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MCELROY
(Al Loma Ritz)
ISSERMAN

May 13, 1983

Dr. Paul S. McElroy
7222 Princeton Avenue
St., Louis, Missouri 63130

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful letter.

I appreciate your kind words about my participation in the program of the Ferd Isserman Day. I appreciated in particular your own contribution.

There is some embarrassment that I would appreciate your helping me with. When Ruth Isserman wrote inviting me to speak, she indicated that there would be an honorarium of one thousand dollars plus expenses.

Some time ago I sent her my travel expenses, but I have not yet received any check either for the honorarium or the expenses. Since I send my children through college based on lecture fees, I rather count on these funds. I would appreciate it if you could help expedite the payment.

Kindly have the check(s) sent to my home, 45 East 89th Street (Apt. 18F) New York, NY 10028.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR

7222 Princeton Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63130
April 15, 1983

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
165 East 56 Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

In my judgment, you were superb and did exactly the kind of presentation we hoped you would make. We are grateful not only for your address but in these days we are grateful that we can have your leadership in meeting some of the issues facing our world today.

O Ray Graber tells me he is hoping to have a tape made for you, so you will probably be hearing from him in that regard.

Personally and in behalf of our Committee I want to thank you for all you have done to make our seminar so successful. And with best wishes to you in the great work you are doing in behalf of us all.

Sincerely,

Paul S. McElroy

Paul Simpson McElroy

F → 7222 Princeton Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63130
March 19, 1983

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum 165 East 56 Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

For your information I am enclosing a brochure of the Rabbi Isserman Interfaith Memorial Seminar, a name tag. One of our committee will meet you at the airport. Your room at the Breckenridge Inn will be held until your arrival. Please let us know the time of your arrival.

Mrs. H. Richard Duhme, Jr. of our committee, will be writing to invite you to breakfast with our committee at Schneihorst's at 7:30 A.M. on April 18, I plan to pick and Bishop Armstrong up for the breakfast.

We are looking forward eagerly to your visit and I hope it will prove a satisfying experience for you as well as for us. We appreciate your coming.

Sincerely yours,

Paul SIMPSON McElroy, Chairman
Rabbi Isserman Interfaith Seminar

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Ruth Isserman
82 Arundel Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

February 5, 1983

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I am writing to you to confirm some of the details we discussed on the telephone. Several of us look forward to meeting you at the airport on your arrival. We would like to know the time of your arrival and departure.

We have reserved rooms for you and Bishop Armstrong at the Frontenac Breckenridge Inn for Wednesday night, April 13.

We would like you and the Bishop to have breakfast with our sponsors and committee members, if this is agreeable, on April 14 before our meetings, which start at 10:00 a.m. We will send you a program as soon as they are printed.

I have been asked by our chairperson in charge of publicity for a thumbnail sketch about you. I did receive a photograph, but not a small resume. She would also like a digest or synopsis of your intended presentation for the press.

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At the present the program has you and Bishop Armstrong scheduled to speak on "The Future of Christian and Jewish Relationships" from 10:10 - 11:45 a.m., with Archbishop May presiding. Also, again at the closing plenary session from 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. which would involve questions from the floor.

Eagerly looking forward to your visit and with appreciation for your kindness and cooperation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Isserman (Mrs. F.M.)

F - April 14/83

82 Arundel Place
Saint Louis Mo 63105
Sept 24 1982

Dear Marc:

Please call me Ruth . We were so close to many of the Rabbi,s of our generation most of whom are no longer with us. Ever since have participated in some sessions of the Conference of Christians and Jews have been troubled by the statement I received on "udaism.by Bernard Mandelbaum. Have been wondering how to get one which might fit our needs a bit more effectively. Ferd wrote a book on "The Is Judaism. Joe Rosnen bloom gave me a small book which is oK. We need a phamplet like the Conferences hands out to people when they attend their meetings. . Balfour Brickner sent me ^{one} which I do not think is adequate for this purpose. , Have one written by Maury Eisendrath which I think is too academic. Alvin Rubin has done several on Reform.Wrote my friend Joe Glaser of the CCar . He said he would tell Jim Rudin and Murray Rothman. No one has done one I believe can equal the beautiful and simple one written by Jaroslav Pelikan for the Protestant s It would be great if we had one for the 84 convention . Maybe you can find s one to do one for us. I know how busy you are.

Our telephone conversation the other day was the thing I needed to get across to our local committee some of the things I knew we should be doing. When I could say I just spoke to Marc Tennebaum and he feels this way that was it. You will be speaking to the Minsters religious leaders and members of local faculty of seminaries.

