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March 27, 1972

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman
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Dear Herb:

Dr. Gottschalk has just told me that he talked to you about your personal papers.

We are very eager to have them here at the Archives. Some of them, I know, are of a confidential nature, but we would adhere most carefully to any restrictions you saw fit to impose. We already have a number of collections that are restricted. Your papers would be in good company at the Archives. We have the Felix Warburg, Jacob Schiff, Louis Marshall, Horace M. Kallen, and Mordecai M. Kaplan papers, inter alia.

We would, of course, pick up the tab for microfilming your papers in Israel. There is only one problem in this connection, and you would have to help us on that. Israeli filming frequently leaves much to be desired. We would want you personally to see to it that a competent person did the job and that the film was of good quality. After the material was filmed, we would want you or a competent person on your staff to check the film, to make sure of its legibility. Otherwise our investment, not an inconsiderable sum, would be a total loss. As a guide for you in arranging for microfilming, costs for microfilming range from five to ten cents per exposure here in the United States. We would O.K. the bill from the microfilming firm you employ, provided it was initialled by you. We would ask you in making the contract for the filming to make sure that the charge per exposure was indicated and that the Archives not be billed in one lump sum. *Let them specify how many shots were taken.*

If I seem over-anxious with respect to the contract, it is because we have carried on conversations with Israeli microfilmers, but have never been able to make any satisfactory arrangements. This is indeed regrettable, but it is a situation we have had to face.

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I repeat, we are very eager to have your papers, and I do hope that you will see your way clear to having the material microfilmed and expediting its receipt here.

Many many thanks.

With all good wishes to you and your dear ones, I am,

As ever,

Jacob R. Marcus

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12 May 1972

Dr. Jacob R. Marcus
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Dear Jake:

Please excuse the inexcusable delay in answering your letter of 27 March. Part of the time I have not been in Israel, and the other part I have simply been very busy. There is a slight lull right now, and I am getting caught up on back correspondence.

I did speak to Fred Gottschalk about my personal papers and I would be quite willing to accept your kind invitation to deposit them in the Archives. I would be honored to have them in such good company.

It seems to me, however, that a fairly extensive preliminary job should be done of weeding, before getting into the expense of micro filming. I have about 15 file drawers full, and I have not looked through them in many years. I am positive that there is a huge amount of stuff simply not worthy of being retained.

Therefore, as a practical matter, I would suggest that I try to carve out a period of time in the next half year, when I could do a sorting job. After that, I will let you know approximately the quantity of material which is worth preserving, in my judgement. Then, we can get into the details of making the proper kind of contract with a micro filming company here. How does this sound to you?

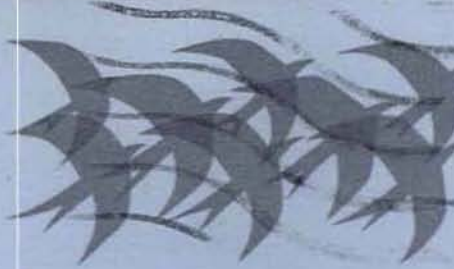
We saw Fred several times when he was here, and enjoyed every visit. We also see Ezra from time to time. Now, what about you? Isn't it about time for another visit?

As ever,

HAF:SS

Herbert A. Friedman

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May 25, 1972

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Dear Herb:

Many thanks for your letter of May 12.

It was such a joy to hear from you.

I am happy to know that you will go through your files, weed them out, and have the material microfilmed for us. I hope that you won't delay too long. You have had a remarkable career, and we are eager to have your papers.

The next time I get to Israel, be assured that I will call you and we will have a drink together.

With all affection, I am,

As ever,

Jacob R. Marcus

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