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On receipt of WELN-2041, a number of direct questions were put to [] concerning LANDMAN, ARON, NATHAN, and other individuals and companies of possible interest in considering this case. He indicated particular interest in any information which would relate these people to Israeli I.S. activities in the U.S.A.. [] replied as follows:

(a) Sara Naina LANDMAN, daughter of Samuel LANDMAN, formerly legal adviser to the United Zionist Revisionist Movement in the U.K. and intermediary between W. E. ARON & HART & Paul REINER and the Israeli Intelligence Service. Naina LANDMAN, while employed in 1947 with the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, is known to have carried messages between her father and Asher BEN NATHAN, now head of Israeli Intelligence in Western Europe. It is not known whether she was aware of the contents of the messages or of BEN NATHAN's espionage mission.

On 6 December 1949 Naina married Murray J. ROSSANT with whom she is now living at 4420 South West 11th Street, Coral Gables, Florida.

(b) Emil Werner ARON & HART & Paul REINER. ARON returned to the U.K. on 31 January 1950 having made no contacts in Canada which would seem to be of security interest. On 8 February 1950 he left again for the Continent and in April was staying at Villa Porlessa, Genoa, Italy. He returned on 1 May 1950. Though he and LANDMAN make repeated efforts to interest Israel in intelligence which ARON claims he can acquire, it seems that at last the Israeli Intelligence Service is aware of ARON's worthlessness as a source and will have no further dealings with him.

Source have no record that ARON is regularly corresponding with persons in the United States.

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(c) Leslie H. VAISEY, A. O. FINE & Co. and VAISON & Co., Ltd. Leslie H. VAISEY, a director of both shipping companies named above, has been a close associate of ARON since at least 1947. Both VAISEY and the two companies would seem ready to subscribe to shady commercial transactions but source have nothing of security significance on record concerning them nor do they know whether they have any close affiliations with American companies.

(d) Samuel LANDMAN and the New Basinghall Trading Corporation. [] [] have no significant information about LANDMAN which has not already been passed to Headquarters. He is still in touch with Isaac VARDI at the Istanbul location, London, but, as far as source can judge, the only security interest in this liaison lies in his continued attempts to re-instate ARON as a source of intelligence.

Correspondence between ARON and LANDMAN was conducted under the cover of the New Basinghall Trading Corporation and, in this respect, the firm is of security interest. Source do not know of any close affiliations with any American companies but the firm is known to have maintained an office at 1603 K Street, NW, Washington 6.

(e) Isher BEN NATHAN @ ARTHUR. No new information has come to light concerning him.

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