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GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL SUPPLY MISSION  
DEFENSE SECTION

To: The Prime Minister of Israel

From: Al Schwimmer and Shimon Peres

Subject: Maintenance Base for Aircraft in Israel (Project "A")  
and  
Manufacturing Plant for Aircraft in Israel (Project "B")

PROJECT "A"

1. PURPOSE

To establish a base in Israel which will be able to repair and overhaul all types of aircraft, both military and civilian, including engines.

This base will not only save hundreds of thousands of dollars, which are being spent at the present time for repair of Cheil Avir aircraft, but it will also bring foreign currency into Israel, by repairing planes owned by various airlines passing through Israel, and by contracting jobs which will be especially agreed upon for this purpose.

PROJECT "B"

1. PURPOSE

From past experience, especially as a result of building Constellations and P-51's, we have come to the conclusion that it is possible to produce the better part (about 65%) of the planes in Israel. Production of planes in Israel will enable the Airforce to be independent of purchase from foreign countries, at least to a certain extent, and will also save foreign currency. This is true, not only of the regular planes but also of the jets. We are convinced that the whole jet can be produced in Israel, with the exception of the engine which may also be produced in Israel at some future date.