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7 October 1965

Dr. Henry Van Damm
Fischerstr. 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

My dear Dr. Van Damm:

I learned with great pleasure from Mr. Charles Jordan of the appointment which has been made for October 29 for myself to meet with some of the leaders of the German-Jewish community. As I understand it the appointment has been made for Frankfurt although I have not yet been informed as to exact time and place.

I cannot tell you how pleased I am at this opportunity. There are many important things which we can discuss together. I certainly look forward to seeing you again for I remember with pleasure the many times we have met at various JDC conferences.

I understand that you may be in Israel during the time that our UJA mission will be in the country. I, myself, do not know exactly what day I will be arriving in Israel, for my wife is awaiting the birth of a child any day now. When that great act of God is completed, my schedule will then become more exact.

At any rate, if we are in Israel at the same time, I will certainly look forward to meeting you. And I hope you will be back in Germany by the 29th, so we can meet there again.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

5 November 1965

Dr. Henry Van Damm
Fischerstr. 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Mr. Van Damm:

I wrote to you on 7 October regarding the meeting which I wanted to have with the leaders of your community and which Mr. Charles Jordan had set up for 29 October. I received no response to that letter, but probably none was necessary because Mr. Jordan's office informed you, I am sure, that the projected meeting had to be postponed anyhow, since I was waiting for the birth of my child.

Our son has now been born and both he and his mother are doing very well. I still want very much to meet with you and I would like to propose a new date. I could be in Frankfurt on Wednesday, 22 December and we could meet on that day if it were possible for you to gather together the various men who were to have come to the previous meeting. Mr. Jordan told me that there were just a few people so I hope it will be possible.

I shall be staying at the Intercontinental Hotel and we could meet in my hotel beginning at 10:00 a.m. We could continue and have lunch together and I think we should be finished by the middle of the afternoon.

Looking forward to hearing from you just as soon as possible for I must make my plans in advance, I am,

Warmly and cordially yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

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15 November 1965

Dr. Henry Van Damm
Fischerstr. 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Dr. Van Damm:

Since writing to you last week my plans have changed by a few days and I wonder if it would be possible for us to meet in Frankfurt on Thursday, the 16th of December instead of Wednesday, the 22nd. If you and your group could accommodate to this, I would be very, very grateful. It will make my life much easier for a number of reasons which are too complicated to go into.

If, on the other hand, it is impossible to change, then I will certainly understand and we will remain with the original date. I would hope to hear from you just as quickly as possible so I can make the necessary travel arrangements.

With all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

19 November 1965

Ambassador Asher Ben Natan
Israel Mission
Cubbelrather Str. 15
Cologne 5, Germany

Dear Arthur:

I am planning to be in Germany for a day or two in the middle of December. I am trying to arrange a date with Dr. Van Damm and other leaders from various communities to meet with me in Frankfurt on Thursday, the 16th of December. I have not heard from them yet, so I do not know if this will be the actual date, but I am working on the assumption that it will be.

I would like to see you first, in order to let you know what I am doing, and for old times sake. My lovely wife will be with me and when I told her that there was a possibility we would meet again, she was very thrilled.

My plans would be to come from London to Cologne on Wednesday, 15 *December* ~~January~~ via BEA #624 arriving at 1:55 p.m. Then, I would leave Cologne that same evening at 9:10 p.m. via Sabena #739 for Frankfurt. That would give us many hours together and a chance for a good visit.

I hope you are free that day, and I would appreciate hearing from you as to where we could meet. I am not sure whether you are in Bonn or Cologne. Would you please let me know what would be the best arrangements?

As soon as I hear from Van Damm confirming my appointment, I will let you know. Should there be any change, I will, of course, keep you posted.

Looking forward to seeing you and waiting to hear from you whether the 15th is O.K., I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

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Fischerstraße 49
Telefon 44 86 97/44 31 08

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Sehr geehrter Mr. Friedman!

