

P-Ben Natan, Asher

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2. On Asher BEN NATAN, mentioned in para 39 of PIRA-5390, there is only one trace in Headquarters. There is a record of his application for an Allied Austrian travel permit. On this application the following particulars are given. He is listed as Israeli by nationality, former Austrian, born 15 February 1918 at Vienna. He carried passport No. 71 issued at Hakirga on 20 December 1948 and his address was given as the Israel Legation, 113 Avenue Wagram, Paris. His occupation was listed as Fonctionnaire and his destination as the Israel Consulate at Vienna. (Substantially same as para 4, PIR-5777).

3. Headquarters has received another report, not likely to be identical in source, which also gives the Headquarters of Israel intelligence as Paris. In this same report, however, Reuven SHILOAN is also named as the head of Israel Intelligence. As to whether BEN NATAN or SHILOAN is meant by the reference in para 1 of PIR-5302 is difficult to say. In your travel control cards submitted on Israeli personnel, the most recent visit of SHILOAN to Rome is listed in September, while there is one trip for BEN NATAN listed in November which occurred, immediately after the meeting mentioned in PIR-5302. Neither BEN NATAN or SHILOAN is carried at Headquarters as a Brigadier General, and as the rank is rare in Israel, the latter would be the only likely holder of such a rank.

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