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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: RECORD

DATE: January 21, 1969

FROM: George F. Murphy, Jr., Deputy Director

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SUBJECT: Israel Nuclear Weapon Capability

On or about January 7, 1969, there were a series of news and T. V. stories to the effect that the Israelis were about to develop a nuclear bomb. These news reports varied somewhat but essentially ^{UNCODED} said that the Israelis already had, might have, or would shortly have a number of nuclear weapons.

On January 10, 1969, I met with CIA representative ^{FOIA (b) (3) - 50 USC 3507 - CIA} for the purpose of determining if there had been any significant breakthroughs by the Israelis in the field of nuclear weapons development.

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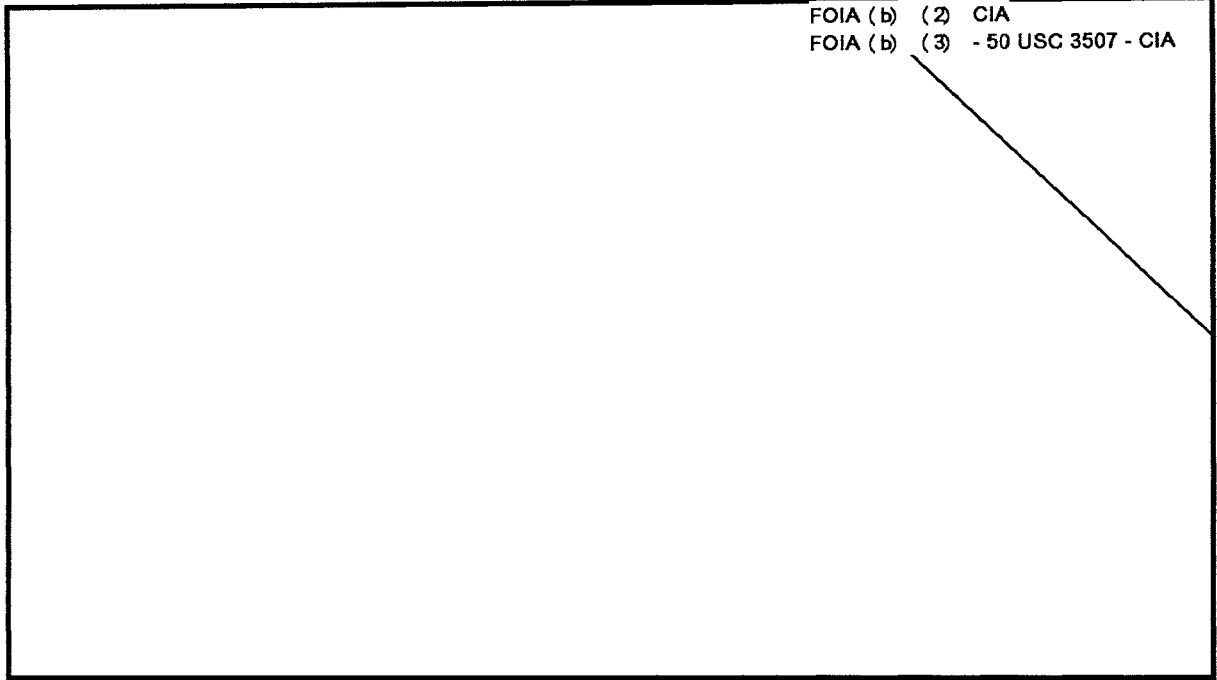
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Attachment:
Info on Dr.
Raymond Fox

* I pursued this matter with the Director of Security, AEC, and he provided the attached information on Dr. Raymond Fox.

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DR. RAYMOND FOX

Dr. Raymond Fox, born in New York City on July 17, 1932, was an experimental physicist in the Pluto Division of Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, California, from September 1957 to August 1961 when he was awarded a National Science Fellowship for one year at the Weisman Institute, Israel.

He wrote the Laboratory in February 1962 advising that he intended to remain in Israel permanently. In December 1962, the AEC was informed that he adopted the Hebrew name of Ben Ari and was a member of the Physics Department, Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel.

Dr. Fox received his B.S. degree at the City College of New York and his M.A. and Ph.D. at Harvard University. Before obtaining employment at LRL-Livermore, he had been a student and research assistant at Harvard University.

During his employment with the Pluto Division of the Livermore Laboratory, he had no direct participation in weapons program nor was he authorized to withdraw weapon data reports from the LRL Technical Information Division. However, in attendance at staff seminars there is the possibility he had access to information involving the weapons program.