Hierdurch danke ich Ihnen für Ihr Schreiben vom 15.11.1965.
Ich war auf die früheren Briefe nicht mehr eingegangen, weil
ich über den AJDC hörte, daß Sie nicht nach Deutschland
kommen. Ein Treffen zwischen uns kann am 16. Dezember in
Frankfurt/Main stattfinden. Ich schlage hierfür das Hotel
Frankfurter Hof um 15.00 Uhr vor. An der Zusammenkunft werden
einige Persönlichkeiten der jüdischen Gemeinden teilnehmen.
Ich würde mich allerdings auch dafür interessieren, welche
Fragen Sie zu erörtern wünschen.

Mit besten Grüßen

Ihr

H. G. van Dam
Dr. H. G. van Dam

29 November 1965

Dr. Henry Van Damm
Fischerstr. 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Dr. Van Damm:

I am very happy to receive your letter of 24 November in which you state that a meeting between us is possible in Frankfurt on 16 December. I look forward very much to this meeting.

I will be staying at the Intercontinental. You suggest that the meeting should be held at the Hotel Frankfurter Hof. That is perfectly all right with me. Will you make the necessary arrangements?

You say that you are interested in knowing which questions I wish to discuss. I would like to discuss the following matters:

1. A general description of the condition of Jews in Germany today. This is of great interest to the leading supporters of the United Jewish Appeal in America. They always appreciate having from me a first-hand report of the conditions of Jewish communities all over the world. I have not been in Germany for several years and I wanted to have an up-to-date picture for myself to give to my Boards.
2. I wanted to discuss the whole question of whether it is helpful to bring American groups of visitors to Germany, such as the big UJA Study Missions.
3. I want to discuss some of the work of the Joint-Malben in Israel which deals with so many of the victims of Nazism.
4. I want to discuss the question of education in Israel, especially secondary schools.
5. I want to make a report to you of the work of the UJA in America.

6. I would like to hear from you any questions you would want to raise with me.

I do not know how long we will need to cover this agenda. If we begin at 15.00, perhaps we should plan to continue right through dinner and the evening. I would be at your disposal for as long as your group can remain together.

With many thanks for your courtesy in receiving me, and looking forward to meeting you, I am,

Very truly yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman



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29 November 1965

Ambassador Asher Ben Natan
Israel Mission
Cubbelrather Str. 15
Cologne 5, Germany

Dear Arthur:

My date in Frankfurt on the 16th of December with some of the leaders of the German-Jewish community has now been confirmed.

I am waiting to hear from you as to whether it is possible for us to meet on the 15th, as I indicated in my last letter.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

STRAIGHT CABLE

FEBRUARY 23, 1966

NAHUM SHAMIR CARE ARNON
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JERUSALEM (ISRAEL)

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25 February 1966

Dr. Henry Van Damm
Fischerstr 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Dr. Van Damm:

I recall with great pleasure our meeting in Frankfurt in December, which we concluded with the words that we would see each other again soon.

One of the things we spoke about at great length was the general question of increasing the awareness by the American Jewish community of the Germany Jewish community. In line with that whole question of awareness, you remember I spoke about the possibility of bringing a large UJA Study Mission to Germany in October 1966. You made a very good suggestion that we should visit the three Bs - Berlin, Bergen-Belsen and Bonn.

I have discussed this with our leadership and they are quite pleased at the prospect. I have an appointment with the West German Embassy in Washington on Monday to discuss the proposed trip with them. I have also discussed it with Mr. Eban, the new Foreign Minister of Israel, and he thinks it is a good idea.

The reason for writing this letter is to invite you to come to New York as our guest to discuss with us the specific details of such a mission. I know that this is rather short notice but if you could possibly come this week, there would be a good opportunity for you to meet some of our leaders. We have a meeting of our Cabinet, which will consist of approximately 50 persons, at lunch on Monday on March 7. If you could be in New York by then, we would be happy to have you speak briefly at that meeting and tell something about the Jews in Germany today. If you could remain in New York for a few days we could then make final arrangements for the trip in October. I am leaving for Israel on 14 March and will be away at least 10 or 12 days.

Dr. Henry Van Damm

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25 February 1966

If it is not convenient for you to come over right now, and again I repeat, the only reason I am suggesting it on such short notice is because we do happen to have this Cabinet meeting on 7 March, then I would propose that you come later on, in April, after I have returned from Israel, because I think it would be very valuable for us to plan this proposed October visit jointly.

Please let me know your reaction by cable or by telephone. Our cable address is UJAPPEAL NEWYORK and our telephone number is PLAZA 7-1500.

