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[] NFVA 1439

9 June 1960

TO: []

FROM: []

SUBJECT: Tuvia FRIEDMANN

1. On 7 June 1960, [] loaned [] a photograph clipped from the Paris edition of the Herald Tribune (paper undated, but datelines are 30 May 1960) showing Tuvia FRIEDMANN, chief of the documentation center on Nazi war crimes in Haifa, and linking him to Israeli intelligence. [] noted that FRIEDMANN had had no role in [] activities. He described him as dedicated but a bit unbalanced as the result of his concentration camp experience.

2. On 6 June, the [] chief from Haifa had reported that FRIEDMANN had applied for a visa, and that Irew Pearson and others were pressing for quick issuance so that FRIEDMANN could appear in television, movies, etc., in connection with his role in the FICHD'ANN case. (He played no role whatsoever - []) Issuance was delayed however by the fact that an anonymous letter had been received stating FRIEDMANN had served in the UE.

3. [] stated on 7 June that, in a recent newspaper interview (MA'ARIV, Friday of two weeks earlier - 27 May 1960 - Rafael FRIEDMANN's "Lonely Profile") FRIEDMANN had stated that he had served in the anti-Nazi section of the Polish UE for a few months in 1945, and then in 1946 had gone to Vienna where he served in the illegal immigration under "Artur" (Arthur BEN-NATAN, now Director-General of the Ministry of Defense). [] noted that FRIEDMANN's service in the UE had no bearing on his security, that any Jew at that time would have served with any police force against the Nazis, and that there was no security reason for denying FRIEDMANN a visa.

4. On 8 June [] mentioned the MA'ARIV interview at a [] conference, where it was viewed as an impediment to quick compliance with Irew Pearson's wishes. [] then specifically repeated the information to the [] official responsible for such matters. [] noted the overt nature of the information, and asked that he not be involved in the matter.

5. The official stated that under the law FRIEDMANN was disqualified from receiving a visa, and added that he would get a translation of the newspaper item, and inform the [] chief in Haifa. If the translation of the clipping is received, it will be forwarded HQS as an attachment to this report.