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Synopsis:

DAVIDSON is self-employed in general public relations work with office located in Suite 1224 Wyatt Building, WDC. JAMES G. FARRISS, a former State Department employee, JACK ANDERSON and FRED BLUMENTHAL, present and former DREW PEARSON associates, share office space with subject. Subject registered with Registration Section, Department of Justice, since 4/15/55 as representative of Republic of Nicaragua, and since 7/22/58 as representative of Israeli Military Industries controlled by government of Israel. Subject represents Republic of Nicaragua and President of Nicaragua in general public relations and as purchasing agent for Republic of Nicaragua, including military forces. Subject registered to import arms, ammunition and implements of war from Israel to US. [Contacts with personnel of Israeli Embassy, WDC, set out.] Subject registered with Office of Munitions Control, Department of State, effective 10/12/54. Subject maintains checking account in DC bank under name of Nicaraguan Government Agency; he claims account maintained to keep his records straight for income tax purposes. Information obtained concerning activities of DAVIDSON from 1949 to date set out.

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Israel, and the source of material as the Israeli Military Industries. DAVIDSON advised that the purpose for the importing of the above items was for sale to eligible law enforcement agencies in the United States under the National Fire Arms Act. The Consignee was listed as I. IRVING DAVIDSON, 1224 Wyatt Building, Washington, D. C. The license called for the importing of 500 Uzi nine mm. police machine pistols having a net value of \$30,000, plus 10,000 rounds of nine mm. ammunition with a net value of \$500.

ISRAEL (S) On July 21, 1958, T-9 advised that on the same date one IRVING DAVIDSON was in contact with Colonel AHARON YARIV, Israeli Military, Naval, and Air Attache in Washington, D. C. (S)

DAVIDSON engaged in cryptic conversation with Colonel YARIV concerning a "Mr. C," not further identified, in New York City. (S) YARIV said that he had already contacted this individual and had explained to him that SHIMON might be here soon. YARIV explained that at the first opportunity he will explain to "Mr. C" the matter in which DAVIDSON and Colonel YARIV have a mutual interest. (S)

It is noted that SHIMON PERES is Director General in the Israeli Ministry of Defense. (S) It is further noted that one I. COHEN, possibly identical with "Mr. C" is Director, Government of Israel, Ministry of Defense, Division of Supplies, 1718-1728 250 West Fifth Street, New York City. (S) ISRAEL (S)

(S) T-9 also learned on July 21, 1958, that Colonel YARIV was scheduled to deliver a speech to the Overseas Press Writers on July 22, 1958. DAVIDSON indicated after this speech he would like Colonel YARIV to give highlights of this speech to an unidentified individual whom DAVIDSON indicated would be of value to Colonel YARIV. (S) The informant was unable to furnish information concerning the above mentioned speech or unidentified person that DAVIDSON desired Colonel YARIV to meet. (S)

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T-9 further advised that one IRVING DAVIDSON was in touch with Colonel K. SALMAN (Colonel KATRIEL P. SALMON, former Military, Naval and Air Attache, Israeli Embassy) of the Israeli Embassy in April, October, November and December, 1956, and January, 1957, but on these occasions failed to furnish the informant with full details of the nature of their contacts, even as they did on later occasions in July and August, 1958.

On August 20, 1958, Miss MARIAN CARLE, Office of Munitions Control, Department of State, Room 2115-D, Building T-3, furnished to SA SHANNON the file on I. IRVING DAVIDSON, registration number 3929. Examination of this file reflected the effective date of this registration as October 12, 1954. The application was filed for the registration of a person engaged in the business of manufacturing, exporting or importing arms, ammunition or implements of war pursuant to Section 12 of the Joint Resolution of Congress approved by the President of the United States on November 4, 1939.

At the time of filing of this application DAVIDSON's address was Suite 324 Wyatt Building, Washington, D. C. He advised on the application that he had been established in business since 1945 (individual) and could provide personally whatever capital is needed for each transaction. He designated MORRIS G. DAVIDSON, 820 Highview Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a United States citizen, as a partner in designated transactions, chiefly for financing. DAVIDSON advised that he was in public relations work and was chiefly engaged in buying and selling of United States surplus property, both domestically and abroad, for resale both domestically and abroad, and in addition, purchased surplus property from other surplus dealers for resale. He listed as these types of surplus property spare parts for rifles and United States surplus Army vehicles.