Looking forward to hearing from you and to seeing you now in March, or later in April, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

H. David Weinstein

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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS INC.

15 March, 1966

Dr. Henry Van Dams
Fischerstr 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Dr. Van Dams:

Thank you very much for your cable. I can understand the circumstances that prevent you from traveling to New York at this time, and it is good to know that you can come in April or May.

I am now trying to determine the best time for us to meet on the basis of my own schedule and the calendars of several of our key people. The most practicable period probably would be at the end of April or early in May. I will write you again at the end of this month to present you with more definite dates.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

HAF:bga

4 April, 1966

Dr. Henry Van Ham
Fischerstr 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Dr. Van Ham:

It now appears that the most suitable time for your visit to New York would be during the week starting May 16th. We can arrange meetings for you in this country on the 18th and 19th of May, and both I as well as several of our key people here would want to get together with you at that time.

If you should wish to arrive here a day or two earlier than the dates I have mentioned, that will be all right too. Please let us know exactly when you would like to come and also whether you want us to make hotel reservations for you. In addition, please advise us whether you want us to send you flight tickets or if you prefer to obtain them in Dusseldorf for which you can bill us.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

HAF:bga

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21 April, 1966

Dr. Henry Van Duss
Fischerstr 48
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Dr. Van Duss:

Thank you for your letter advising me of the dates that you can come to the United States. In view of your current commitments, I can understand your not being able to come until the latter part of May or early June. Would it, therefore, be possible for you to arrive on ~~May 31st~~ so June 5th or 6th so that we can meet with you on ~~June 1st and 2nd~~ during that week.

I look forward to hearing further from you so that we may plan for your visit.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

HAF:bn

9 May, 1956

Dr. Henry Van Dusen
Fischerstr 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Dr. Van Dusen:

I am delighted to know you can arrive here on June 1st. Below is an outline of the tentative schedule we have arranged for your stay. If you have any questions, by all means please let me know.

Thursday June 2

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon -- meeting between ourselves at the UJA office.

12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. -- luncheon meeting with the UJA Executive staff at our office.

Friday June 3 -- luncheon at the Harmony Club in New York with New York leaders who will participate in the UJA sub-mission to Germany, hosted by Mr. Albert Parker of New York City, Chairman of the UJA Study Mission Planning Committee.

Saturday June 4 -- free

Sunday June 5 -- luncheon meeting in Washington, D.C. with Israel's Ambassador to the United States Avraham Haran.

Monday June 6

12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. -- luncheon meeting at the UJA office with UJA Leadership.

Evening -- dinner and reception hosted by Charles Jordan, Director-General of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Tuesday June 7 -- free

Wednesday June 8 -- luncheon meeting with the JDC Executive Committee at the JDC office in New York

Mr. Helmut Rueckriegel, the Director of the German Information Center in New York, is very much interested in our sub-Mission to Germany, and he would like to meet with you while you are here. I would appreciate your letting me know if you think such a meeting might be helpful.

