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Weizmann, Dr. Chaim, 1948.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Silver

Date April 15, 1948.

From Mr. Isreeli

I am now in a position to give you the complete story of the Weizman-Kaufman rumor.

Mr. Arthur Jacobs, publisher of the Jewish Morning Journal, wanted a story for his paper on the activities of American Jews for Palestine. A reporter of the paper, M. Duchovny, who knew Mr. Dienstein, director of the Ampal, went to interview the latter on the subject. Mr. Dikenstein referred Mr. Duchovny to Edmund Kaufman with whom he made an appointment for the reporter. It was Mr. Kaufman who elaborated in the interview on the economic and supply activities in which he has been engaged on behalf of Palestine and also on his close contact with President Truman. At this instance he revealed that he was instrumental in having Dr. Weizman remain in America in view of the hopes he had to bring Weizman together with Truman and to have the President make certain concessions to the Jews. Mr. Kaufman believed at the time that the trusteeship plan was good for the Jews if concessions are made concerning immigration.

That Dr. Weizman was taken in by Kaufman's ideas was evident the following day when he spoke about trusteeship and immigration with a certain feeling of acquiescence at the UJA dinner and when it became known that Dr. W. had given up his departure from U.S.A.

It was then that the Jewish Morning Journal dared to come out with the publication of the story, although not in full.