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	DAN HALPERN, ECONOMIC MINISTER Embassy of Israel, 3514 International Drive, N.W., Washington,	
	D.C. telephone (202) 364-5692 was interviewed by Federal	b6 b7C
	Bureau of Investigation Special Agents	DIC
	and regarding the receipt of a U.S. Internation1 Trade Commission (USITC) report pertaining	
	to free trade between the U.S. and Israel.	2
	During this interview, HALPERN was accompanied by	
1	for the Embassy of Israel Washington D.C.	
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	HALPERN advised that at some unrecalled	
	time in 1984 he received this USITC report pertaining to free trade between America and Israel. HALPERN advised	
	that he received this document from someone that he	
	would not identify. He indicated that he received this	
	information in his official capacity as a diplomat and that it	
	would be against the principles of diplomatic work to divulge any information pertaining to the identity of the individual	
	who provided him the report. He further advised that it	
	is impossible within the professional ethics of a diplomat	
	to identify individuals who provide certain information to a diplomat.	
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	HALPERN did state that the individual who	
	provided him with the report was not a U.S. Government Official nor was he an employee of the U.S. Government. HALPERN	
	indicated that there were numerous negotiators regarding	
	this free trade issue representing several U.S. Government agenc	ies
	including the U.S. Trade Representatives, the U.S. Treasury,	
	the U.S. Commerce Commission, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He advised that	
	there were usually one or two principales representing each	10
	of these agencies which would attend most negotiations.	
	He further advised that he thinks certain U.S. negotiators wanted the person who provided HALPERN the report to know	
	about certain aspects pertaining to the United States	
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advised that he could not recall the specific period of time when he was given the report but stated that the contents of the report were well known by the time he had received it. HALPERN advised that he did not try to conceal the fact that representatives of Israel had this report in their possession. He further stated that he believes that the controversy regarding this report is extremely exaggerated and that in his opinion, the fact that representatives of Israel viewed this report, caused no economic damage to any U.S. business or interest.

package that he provided to AIPAC with other routine information.