On June 15, 1961, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that Jack Anderson, associate of Drew Pearson, syndicated news columnist, has been advised that Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will not see Klaus Nicolas Peter Sichmann, son of Adolf Sichmann, while the trial of the latter is in progress.

Adolf Sichmann is presently being tried in Israel on charges that he killed 6,000,000 Jews during the Hitler regime in Germany.

On May 23, 1961, the above informant advised that Jack Anderson had reported bringing Sichmann's son to the United States and wanted to take the boy to Israel if arrangements could be made for the trip. Young Sichmann was said to have in his possession papers of his father's which Anderson felt might be of interest to Israel. Anderson wanted to see Mr. Ben-Gurion, while the latter was in the United States between May 24 and June 1, 1961, to get the Prime Minister's approval. Anderson was to publish a story on the meeting of Sichmann with his son.

The informant advised that Michael Arnon, Press and Information Counselor at the Embassy of Israel, had informed Mr. Anderson on June 15, 1961, that Mr. Ben-Gurion will not see Klaus Sichmann while his father is being tried and that local men do not think it is a good idea to see the boy at all. Arnon has suggested that Anderson continue to try to achieve his purpose.

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Mr. Anderson has written an article for "Parade", a Sunday magazine published in New York City, with distribution to the "Washington Post and Times Herald", which will be published on July 9, 1961, concerning Richmann and his son, Klaus.

Mr. Ori Arora, formerly a Consul of Israel at New York City, who is replacing Mr. Arora, was scheduled to visit Mr. Anderson's office to look over the proofs of the article to be published.

The informant was not advised of the whereabouts of Klaus Richmann in the United States.