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In the NEWSWEEK article on Eichmann, it says that
he was a POW for 18 months under the name of Eckmann.

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TUES 7/16/60 WASH. POST
**Eichmann, Snared in Argentina,
Went to Israel of Own Free Will**

From News Dispatches

BUENOS AIRES, June 6 The Israeli government has officially admitted that accused Nazi mass murderer Adolf Eichmann was tracked down in Argentina but it denied that he was kidnaped by Israeli secret agents. It was disclosed today in an Israeli note.

Israel claimed Eichmann agreed to leave Argentina with a group of "Jewish volunteers" to go to Israel to face a court.

Israel gave its version of the capture of Eichmann, who has been accused of murdering six million Jews during the Hitler regime, in a note delivered to the Argentine foreign ministry.

Following persistent reports that Eichmann had been "kidnaped" from Argentina and whisked off to Israel, the Argentine Government had requested an explanation from the Government of Premier David Ben-Gurion.

Used Forged Papers

The note said that Eichmann was discovered living in Argentina under an assumed name and with forged identity papers by Jewish volunteers after a 15-year search through Europe, the Arab countries and Latin America.

It said the Jewish volunteers first contacted Eichmann and asked him if he was ready to stand trial in Israel with all legal guarantees. It said Eichmann asked for 24 hours to think it over and then agreed to leave Argentina.

The note said the group took Eichmann out of Argentina and delivered him to members of the Israeli Security Organization.

Ben-Gurion announced the capture of Eichmann to a surprised Parliament -- and world -- on May 23. But until

today, details of his apprehension were kept secret.

There had been various reports that he was spirited out of Argentina aboard an official Israeli airliner or by submarine.

Reports here said that Eichmann was living with his wife and three children in nearby San Fernando. Neighbors said Mrs. Eichmann and the children moved out last week. Their present whereabouts are not known.

The Israeli note also included the transcript of a letter Eichmann allegedly wrote to the Jewish group of volunteers, declaring he was ready to leave for Israel "to be taken before a competent court."

The transcript further quoted Eichmann as saying he wished to disclose before the court "the plain, unadorned facts of my last years of official services for Germany so the statement may be transmitted to future generations."

Eichmann also was quoted as saying that his decision to face an Israeli court was taken freely and added that he was not promised any rewards nor was he acting under threats.

Eichmann said he made the decision "to gain inner peace," according to the transcript.

Israel Did Not Know

The note said the Israeli Government did not know that Eichmann had been hiding out in Argentina. Neither did it know any details of his capture until the Argentine Government requested a report, the note said.

An investigation then was carried out, the note said, which disclosed, among other things, that immediately after the end of World War II the "Jewish volunteers" began a hunting for Eichmann.

"Several" months ago, one group received information

that Eichmann was residing in Argentina without the knowledge of Argentine authorities since he had false documents. It said the Jewish volunteers tracked Eichmann down to his home and confronted him.

But the note did not disclose when or how Eichmann left Argentina, nor when and where he was turned over to the Israeli Security Organization.

The note said Israel expressed its regret if the agents violated Argentina's laws or sovereignty.

It urged Argentina to take into account, however, the extraordinary significance which surrounds the fact there has been brought to justice a man who was responsible for the assassination of millions of persons belonging to the Jewish race."

Text of Eichmann Note

Following is the text of the letter Israel said Eichmann wrote:

"I the below-signed Adolph Eichmann, declare of my own will: Since my true identity is known, I realize that it makes no sense to try to continue hiding from justice. I declare that I am disposed to travel to Israel to present myself there before a competent tribunal.

"I understand that I will receive legal help and I will do all possible to express without adornment of facts my last years of service in Germany in order that the true picture of fact may be transmitted to future generations. I make this declaration by my own will. I have not been promised anything, nor have I been threatened.

"I wish to attain at last my internal peace. Since I cannot recall all the details and because I also may have confused some things, I ask that I be helped by putting at my disposition documents and testimonies in my determination to find the truth."

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ISRAELIS CONFIRM KIDNAPPING NAZI

N.Y. TIMES - 7 JUNE '60

Eichmann Was Seized in
Argentina, Note Says

7 June 1960

Special to The New York Times

BUENOS AIRES, June 6—
Foreign Minister Diogenes Ta-
boada announced tonight that
Israel had declared in a diplo-
matic note that Adolf Eich-
mann was kidnapped from
Argentina by Israeli "volun-
teers."

These volunteers, the note
said, had long been trailing
Eichmann. Further details on
the note were expected to be
disclosed later.

Eichmann, former chief of
the Jewish section of Hitler's
secret police is now under
arrest in Israel. At a hearing
yesterday, he was charged with
crimes against the Jewish peo-
ple and crimes against human-
ity. On both charges he is
liable to the death penalty.

Soon after the announcement
late last month by Premier
David Ben-Gurion of Israel that
Eichmann was held in Israel,
reports were heard that the
former Nazi official had been
seized in Argentina.

Israeli officials refused to
comment on reports that a spe-

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ISRAELI KIDNAPPED

NAZI IN ARGENTINA

N.Y. TIMES / June 1978

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cial flight of the El Al airline of Israel carrying Israeli officials to a sesquicentennial celebration of Argentina's independence had returned to Israel carrying the captured Eichmann.

Eichmann had been reported living in Argentina under several disguises. As head of the Jewish section of the Gestapo, he had been in charge of a program that resulted in the extermination of approximately 6,000,000 Jews in Europe.

By LAWRENCE FELLOWS

Special to The New York Times

JERUSALEM (Israeli Sector), June 8—Israel sent a list of 325 alleged war criminals to West German legal authorities today.

