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INFO.	Chief of Station, [redacted]		ONLY QUALIFIED DESK (AN/JUDGE INDEXING)
FROM	Chief, Western Hemisphere Division		MICROFILM
SUBJECT	RE: <u>Traces on Sholomo GLIKSBERG and I. Irving DAVIDSON</u>		
ACTION REQUIRED	LETTERHEADS		

ACTION REQUIRED: For your information

REFERENCE : HZPA-17656, 26 June 1969

1. Checks of Headquarters' records revealed the following on Sholomo GLIKSBERG:

A. Information received August 1968 from LNGOLD: GLIKSBERG was appointed the Chairman of President-elect ARIAS' Commission on Domestic and International Commerce. A LNGOLD comment notes that this appointment may have been made for the purpose of demonstrating to the Jewish community in Panama that ARIAS bore its members no ill will. GLIKSBERG was described as a businessman with interests in plywood and machinery imports. According to GLIKSBERG, he was named ARIAS' personal advisor on economic and financial matters, and GLIKSBERG implied that he had numerous contacts in Washington.

B. Information received September 1968 from LNERGO: GLIKSBERG is a Panamanian businessman and philologist who formerly represented ARIAS' interests in tobacco and coffee. Due to his foreign language ability and expert knowledge in banking and finance he was (at time of writing) a trusted advisor of ARIAS', at ARIAS' bequest. A Iden Source also reported at this time that ARIAS and GLIKSBERG seemed to have a very friendly relationship. This Source made the following comments about GLIKSBERG: "...a very smooth, well-educated and articulate man... He speaks excellent English and sounds like an Israeli who might have received part of his education in the United States..."

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C. Information received June 1969 from LMGOLD: German Ambassador KOSTER was approached by GLIKSBERG with a request to arrange a visit in Germany for General TORRIJOS. According to GLIKSBERG, TORRIJOS had been invited by the French Government to visit France on his return from Israel. "In Ambassador KOSTER's words, this is the same chantage we experienced with GLIKSBERG last year on behalf of Arnulfo ARIAS. The implication here is that GLIKSBERG now an advisor to TORRIJOS is playing France and Germany against one another to obtain the best deal for TORRIJOS." (Headquarters Comment: KOSTER is referring to the offers of TV systems from these other countries to Panama.)

2. Traces reveal the following information on I. Irving DAVIDSON:

A. From DIRECTOR-19472, 15 June 1965 (not sent [redacted]): Isadore Irving DAVIDSON (201-41581), born 19 January 1921 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There are voluminous Headquarters' traces on Subject. He is registered with the Justice Department as an agent for Haiti, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Israel. Is a member of the National Press Club and well known in Washington circles. He enjoys a close relationship with Drew PEARSON and other newsmen. Subject is described as an aggressive international businessman who would probably participate in any business proposition for a commission. However, he always protects himself when dealing with representatives of other countries by reporting any proposed transaction to a U.S. Government agency or official. Subject approached Iden in 1955 to obtain financial backing for a travel agency which would publicize Yugoslavia tourist attractions to Americans. In exchange Subject would pass on to Iden any information he might be able to obtain through said Agency. Meetings were held with Subject on 30 September and 3, 5, 10, and 13 October 1955. Subject was advised that Iden would not back him financially or support him in any manner. Subject is well known to LNERGO. FYI: Subject is considered a fast buck artist and a security risk. He is believed to be the person who blew the Iden COS in Haiti to DUVALIER.

B. From DIRECTOR-30286, 23 August 1967 (not sent [redacted]): In addition to the above named countries, Subject is an agent for Indonesia and is a contact of Dominican Republic President BALAGUER. He has had some Cuban exile contacts. Files show that Subject has been implying contact with U.S. Government officials at the "highest level" as early as 1957 in dealing with unsuspecting clients, particularly foreigners, and has had no compunctions about indicating close connections with State, the FBI, and the White House.

3. Traces on GLIKSBERG have been requested from LNERGO. If any additional information results, it will be forwarded to the Station.

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