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**FORMER U.S. ARMY ARSENAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR  
CONSPIRING TO ACT AS UNREGISTERED AGENT OF ISRAEL**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that BEN-AMI KADISH was sentenced today to pay a fine of \$50,000 in connection with his participation in a conspiracy to act as an unregistered agent of the Government of Israel. The sentence was imposed by United States District Judge WILLIAM H. PAULEY III in Manhattan federal court. According to statements at KADISH's guilty plea and sentencing proceedings, the Information, and other documents filed in Manhattan federal court:

KADISH, is a former employee of the U.S. Army's Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center at the Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, New Jersey. On numerous occasions from about 1980 through 1985, KADISH provided classified documents relating to the U.S. military -- including some relating to U.S. missile defense systems -- to an agent of the Government of Israel who photographed the documents at KADISH's residence.

On December 30, 2008, KADISH, 85, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to act as an unregistered agent of the Government of Israel.

Mr. DASSIN praised the investigative work of the New York and Newark Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and thanked the U.S. Army for their support in this case.

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney IRIS LAN from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and Trial Attorney KATHLEEN KEDIAN from the Counterespionage Section of the U.S. Department of Justice.