Look forward to knowing you better. have often
rd you speak.

sincerely

Ruth Isserman

RUTH ISSERMAN
82 ARUNDEL PLACE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63105

July 21 1982

Dear Rabbi Tenenbaum:

Was pleased to receive your letter and learn our arrangements for your visit to us on April 14 1983 are satisfactory . We look forward to having you. Its great you went to Egypt and Israel . I am sure you will be able to make a valuable contribution in many areas where your council will be sought and needed . In Ferd,s heyday when ever there was a trouble spot that effected us he would go there and I rn first hand details, and often lecture for the JDCon his observations.

Have been gathering material will send you in a few days. Want to have a few more things zexoxed than I put in my first package for those who wanted to know. It no doubt is too much but you can browse thru it and select what interests you. I want to give you an insite into his careerfrom many angles other than mine.

Sincerely

Ruth Isserman

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July 16, 1982

Mrs. Ruth Isserman
82 Arundel Place
Saint Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mrs. Isserman,

I have just returned to my office after a month in Egypt and Israel and hasten to reply to your June 5th letter.

It would help me greatly if you could send me some background about the leadership that your late beloved husband gave in advancing the cause of understanding between Christians and Jews.

The terms that you set forth in your letter are acceptable to me.

I look forward with much pleasure to being with you on April 14th.

With warmest good wishes for a pleasant and restful summer, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Intere religious Affairs

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4/14/83

7222 Princeton Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63130
July 15, 1982

Rabbi Marc Tan enbaum
The American Jewish Committee
165 East 65th Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Taenbaum:

As Chairman of the Rabbi Isserman Interfaith Celebration I am writing to thank you, personally and in behalf of our INterfaith Clergy Council, for your kindness in arranging to come to St. Louis, and I write to confirm arrangements which are as follows:

Our committee has authorized an honorarium of \$1000, plus expenses.

We expect you to be available by 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning, April 14, 1983, and accordingly we have reserved lodging for you for Wednesday night at the Breckenbridge Inn in Frontenac at Lindbergh Blvd & Highway #40. (314) 993-1100.

We feel it unlikely that you would want to book a return flight before 5 p.m. on April 14.

The lodging, or rather the meetings and luncheon will be held at Temple Israel, 10675 Ladue Road, 63141. (Tel 314) 432-8050.

Send sketch →

Would you please send me two glossy prints of yourself?

Would you also send me a Who's Who biographical sketch of yourself?

I will be in touch with you later regarding titles, etc, dealing in general with world issues and local religious activity.

We are looking forward with eager anticipation to your visit with us and we appreciate your kindness and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
Paul S. McElroy
Paul Simpson McElroy, Chairman

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82 Arundel Place
Saint Louis Mo 63105
June 5 1982

Dear Rabbi Tannebaum:

We are pleased you will be with us on Thursday April 14 1983 for the memorial day in Ferd,s memory . He will be gone ten years this year. You and Bishop James Armstrong will be our speakers. We will be glad to send you an honorarium of a thousand dollars and pay your expenses . Our Chairman the Reverend Paul Mc. Elroy is out of town . It was his idea to do this day in Ferd,s memory. When he returns I am sure he will send you an outline of the program, the men on our committee had in mind, for the day. Before he left they suggested they would start about nine thirty or ten in the morning , There will be a luncheon and an afternoon program, discussion groups.

If you want any information about Ferd,s career which you do not have will be glad to see if I can help. I sent his sermons and papers to the American Jewish Archives but kept a file drawer with things that I thought were important. I made up a loose leaf note book for the men of this, with high lighting eccumenical activities. No one has taken his place in our community. The men on our committee would like to try and rekindle some of this. They are planning to republish a phamplét he wrote called the 'Jewish Jesus and The Christian Christ' and give it to people on that day. I have heard you speak at dinners of the American Jewish Committee. I am looking forward to knowing you.

Sincerely

Ruth Isserman (Mrs. F. M.)



RUTH ISSERMAN
82 ARUNDEL PLACE
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63105

May 9 87

Dear Rabbi Teitelbaum:
Our people in St Louis
would like to know what Vietnam
meeting you referred to in discussing the
date for our 1983 Day? They believe
others here might also be involved
but could get no information about
it. They want to set our date on
a Thursday if they can and have
tentatively set these dates April 14,
April 21 or May 12. I will call your
secretary. Have you any idea when you
might know the date of that meeting?
Sincerely
Ruth Isserman

RUTH ISSERMAN
82 ARUNDEL PLACE
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63105

Friday May 14
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Dear Rabbi

Seem to have had luck
in reaching you by phone. Would
you let us know what dates
we might have you so we
can make plans with Bertha
Armstrong the temple etc etc
We decided a Thursday as well
April 14, April 21, or May 12

Thanks

Ruth Isserman

Look forward to hearing you
& having you with us