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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (RUC)

SUBJECT: RABBI MENACHEM SCHNEERSON

ReBu 0-7 dated 4/26/72, forwarding for information Legat Tel Aviv letter dated 4/14/72, as captioned.

The New York Telephone Company Cross Directory for the address 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, lists the following:

Rabbi M. SCHNEERSON, Secretariat, as the subscriber to HY3-9250.

as the subscriber to

Also listed for the telephone HY3-9250 were:

Kehot Publication Service, Machne Israel, Incorporated MERKOS L'INYONEI CHINUCH, National Council for Mesibos Shabbos.

Also listed for this address under the telephone number PR3-9778, was listed United Lubavitcher Yeshivoth, Musifta Division.

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WFO by airtel dated 1/9/64, in the case entitled

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furnished information concerning the travel of the subject and his wife to the United States to visit Rabbi MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON, 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, on behalf of the Lubavitch Movement. (U)

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(U) In the event that the Bureau has not afforded copies of this material to Legat Tel Aviv, New York is herewith enclosing copies of the above [redacted] and the airtel of WFO.

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(S) (U) [redacted] advised on 4/18/62, that [redacted] was on that date, in Mexico City, Mexico. This source in addition, during 1967 through 1969, has indicated that a Rabbi SCHNEERSON, who was connected with the Jewish National Fund, in New York, had been in contact with [redacted] (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 4/14/72

FROM : LEGAT, TEL AVIV [redacted] (P)

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SUBJECT: RABBI MENACHEM SCHNEERSON
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The following information was furnished to Legat by memorandum classified "~~Confidential~~" prepared by Mr. JOHN H. ADAMS, Vice Consul, Office of Consul General, U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel. This memorandum was prepared at the request of Legat, after discussion with Mr. ADAMS and the Consul General, Mr. LARRY ROEDER, regarding the relatively high number of immigrants from the U.S.S.R., who traveled to the United States to visit captioned subject. (U)

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The memorandum is as follows: (U)

"From information developed through visa interviews, the following has been determined concerning Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, known as the Grand Rabbi of Lubavitch, spiritual leader of the Chabad Movement of Hassidic Judaism. (U)

"Schneerson was born in a small town in the Ukraine, USSR, on March 26, 1902. He reportedly left the Soviet Union in 1921 and went to Paris where he obtained a degree in marine engineering from the Sorbonne. In 1925 he immigrated to the US where he has resided to the present time. He supposedly worked for the US Navy as a marine engineer during World War II and did not go into rabbinical work until after the war. His father was reportedly a leader in the Chabad Movement and he apparently succeeded him after his father's death. (U)

"Schneerson is married but has no children. He resides at 770 Eastern Parkway in the Crown Heights area of Brooklyn, New York, where he received his followers. (U)

"Schneerson is highly revered in the Chabad Movement and his advice and counsel are regarded without question by his followers. An immediate goal for most of the Chabad (U)

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members arriving in Israel from the USSR seems to be an audience with the Grand Rabbi. While details concerning the funds for such trips to the US are quite vague, it appears that more prosperous members of the movement in Israel make personal loans to the new immigrants which are paid off over a long (U) period of time. (X)

"Room and board during their stay in New York is apparently provided by American members of the movement so that expenses (U) are minimal. (X)

"The stay in Brooklyn averages three weeks during which time one private audience is scheduled with the Rabbi. Several group sessions for men only are also arranged. The balance of the time is spent in prayer and study at the nearby Yeshiva (U) which is associated with the movement. (X)

"Schneerson has never come to Israel as there is reportedly a philosophic objection to recognizing the State of Israel before the arrival of the Messiah. As a result, his followers, (U) including Israeli President Shazar, travel to New York to see him. (X)

"Most adherents who have applied for visas are of Russian origin with a large percentage coming from the Georgian area. They generally appear to be simple, hard-working (U) peasants who have an abiding faith in the Rabbi's wisdom which apparently knows no bounds. There are, however, some professional and educated adherents in the movement. (X)

"Washington and Moscow name checks are conducted on all Soviet immigrants who apply for US visas. To date, no derogatory information has developed concerning any of the Chabad members. While precise numbers concerning those who have visited Schneerson are not maintained, there have been approximately 110 immigrants from the USSR who have made the trip between September, 1971, and the present time. While there is a steady (U) flow throughout the year, larger groups tend to travel for such special occasions as the Rabbi's birthday and the Jewish holidays." (X)

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to provide Legat with background information concerning subject, which may exist in Bureau files or in files of the New York Office.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Reptel to SAC,NYC 12/20/63.

On 1/6/64, [redacted] Office of Soviet Union Affairs (OSU), USIA, Washington, D.C. advised SA [redacted] visa had been issued for subject and wife [redacted] b6 b7C on 12/4/63, not to exceed two months. According to [redacted] subject is to visit Emil Lengyel, 11 Somerenson, 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y. on behalf of Lubavitch, Egremont, [redacted] stated this is a statement to Judge the Jewish people of the world. [redacted] further related subject and wife issued passports at Moscow, USSR 9/27/63, valid until 9/27/65, subject's wife was listed as stateless, but he is a Soviet.

[redacted] advised [redacted] had no further information on subject or wife and did not expect them to travel outside NYC. b6 b7C

Since subject will not leave NYC, NYO being designated office of origin.

NYO will maintain contact with SOU for any indication of change in subject's plans.

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