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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAY

The Reverend Edward L. R. Elson, the President's pastor at the National Presbyterian Church here in Washington, brought in the attached cablegram from Bertha Spafford Vester at 4:35 PM this afternoon.

Dr. Elson has visited Jerusalem within the past year and upon his return ^{50X1} [redacted] contemplates another trip to Jerusalem after Easter ^{50X1} [redacted] _{50X1}

According to Dr. Elson, Mrs. Vester, the author of the cablegram, is entirely reliable and considered the best informed and most admired person in old Jerusalem. She is also Director of the American Colony there. Dr. Elson vouches for the accuracy of her statements and notes that she cannot refrain from bringing in some emotion at the end of the cablegram.

I assume that you will want to pass this on to C.I.A.

R.L.H.



RICHARD L. HALL
NSC Special Staff

Attachment -

This cable has gone to CIA with a request for comment by Monday night.

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