

DRAFT 5/23/61 CONF-DEFNOTES ON VISIT TO ISRAELU. M. Staebler - J. W. Croach, Jr.

We arrived at Tel Aviv at about 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 1961. We were contacted immediately on deplaning and taken to a private room where we met Mr. Katchalski, Head of the Department of Biophysics of the Weizmann Institute of Science and Mr. M. Gilboa of the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Defence. Mr. Katchalski said that the Prime Minister had asked him to greet us. He is one of the scientific advisors to the Prime Minister. Mr. Gilboa became our guide and accompanied us everywhere we went. We stayed at the Accadia Hotel - a resort remote from Tel Aviv. The rooms were in Mr. Gilboa's name.

I asked on the second day if we were to meet Professor Bergman and was advised that he is a public political figure and that such a meeting therefore seemed undesirable but might be arranged if we really wanted it. The fact that the Atomic Energy Commission is only an advisory group was also emphasized on a number of occasions in response to our questions.

A schedule was suggested which we agreed should be satisfactory. It consisted of the following:

Thursday, May 18, 1961 (A.M.) Visit to Swimming Pool Reactor at Nahal Shorok

(P.M.) Visit to Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth.

Mr. Katchalski entertained in the evening.

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Friday, May 19 (A.M.)	Visit to Technion University at Haifa.
(P.M.)	Returned to hotel via Nazareth and Sea of Gallilee.
Saturday, May 20	Visit to Dimona - Mr. Katchalski accompanied us "at the request of the Prime Minister."
Sunday, May 21	Visit to Hebrew University at Jerusalem.
Monday, May 22	Departed - 10:30 a.m.

Separate memoranda have been prepared to cover (1) discussions
with Mr. Pratt and his staff at Dimona and (2) status of the swimming
pool reactor at Nahal Shorek.

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