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Subject:- Menachem BEIGIN

Source CHEST has recently informed us that this man intends visiting the U.S.A., in the middle of November, when he will probably be in touch with Israel LIFTSHITZ, who is at present living in New York.

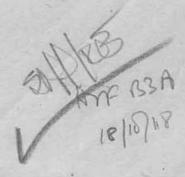
I attach a short note on BEIGIN who is also the subject of an entry in the Jewish Terrorist Index, of which I believe the F.B.I. have a copy.

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15th October, 1948.

Sir Percy Sillitoe.

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Menachem BEIGIN alies SARAGOVSKY alies EISENBERG. Born Poland 1906.

- 1. This man first came to our notice in 1939 as a leading member of the Revisionist Youth Movement, ERTAR, in Poland. We have also seen unsubstantiated reports alleging that he had previously been a member of the local Communist Party and had been with the International Brigade in Spain. We were not, however, able to confirm this information.
- 2. Shortly after the German invasion of Poland, REIGHI escaped to Lithmania, where he was arrested by the N.K.V.D. sometime in 1940. It appears that he remained under arrest until the outbreak of the Russian-German war when he was evacuated to Turkestan and was believed then to have joined the Polish Porces. We have not been able to discover the circumstances of his release by the NEVD. HEIGHI proceeded to Palestine in 1942 as a member of the Polish Porces, with whom he served some eighteen months, before descriing in 1944.
- 3. BETGIN is believed to have assumed the leadership of the Irgun Svai Leumi in 1942. He has been living in hiding in Falestine since 1944, but is now reported to be in Rel Aviv negotiating the agreement between the L.Z.L. and the Hagama.
- 4. As a result of the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, the Irgum Evai Lewel announced their dissolution as an underground military force inside the borders of "Israel". HEIGIN has, however, formed a new political party, known as Tenuat Hacherut or Freedom Movement, and his visit to the United States is probably to secure support for this organisation. It is thought that he will be in touch with numbers of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation, many of whom are now stated to have joined the Freedom Party.