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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bert Gold and Marc Tanenbaum
From: Zachariah Shuster
Subj: AJC cooperation with Duisburg university

On January 14 I sent you a memorandum regarding our arrangements with Duisburg university in the field of studies of Christian teachings concerning Judaism. I should like to urge you to give immediate attention to the requirements resulting from our agreement with the heads of the university last year. In short, the requirements are the following:

1) The first volume of studies entitled "Jews, Judaism and the State of Israel in Religious Instruction in Germany" is completed and ready to be printed in the next few weeks. The publication of this volume is mainly subsidized by religious organizations in Germany, but an additional sum to the amount of 2.500 dollars is requested from the AJC. As a matter of fact, when Marc Tanenbaum and myself were in Duisburg we have agreed in principle to extend our support to this project. I suggest that this amount be made available to the sponsors of these studies so that they could go ahead with publishing them.

2) The comprehensive study by Mrs Ruth Kastning on the presentation of the Passion in German textbooks is now in final shape, and the book is being prepared for publication in a few months. The AJC is being asked to contribute the amount of about 2.700 dollars for the publication of this study.

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3) Dr. Michael Brocke and prof. Herbert Jochum, two of the most active leaders of the projects in this area are preparing a volume containing Jewish reactions to the Holocaust and Jewish attitudes towards Christianity in the past ages and the contemporary period. This will be the first collection of its kind, and the purpose is to familiarize non-Jewish public opinion with Jewish thinking on inter-religious relations. The AJC has been asked to contribute the sum of 1.400 dollars for the final preparations of this project.

As indicated, we discussed at length the nature of these studies when we were in Duisburg, and we felt that they represent a pioneering effort in acquainting the German public with the need of revising basic teachings on all school levels with regard to Jews and Judaism.

I should like to emphasize that the organizers of these projects have agreed to give AJC generous credit in all these publications. The sums requested can be paid out in several instalments, but I suggest that the first payment be made as soon as possible.

