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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Israel Access to EICHMANN Material
in Archives

1. Major SELIGMAN, [] met at
the Dupont-Plaza Hotel, 27 September 1960, to discuss SELIGMAN's
program in Washington.

2. SELIGMAN stated that after a considerable delay, Mr. William
HAMILTON, Head of Israel-Lebanon Desk in the State Department, had
approved his request to research the German SS files for EICHMANN
material. He was introduced to Mr. Robert H. BAHMER, National
Deputy U. S. Archivist. SELIGMAN asked BAHMER if he could have
a copy of the microfilm made for SCHULE of the West German Gov-
ernment as well as place a researcher in the Archives for about a
month. BAHMER expressed surprise and doubt that he could give a
copy of SCHULE's film to another person. He was reluctant on ethical
grounds. However, he called Mr. EAST in Alexandria who stated that
they would have to ask permission from CIA [] believes that
either BAHMER or SELIGMAN misunderstood EAST who might have
said that they had only one copy for CIA). The question was left open
pending their consideration of the matter.

3. I remarked that it was unfortunate SELIGMAN had asked for
SCHULE's film and asked him why he had done it when he knew that
we were getting a copy for him. He explained that out of the film they
would probably find fifty or sixty documents which they will want to use
in the trial of EICHMANN but such material could not be presented in
court unless the documents were certified as true copies. Since CIA
was not in a position to certify, he had to go through official channels
and acquire copies of the film in a routine and normal way so that, at
a later date, they can request certification from Archives without
being asked how they got copies of the material.

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4. After discussing the various difficulties and obstacles, it was tentatively agreed that CIA would give [] microfilm copy of material selected by SCHULE. [] will find a German speaking Israeli student who will research the Archives for a month or more. Meanwhile, SELIGMAN, who will have returned to Israel (he leaves New York 30 September), will study the film given by us and select those documents by title and number which he will use in the trial. The titles and numbers will be sent to [] who will give them to the student. The student will then ask for photostat copies of the selected material and request certification from Archives.

5. It is hoped that by this means SELINGER will get the material he wants without further involving CIA.

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