

EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)

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A. EICHMANN

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TO: [ ]  
FROM: [ ]  
SUBJ: Adolf EICHMANN Case  
REF: [ ]

1. At the dinner on 11 August, [ ] said she thought EICHMANN would not be executed. [ ] replied that he most certainly would be, if for no other reason than to make it impossible for the Soviets or Satellites to ask for his extradition in order to try him for crimes committed within their territories. [ ] noted that the Satellites had delayed replying to the requests for visas for the Israeli investigators, but at the same time he knew (from a Jew who was actually participating in it) that at least one Satellite had set up a group to collect all available material on EICHMANN. [ ] added that any such Soviet or Satellite trial would merely be a means for attacking the west, particularly West Germany, and Israel did not want to contribute to such an effort.

2. The following item from the "Hebrew Daily Press Review" of 10 August 1960 indicates the basis for [ ]'s concern:

"Haboker's Political Correspondent reports an interview with a Communist diplomat on the Popular Democracies' attitude to the Eichmann trial. The diplomat stated that these countries are inclined to cooperate with the O6 Bureau on condition that the Israel Government elucidates the line to be taken by the prosecution through the usual diplomatic channels. The trend should be not only to reveal Eichmann's actions, but also to denounce Fascism and its helpers and the acts which help Fascism and Nazism to grow in Germany and other countries.

"When the correspondent asked the Communist diplomat why the Israeli police investigators did not obtain entry visas to the Eastern bloc countries, he was told that if these countries cooperate by submitting documents about Eichmann, they must be certain that they will not be exploited for pointless charges. The correspondent

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asked whether this meant that Israel should accuse Western Germany in the trial. To this the diplomat replied that the remnants of Fascism must be eradicated wherever they remained. The Eastern Block countries have frequently told Israeli diplomats that Eichmann's arrest was received with satisfaction, and this was expressed at the Security Council debate on this issue. However, the diplomat said, this does not mean that there is readiness to place documents on Nazi crimes at the disposal of the Israeli prosecution, unless the trend of the Eichmann trial is clarified. This has been made clear to the Israel Foreign Ministry, he added."

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