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Joel said that the coordinator of the JDL, STEPHANIE RODGERS, visited him some weeks before his group's demonstration before the Soviet consulate, wanting to know about his Soviet Jewry campaign, and also wanting to know about his connection with Rev. Moishe Rosen's Jews for Jesus group.

[REDACTED] (Joel) has heavily utilized the services of the young Jews in the Jews for Jesus group, which has an office in Corte Madera, and is led by Rev. Moishe Rosen, a Jew who is now a Baptist minister. Joel has used these services to turn out people in his Soviet Jewry demonstrations, e.g, the one before the Consulate, and also the one when Nixon spoke in SF at the S-P Hotel. Joel said that Mrs. Rodgers got together with him in his office, and he tried to explain to her about his somewhat secret use of the Jews for Jesus people, who have been helpful in printing up literature on Soviet Jewry and helpful in manning picket lines in demonstrations. Brooks said that Mrs. Rodgers smiled and was very pleasant on the surface. However, 5 of her JDL people later showed up at the Soviet Jewry demonstration with large signs, even tho she had promised they would not, even participate in this demonstration. Brooks said that Stephanie Rodgers also went over to the Jews for Jesus office in Corte Madera, posing as a sincere inquirer. Then at the Israel fair in SF, she and some JDL people saw two young Jews for Jesus girls passing out fair-maps, and threatened that if these two girls (who were not wearing any Jews for Jesus buttons) did not leave, the JDL would "break your asses." Joel was standing there, heard this, and intervened.

Joel also said that at the Soviet Jewry demo some JDL people physically attacked Rev. Rosen and kicked him in the groin. Joel said that the JDL is planning, he heard, to bring up some 30 people from their membership in LA and to physically destroy the Jews for Jesus office and equipment in Corte Madera, because of their hatred for this group of Jews who have converted to Christianity. He has also heard that the JDL might attack his (American Jewish Congress) office to punish him for working with Rosen's group, and for intervening when they attacked Rev. Rosen. Joel is not happy with the JDL, [REDACTED] that they are "dangerous" and "violent."

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Joel said that he understands some of this group because he was active in the Zionist Revisionist movement in NYC, in BETAR (the Jabotinsky youth group) and he helped supply guns to Israel in the 1948 War of Independence. However, Joel does not believe in breaking heads just because you disagree with people. He said he feels that Rosen or even JDL have the right to express themselves in a pluralistic society.

Joel said that the members he knows of in JDL in SF are as follows:

STEPHANIE RODGERS, a woman in her 30's, married to non-Jews twice, and apparently now married; supposedly a Pinkerton operative

SUE WARREN, a woman in her late 20's or early 30's - like Rodgers, a middle-class, civilized-appearing woman

Al LOEBENSTEIN \* A furrier, who used to operate at 150 Powell, but now seems to have moved his office to 2627 Balboa, next to his home at 2625 Balboa.

LOEBENSTEIN used to be the chairman of the local Zionist Revisionist group in SF, affiliated world-wide with the Israeli Herut party, led by Menachim Begin. The national headquarters of this Revisionist Zionist group is in NYC. Locally, they had about 20 - 30 other members, only about 15 of whom were active most of the time, including two brothers, Hurst and Henry SOMMER.

[redacted] does not know if the Sommer brothers are still active in the Revisionist group. Hurst is an insurance salesman, and Henry has a fur shop on 2204 Irving, SF.

At any rate, Brooks said that Loebenstein was supposed to have been at one point the nominal chairman of the local JDL group, but Mrs. Rodgers told Brooks that "only two people make the decisions in JDL - Sue Warren and myself." She also told Brooks that Mr. Loebenstein is "a schmuck."

Brooks said that JDL has not contacted him since they put out an unpleasant newsletter denouncing the "unholy" alliance between American Jewish Congress and the Jews for Jesus. Joel is upset with JDL because of their covert attacks upon him after his initial encounter with the apparently friendly Mrs. Rodgers. He is also upset about their reported plans to attack his own

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office. And, he is upset over their announced intention of "getting" Rev. Rosen and his group. [redacted] he does not agree with Rev. Rosen's Christian orientation and his theology. However, he likes Rev. Rosen, considers him ethical, and would not like to see him physically attacked.

Joel said that the Bay Area Council for Soviet Jewry, led by Harold LIGHT, has also made use of Jews for Jesus people, in a hush-hush way, due to their willingness to put out pro-Jewish leaflets, and to man demonstrations. All of this, of course, is secret, because organized Jewish groups, and the various rabbinical councils have proclaimed that Jews for Jesus are no longer Jews but have become apostates, and should not be palled around with, nor buried in Jewish cemeteries (according to a Jewish court, a Beth Din, in Boston).

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San Francisco, California  
August 8, 1973


Source advised members of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) at San Francisco have indicated much concern and fear regarding the recent investigation into their organization due to the paint throwing incident at the Soviet Consulate.

SUE WARREN has become extremely disinterested and has discouraged any kind of activity by the JDL.

Source advised that SUE frequently meets with the "kids", KEN FOX, STEVE EHRILICH, and ROGER (LNU) at her apartment. These guys come over individually and together at various times.

There is to be no JDL meeting until STEPHANIE ROGERS returns, and it is the hope that when STEPHANIE returns, the JDL will take some drastic action against MARTIN ROSEN in the Jews for Jesus. Source advised that there has been frequent communications with other JDL chapters.

Source advised that there is competition between SUE WARREN and STEPHANIE ROGERS and the men in the organization who want to take over the leadership.



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