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TO : Chief, Foreign Division M

DATE: 16 January 1950

FROM :

SUBJECT: GENERAL

Genl Operation Matters - Switz.

SPECIFIC: Further on Edmund CROSS

1. In the course of his telling us about ABRAHMI, [redacted] also gave us his own impression of CROSS' relationship with the Israeli Government, based on CROSS' own statements to him. CROSS had told source that he received no salary from the Israeli Government, but was granted certain facilities by them. These included his office in the Israeli Legation in Rome, though he is not attached to the Legation in any way. The Israeli Government also does its best to facilitate CROSS' business deals by which he helps finance both himself and the service. In this connection, source remarked that ABRAHMI had told him on returning from Israel last Fall, that a tree had been planted in the Israel National Forest bearing source's name in honor of source's contribution to the new state of Israel. Apparently CROSS had authorized this expenditure when it looked as though the POLLIAN passport deal were going through in a hurry, to the tune of five million lire for Mr. CROSS and Israel.

Amiel

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