washington, D. C., of an Israeli technical intelligence network. Also under investigation during this period at New York City was an IIS attempt to penetrate United Nations and official Arab establishments by the use of live sources. FBI files also reflect that IIS representatives periodically have operated in the United States since 1948.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall
Re: Senstudy 75

DETAILS:

According to referenced memorandum, James Angleton, former Chief, Counterintelligence Operations, CIA, advised the FBI on 6/26/75 that he had recently testified under oath without counsel before three Senators and staff members of the Senate Select Committee (SSC). He was questioned concerning his knowledge of [Israeli capabilities to conduct intelligence collection] in the United States, including [nuclear information]. Angleton stated he avoided any direct answers, advising that any knowledge he might have would be secondhand and fragmentary. He informed the SSC that questions concerning this matter might more properly be directed to the FBI. (S) (S)

Sensitive technical source coverage by the FBI of the Embassy of Israel, Washington, D. C., between February, 1969, and October, 1972, determined that Angleton, in his official capacity at CIA, had frequent personal liaison contacts with Israeli Intelligence Service (IIS) representatives at the Embassy of Israel, Washington, D. C., involving the exchange of extremely sensitive information. This special relationship was confirmed by Angleton and other CIA officials during a meeting with an FBI representative on 4/3/69. At this meeting CIA representatives stated that this liaison with IIS was known by the White House and the U. S. State Department. (S) STATE
JFK (S) (S)

At the present time the FBI has no pending investigation involving Israeli intelligence collection capabilities in the United States. (S)

The most current information in FBI files concerning this matter involved the investigation based on [CIA information dated 11/14/68] concerning the establishment at the Embassy of Israel, Washington, D. C., of an Israeli technical intelligence network directed by Avraham Hermoni, Scientific Counselor. Hermoni, prior to his assignment as Scientific Counselor in Washington, D. C., was involved in the Israeli nuclear weapons program. The activities and contacts of Hermoni and colleagues at the Embassy were investigated through 1972. The investigations of these individuals were discontinued as no specific information was developed to indicate that they had acted unlawfully or outside the scope of their official duties. (S) JFK (S) (S)

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