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I. IRVING DAVIDSON
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Re my telephone call to Bureau today.

On this date [WF 568-S*] advised of a conversation between the subject and Colonel AHARON YARIV, Military Attache, Embassy of Israel. DAVIDSON stated that "the ordnance gentlemen" came to his office today and wanted two guns. They had a memo from TWINING to come down. [Ordnance intelligence] was represented and five persons came to see the subject. DAVIDSON said that he gladly gave them two guns and his visitors indicated they were interested in the gun for the armored tank division and airplanes. DAVIDSON continued that he told these people that although he was not prepared to negotiate for the Israelis in this matter, he would put them in contact with the proper people. DAVIDSON can only sell. His job is to introduce the gun and later he would be selling it commercially.

[From other comments during this conversation] it is apparent that the reference is to a gun known as the UZI. Previous information from this source indicates that this is a type of machine gun which fires .58 caliber ammunition.

[Later during the conversation] DAVIDSON stated that ten minutes after the aforementioned delegation left his office he received a call from the FBI. He said

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the call was from his friend, TOM WEBB. [YARIV]^(S) said that he knew WEBB. DAVIDSON indicated that he was asked to get two guns down to Mr. HOOVER and that he would deliver two to Mr. HOOVER this afternoon. [YARIV]^(S) indicated [his approval]. (S)

As the Bureau is aware, DAVIDSON is registered with the Department of Justice as an agent for Nicaragua and for the Israeli Military Industry in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Transmitted herewith as an enclosure is a copy of the complete information furnished by this source.

Submitted for the information of the Bureau, which will be advised promptly in the event that additional information concerning this is furnished by the source.

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12:10PM
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IRV DAVIDSON to [COLONEL YARIV] (S)
(S) [YARIV] says that he is leaving Washington on Monday for Pittsburgh, with his wife and friends for seder at the Hilton Hotel. DAVIDSON says he'll be in Pittsburgh too, staying at the Hilton Hotel. DAVIDSON says he'll be having seder with his mother while in Pittsburgh, then inquires what the special occasion for the seder at the Hilton Hotel. [YARIV] replies that [SOL BRAUMAN (ph)] and [DAVE LOWENTHAL (ph)] are holding a seder there and some of "our" people are going there for it. DAVIDSON says he understands: a fund-raising deal. YARIV exclaims that Heaven forbid! it isn't a fund-raising. DAVIDSON comments that he knows [LOWENTHAL] and them but doesn't know "them" that well. [YARIV] wants to see DAVIDSON to say good-bye and DAVIDSON says that they'll have a drink together in the hotel in Pittsburgh. [YARIV] agrees. DAVIDSON is leaving for Pittsburgh tomorrow. [YARIV] asks what DAVIDSON is doing for lunch today and D says that he has a couple of men coming in here. DAVIDSON then goes on: D-The ordnance gentlemen came in the office today, wanted to have two guns. They had a memo from [TWINING] to come down. Listen to this: There's a big "corbin" (ph-?) going on. [Ordnance intelligence] was in. There were five guys in the office."

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(S) [Y] Good.
D-And, er-well, it could be a lot of crap because they're having these hearings on the Hill, so I very gladly gave them two guns, the IZZIES (ph).
(S) [Y] Yes, yes.

D-And they said, if they were, hmmm, they're interested in the gun for the armored tank division (laughter) and airplanes, so, er- and they said that in a few days I would be hearing from them and they said, 'MR. DAVIDSON, are you prepared ~~to~~ to negotiate for the Israelis in this matter?'
(S) [Y] Yeah.

D-And I says, 'No, but I will put you in contact with the proper people who can. I can only sell, my job is to introduce the gun and later I will be selling commercially, but er-this can be handled on a government to government basis. And if you have any interest other than what I could tell you, I can put you in touch with the Israeli Military Attache here who will. I'll put you in touch with the Israeli Military Embassy direct.'

(S) [Y] Yeah, yeah.
D-So, they were very happy about this. Anyway, I'm writing a memo to er- [Y-BEN-ZEV] (S)
D-To [BEN-ZEV] and a copy straight to [SCHWIDAR (ph)] and [BAR-TOV (ph)] and I'll send a copy to your office. (S)

(S) [Y] Good.
D-And I'll tell you the men who were in and all that crap.
(S) [Y] Perfect.
D-But I just wanted you to know.
(S) [Y] Fine.

D-Also, on the 26th of next--By the way, I'm so happy I never sold any guns commercially. They asked me if I had any in the hands of gun dealers.
(S) [Y] Yeah.
D-I told them no.
(S) [Y] Good.

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[12:20PM] (S) DAVIDSON [to YARIV] cont'd:
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D-It's because I was lazy between you and me. You know what I mean?
(S) [Y] I know--you're telling me! I know, you were not lazy, you were busy with something else.

D-Yeah, but anyway whatever happens, sometimes happens for the best.

(S) [Y] Yeah.
D-But I'd rather see (the government) take them, right?

(S) [Y] You see, this is predestination.

D-Then, ten minutes don't happen, they leave the office, I get a call from the FBI.

(S) [Y] Yeah.
D-My friend TOM WEBB, you know?

(S) [Y] Yeah, I know him.

D-Please get two guns down to Mr. HOOVER.

(S) [Y] Yeah.

D-So we're delivering them this afternoon.

(S) [Y] Yeah.

D-I don't know, word gets around.

(S) [Y] I see.

D-So we're putting them down. This afternoon we'll deliver two to HOOVER.

(S) [Y] Good.

D-You never can tell. Anyway, listen to this. On the 26th of this month, one of the heads of the Pittsburgh Bonds Drive, keep this in the back of-- a man ~~by the name of~~ named [NAT KANN (spelled)] He'll probably be at that dinner tonight, er--on Monday. He's having a big fund-raising deal and he asked me if I wouldn't bring two or four guns up and he's going to make a display with the Pittsburgh Police Dept.

(S) [Y] Yes.

~~D-So, I've got to bring two or four guns up to the room, I got to shoot the UZI (ph) So, when we have all the big givers in, we'll let them shoot the UZI (ph). I got permission from [the Treasury] to do it as long as I'm with the guns and so they'll fire the UZI up there on the 26th and sell a lot of Bonds.~~ (S)

(S) [Y] Good, good, good. [One thousand Bonds] for each round.

D-I got MR. HOFFA to buy \$50,000 of War Bonds yesterday.

(S) [Y] Yeah?

D-Ain't that good?

(S) [Y] Yeah. Well, you're a fast operator. I always said that.

D-No, sh-- I'm sold on the UZI's but anyway it's working out for the better, [Colonel.] (S)

(S) [Y] Yeah.

[YARIV] says that he would like to see DAVIDSON before leaving to thank him personally. DAVIDSON arranges for [YARIV] to have breakfast with him and his wife on Tuesday morning, in DAVIDSON's room. [YARIV] will be leaving about 9 that morning. DAVIDSON says he feels pretty good about what happened this morning. So does [YARIV] (S) D asks if there is anything wrong about using these UZI's for [that Bond drive], explaining that this was part of his, D's, deal with (S) [SCHWIDAR (ph)]. [YARIV] tells D that this is a commercial deal, that's D's deal. D tells [YARIV] that the latter could mention [at the Seder] Monday night that the UZI's will be coming for the [Bonds drive with KANN.] (S) (S) AEC

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