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Washington, formed to combat juvenile delinquency, had visited him on January 8, 1950, in the Ohio State Penitentiary. He said DAVIDSON became interested in his case following the visit to Washington by LICAVOLI's wife. He advised that his brother, PETE, had no interest at that time other than gambling.

On January 17, 1955, I. IRVING DAVIDSON, then occupying Suite 234 Wyatt Building, advised SAs ANDREW J. SHANNON and JOSEPH A. GENAU, at the Washington Field Office of the FBI, that he sponsored an International Sports Show in March, 1954, at the District of Columbia Armory in Washington, D. C.

P.C. T-6 advised that on March 19, 1954, the subject [and NATHAN EINHORN] of the Polish Embassy, an Assistant Attache for Cultural Affairs, [tried unsuccessfully to contact each other at the International Sports Show] (S)

On March 22, 1954, T-6 related (S) [that NATHAN EINHORN disclosed he had been in touch with DAVIDSON and told DAVIDSON that an exhibit was on its way [from Poland,] but was late; that it contained material showing canoeing, vacation homes, and was mostly pictorial, and that it might arrive after the beginning of DAVIDSON's show (International Sports Show.) DAVIDSON, according to T-6, advised [EINHORN] about 20 countries were participating in the show, including Japan, and Egypt, and that it was being done mostly through the airlines. T-6 added that [EINHORN] mentioned that DAVIDSON indicated he would like to get a visa to [visit Poland,] and [that EINHORN] indicated there would be no great difficulties in this respect. T-6 could furnish no additional information in this matter. (S)

T-7 advised [in March, 1954, that DAVIDSON extended an invitation to [the Russian Embassy] to participate in his sports show. Informant could furnish no further information in this respect. (S)

T-8 advised [that IRVING DAVIDSON was [in contact] (S) with [Colonel JULIO C. MORALES, Military Attache of the Nicaraguan Embassy,] during September and October, 1956. (S)

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[According to the informant, the contacts ^(S) appeared to be in connection with DAVIDSON's representing the Nicaraguan Embassy as a public relations representative, and ^(S) some of the contacts were inquiries concerning the health of President A. SOMOZA of Nicaragua.]

On January 18, 1949, the name of one IRVING DAVIDSON appeared in the address book of one IRVING HALPERIN, found in the possession of HALPERIN when arrested that date by Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Police Department.

In January, 1949, one JANE BACON (not further identified) advised the Washington, D. C., police that she knew IRVING DAVIDSON as a dealer in surplus property. She advised that IRVING HALPERIN is primarily a gambler who resided at the La Salle Apartments, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. She identified approximately 35 individuals in HALPERIN's address book, the majority of whom were women whom she described as "high class prostitutes." BACON advised that several of these girls were invited to HALPERIN's card parties as dates for the players.

T-5, another Governmental agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations, advised that T-11 had advised that agency on September 10, 1955, that in July, 1955, he called on DAVIDSON. He advised that DAVIDSON at that time was in the market for aviation parts for the Nicaraguan Government. During this contact with DAVIDSON, T-11 noticed a brochure of DAVIDSON's advertising a National Travel Show. T-11 formerly sold aviation supplies to the Yugoslavian Government, and had contact with PETAR MIHALDINEC, a former Yugoslavian Assistant Military Attache in Washington, D. C., then Chief of the Foreign Division of Putnik Dragoslava Jovanovica, a Yugoslavian travel and tourist agency. At the time of his contact with DAVIDSON T-11 suggested to DAVIDSON that the two of them might underwrite the New York Office of Putnik. According to T-11, DAVIDSON spoke to MIHALDINEC by telephone and realized that Putnik was an official agency of the Yugoslavian Government, and there would be a need for him, DAVIDSON, to register with the Department of Justice. (S) (u)

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