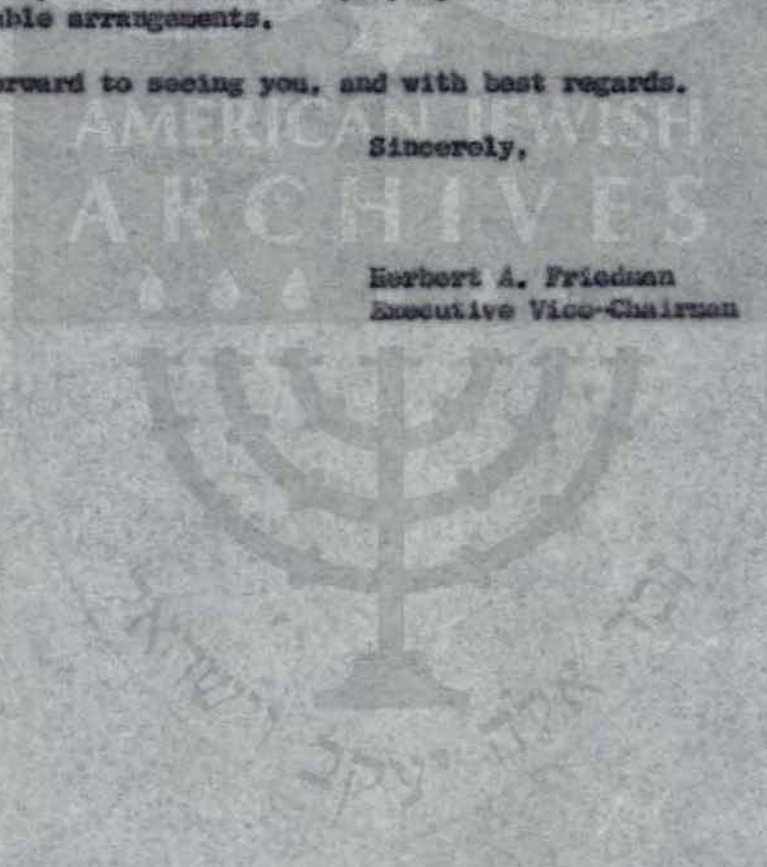
We have reserved an accommodation for you at the Hotel Hilton in New York starting June 1st because of its convenient location almost directly across the street from the UJA office. However, we will be glad to change this if you have any other hotel preference. Please also let me know if there is anyone in particular you would like to meet or anything special you would like to do during your stay, such as seeing any of the shows now playing in New York, and we will try to make suitable arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with best regards.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

HAF:hga



Linda Goldstone

12 May, 1966

Dr. Henry Van Damm
Fischerstr 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Dr. Van Damm:

It appears that your cable which arrived today was sent before you received my letter of May 9th providing the program for your stay. I trust you now have the letter.

Since you prefer it, we have reserved an accommodation for you at the Barbison Plaza Hotel starting from June 1st and cancelled the room at the Hilton mentioned in my letter.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

HAF:bga

CC: IL SG HAF HEB S.LESSER RALPH I. GOLDMAN
DR. HENRY van Dam

13 May, 1968

Mr. Paul Spiegel
4 Dusseldorf-Nord
Fischerstr 49
Dusseldorf, Germany

Dear Mr. Spiegel:

I have your letter of April 29th concerning Dr. Henry van Dam's visit to the United States which must have crossed in the mail with my letter to Dr. van Dam of May 9th. The May 9th letter provided the program for Dr. van Dam's stay which includes meetings from June 2nd through June 6th. Therefore, Dr. van Dam would have sufficient time to return to Germany for his speaking engagement in Frankfurt on June 12th.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Herbert A. Friedman
Executive Vice-Chairman

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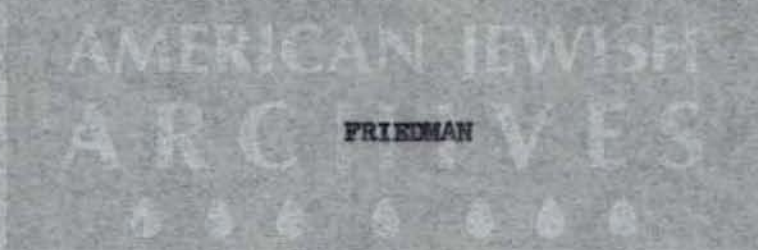
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May 24, 1966

Henry Van Dam
Fischerstr 49
Dusseldorf (Germany)

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(Translated from German letter)

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VON NIEDERSACHSEN~~

LANDESRABBINAT
HAECKELSTRASSE 10

Hannover, January 17, 1967

Rabbi Herbert Friedman
United Jewish Appeal
1290 Avenue of the Americas
New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Rabbi Friedman:

At last we have our photos, which represent for us a living remembrance of our get-together in Belsen on October 2, 1966.

May the Almighty grant you strength and health, to enable you to go on with the work for the general good and for Israel, which you and your friends do with so much heart, the work which you support in the great cause for the existence of Israel.

For us it was an adventure to become acquainted with all of you here with us. May these pictures, which remind us of the Jewish martyrs of all the world, serve as an obligation and a bond for mutual exertions on behalf of the people of Israel.