It was also announced that a list of 250 others was sent a month ago. With each name evidence was furnished of crimes against Jews during World War II. The material was sent on German request.

Among those listed was Frau Ottilia Willhaus, wife of the deputy commander of the Janow labor camp in Poland, who is said to have celebrated Hitler's birthday one year by standing on the veranda of her house in the camp and shooting down dozens of Jews.

The lists included Nazis who

were believed to be still at large. They were furnished to enable the West Germans to issue arrest warrants wherever possible to hold these persons beyond dates when various statutes of limitation expire in Germany.

Evidence against some on the lists is expected to be gained from Adolf Eichmann, former head of the Gestapo's Jewish section, who is under arrest in Israel and is giving testimony to the Police.

Archives Yield Evidence

The lists, together with the available evidence, that were furnished by Arieh Kubowit, chairman of Yad Vashem, Israel's archive of German crimes against Jews.

It was turned over to the Israeli Foreign Ministry this morning and transmitted to Erwin Schuele, senior public prosecutor of the special offices for war crimes in Ludwigshurg, who had requested the material.

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Washington Post

9 June '60

May I take issue with some of the statements in your editorial, "The Jungle Law." The abduction of Eichmann may have violated international law. But according to present court practice of which the U.S. has profited in its turn—only the country from which Eichmann has been abducted may request to have him returned there.

The principle of prohibition of *ex post facto* law seems inapplicable in regard to purely procedural and jurisdictional questions; were it otherwise the Nuremberg trial could never have taken place. And the substantive law of every civilized nation penalizes murder.

It is an established fact that the orderly and leisured ways of post-Hitler German agencies, admirable in some ways, do not, however, lend themselves easily to the apprehension of war criminals—even in Germany itself. I do not doubt for a moment that the German authorities would have demanded his extradition if he would have registered under his name with the police of his guest country and if such authorities would have forwarded a duly certified copy of this registration to Germany.

Israeli ingenuity has circumvented this little difficulty of the failure to register. Who prevents the government of the Federal Republic from lodging now an extradition demand with Israel?

OTTO KIRCHHEIMER.
Silver Spring.

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EICHMANN,
A.

AIR POUCH
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9 June 1960

TO: []

FROM: []

SUBJ: 1. Adolf EICHMANN Case
2. Organization of [] Security and Intelligence Services

REF: DIR []

1. The requirements in reference were pretty much anticipated by the [] and with time most of the answers can probably be obtained. It is interesting to note that the first information on the Central Institute for Intelligence and Security (see []) antedated the EICHMANN case. It was made public in connection with the budget and the justification for the allocation of funds. The EICHMANN case provided the stimulus, however, for the rest of the flood of information.

2. The EICHMANN case has been reported in [] and []. An interesting note in [] (in view of the statement now being sent the Argentine Government in which EICHMANN writes that he came voluntarily) was []'s comment that it was obvious that EICHMANN would not come to Israel of his own free will. [] furnished the statement [] made to a reporter. [] contains information on the confirmation of the identification of EICHMANN. The latest information is being put into [].

3. Information on [] appeared in the Post, as noted in []. [] adds that there was no survey other than what actually appeared in the Post. The survey was the work of course, of []. The most detailed account of a [] component [] was forwarded in []. There is also a lengthy article in the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune by Alvin Rosenfeld, date-lined Tel Aviv, May 30, which will be furnished.

4. Information on [] personalities was furnished in [] and [], and in [] currently being prepared. All three furnish newspaper profiles. A sidelight on [] personnel is forwarded in [].

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9 June 1960

TO:

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FROM:

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SUBJ: Adolf EICHMANN Case

1. On 2 June 1960 [] discussed the EICHMANN case with [] He noted that he had informed the former Attorney General, Haim COHN, when it first became apparent that EICHMANN might be captured, and then later he had informed the present acting Attorney General, Pinhas ROSEN. This was several weeks in advance of the actual capture, and ROSEN didn't pay much attention.

2. [] then went back to ROSEN to report that EICHMANN was in custody; that he was enroute, on a plane between Buenos Aires and Dakar; and that the plane, after a stop at Dakar, would come straight through to Israel, arriving at 7 a.m. the next morning. [] added to ROSEN that EICHMANN at that time had already been in Israeli custody for 11 days.

3. In a comment on EICHMANN's capture, [] said that, the moment he was captured, his eyes were covered with black goggles so that he could not see his captors. In actual fact, he never did see them. He was taken at once to a safehouse. In very short order, he decided he was in the hands of Jews or Israelis.

4. He was asked if he would agree, voluntarily, to being taken to Israel for trial. He refused. Then, about two days later, he volunteered he would go, to set the historical record straight. He was then given a pen and paper, the paper was illuminated with a flashlight, and his goggles removed. He wrote a statement. It is a photostat of this statement that has now been sent to Buenos Aires. (The statement itself has been adequately described in the papers.)

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A.

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9 June 1960

TO: []

FROM: []

SUBJECT: Tuvia FRIEDMANN

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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 Drew Pearson and others were pressing for quick issuance so that FRIEDMANN could appear in television, movies, etc., in connection with his role in the NICHMANN 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 - Rafal PACHAN's "Weekly 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 Defence). [] 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 6 June [] mentioned the MA'ARIV interview at a [] conference, where it was viewed as an impediment to quick compliance with Drew 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.

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EICHMAN, A.

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13 June 1960

TO:

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FROM:

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SUBJ:

Thuvia FRIEDMANN

REF:

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1. The translation mentioned in the last paragraph of [] was furnished [] and was forwarded in Pouch 479 as an attachment to []

2. An autostat copy has been made of the photograph mentioned in paragraph 1 of [] and is attached.

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Att: A/S

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