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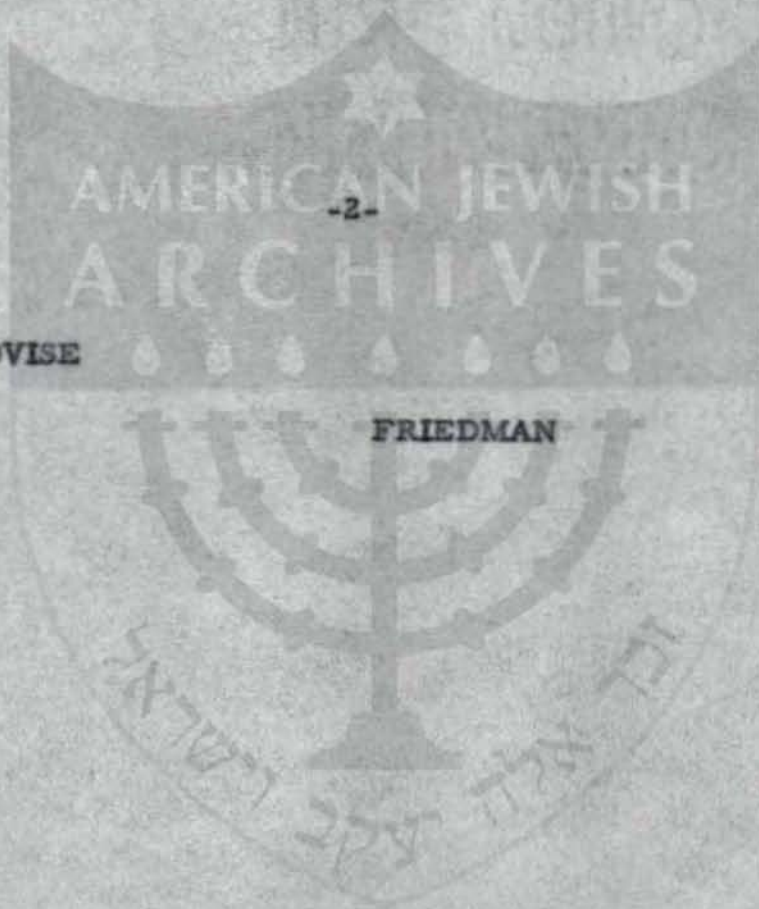
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BG ACCEPTANCE SANTA BARBARA DECEMBER SEVENTH SERIOUS AFFRONT TO
UJA STOP THAT IS WEEKEND OF OUR NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND THAT VERY
EVENING IS LARGEST UJA MEETING OF ENTIRE YEAR STOP PEOPLE WILL READ
IN NEWSPAPERS THAT HE WAS IN UNITED STATES SPEAKING ELSEWHERE THAT
DAY STOP WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT AWAY STOP OUR PREFERENCE
WOULD BE FOR HIM NOT TO COME TO UNITED STATES AT ALL IN DECEMBER BUT
RATHER TO ACCEPT OUR PREVIOUS INVITATION FOR INAUGURAL MEETING
WASHINGTON FEBRUARY NINTH STOP IN ADDITION IN FEBRUARY WE WOULD ALSO
ARRANGE FOR HIM THE PROPER AUDIENCE TO OPEN THE SUBJECT OF THE
EDUCATION CAMPAIGN STOP THUS TWO OBJECTIVES WOULD BE SERVED AND HE
WOULD SHOW FULL RESPECT TO UJA LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION STOP
IF HE INSISTS ON COMING DECEMBER THEN IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY HE
APPEAR UJA CONFERENCE SEVENTH AND RESCHEDULE SANTA BARBARA FOR"
NEXT DAY BECAUSE WE HAVE LEARNED HUTCHINS HOLDING TWO DAY SESSION
STOP THIS WOULD ALSO PERMIT HIM ACCEPT PHIL LOWN ON FORTEENTH IF
HE WISHES STOP LAST AND LEAST DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE IS COMING FOR
SANTA BARBARA ONLY AND MAKING NO APPEARANCE AT ANY JEWISH MEETINGS



STOP PLEASE ADVISE

משרד ראש הממשלה
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Jerusalem, September 17th, 1963.

Mr. Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman
United Jewish Appeal
165 West 46th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Herb,

I am just back from Sde Boker where I learned that B.G. has decided to accept Robert Hutchins' invitation to lecture at the 10th Anniversary Symposium of the Fund for the Republic on "The Prospects of Democracy throughout the World" in Santa Barbara on December 7th.

I tried to convince him that to visit the United States and not to meet with the Jewish leadership would not be fair to the community which has followed him loyally for the last few decades.

My idea at the minimum was to persuade him to attend at least one function for Bonds, one for the UJA and I was rather intrigued with the idea of his accepting the invitation from Philip Lown to speak at the 25th Anniversary meeting of the American Association for Jewish Education on the 14th of December. If he accepts, these meetings could of course be geographically spread as he is out on the West Coast already.

However, so far he only agreed to one sole meeting - and this only after some hesitation - (for everybody we could think of) on the problems of education in Israel.

Abe Harman and Katriel Katz will be kept in the picture and I have suggested that they contact you.

All the very best and Shana Tova,

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Kollek.

P.S. I shall reply to your letter of September 10th within a day or two.

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UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP STOP BEHALF GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

AS WELL AS PERSONALLY SEND YOU ALL OUR HEARTFELT THANKS THIS

SIGNAL EVIDENCE YOUR VISION WISDOM AND SOLIDARITY WITH US IN

MOST FATEFUL MOMENT OF HISTORY NEW ISRAEL STOP AS PARTNERS IN

GREAT ADVENTURE OF FULFILLING ISRAEL'S DESTINY WE SHALL TOGETHER

WIN THROUGH TO ERA OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO WHICH WE ALL

LOOK FORWARD FOR ISRAEL FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR THE

WORLD STOP TO YOU ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS LEAD THIS

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