With friendly greetings

Dr. Zwi Asaria
~~National (Care?) Rabbi~~

MR. Siegmund Fischel
~~Chairman of the National Association
of the Jewish Community
of Lower Saxony~~

(Translated by Minna Brott)

Dr. Zwi Asaria
Mr. Siegmund Fischel
Landesrabbinat
Haeckelstrasse 10
Hannover, Germany

March 23, 1967

My dear friends:

I received today your beautiful photo album and cannot tell you how it touched my heart. I shall treasure it in my library along with many other important souvenirs of significant moments.

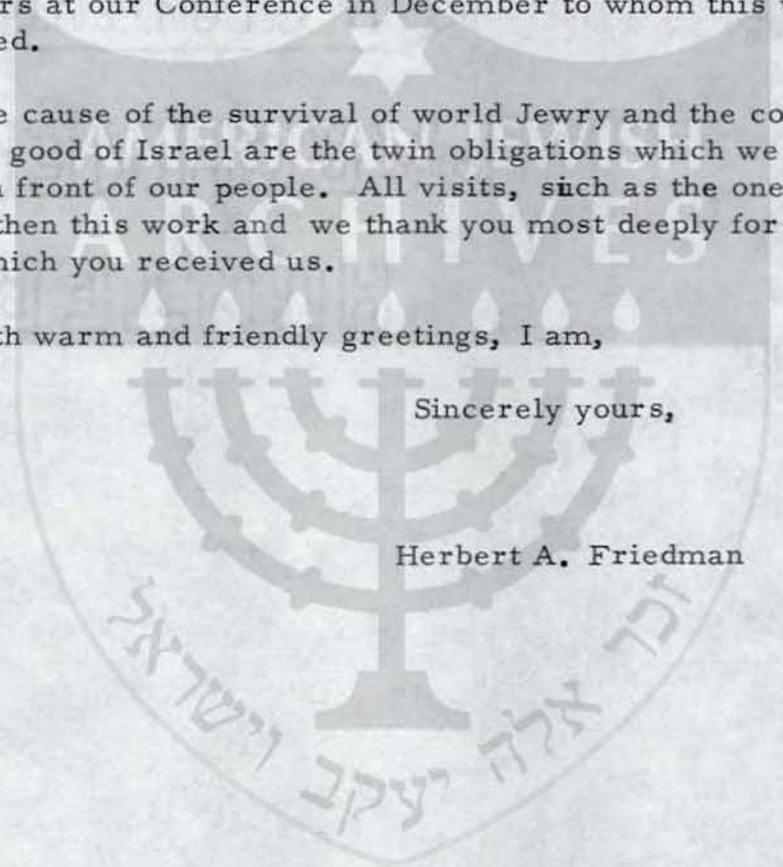
Please be assured that the visit which we made had a great effect both upon the people themselves and upon ~~five~~ thousands of others at our Conference in December to whom this visit was reported.

The cause of the survival of world Jewry and the constant support for the good of Israel are the twin obligations which we must always keep in front of our people. All visits, such as the one we made to you strengthen this work and we thank you most deeply for the kindness with which you received us.

With warm and friendly greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Herbert A. Friedman



23. Maerz 1967.

Herren
Rabbiner Dr. Zwi Asaria
Siegmond Fischel
Landesrabbinat
Haeckelstrasse 10
Hannover (Germany)

Liebe Freunde,

Heute erhielt ich Ihr schoenes Foto-Album, und ich kann Ihnen nicht beschreiben, wie tief es mich ergriffen hat. Es wird einen Ehrenplatz in meiner Bibliothek neben anderen Andenken an bedeutungsvolle Ereignisse einnehmen.

Seien Sie versichert, dass unser Besuch einen tiefen Eindruck nicht nur bei unseren Leuten hinterlassen hat, sondern auch bei den Tausenden, denen wir waehrend unserer Konferenz im Dezember darueber berichteten.

Die Wichtigkeit des Fortlebens des Judentums in der Welt und bestaendiger Beitraege zum Gedeihen Israels sind Zwillingsverpflichtungen, die wir unseren Leuten immer wieder vor Augen fuehren muessen. Besuche, wie derjenige, den wir Ihnen abstateteten, dienen dem Interesse dieser Arbeit, und wir sagen Ihnen aufrichtigen Dank fuer die Freundlichkeit, mit der Sie uns empfangen haben.

Mit freundschaftlichen Gruessen bin ich

Ihr