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Mr. Irwin SCHWARTZ, Vice President of Intercontinental Airways of New York, called at the Embassy recently and reported that he has formed a local company known as Intercontinental Airways of Cuba, S. A., with a nominal capital of \$4,000. for the purpose of transporting Jewish refugees from Bahgdad, Irak to Israel via Cypress. The company owns one DC-4 and two C-46 aircraft which were acquired from the Israel Government. According to Mr. Schwartz the planes will be piloted by Cuban and American pilots and will be registered in Cuba.

The contract for the transportation of these refugees was arranged through the International Refugee Organization (IRO), an affiliate of the United Nations, and the Joint Distribution Committee. Mr. Schwartz stated that a Cuban air line would have no difficulty in operating in Irak, whereas an Israeli plane would have great difficulty in that country and for that reason he decided to organize the Cuban air line.

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