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22 December 1967

Rabbi Murray Blackman
St. Thomas Synagogue
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Murray:

It was very good seeing you the other day and I appreciate more than I can say the real support which you gave. I tried to call you the next morning, but the phones were out of order. (the manager at the Pelican Beach Club explained that this sometimes happens on the islands after a heavy rain.)

I am sending, under separate cover, some material which might be helpful.

I would appreciate your sending me the address of Mr. Baines (sp?). I intend to write him and ask him if he will give \$25,000 to match Kimmelman. I have also started the process of getting the pressure put on Palewonsky. Let's see what happens.

Again, my thanks for everything you are undertaking, and please do not hesitate to call if there is anything you feel we can do.

As ever,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman



St. Thomas Synagogue

HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ST. THOMAS

ק"ק ברכה ושלוה וגמילות חסדים

Charlotte Amalie
St. Thomas, V.I. 00801

Rabbi Murray Blackman

January 3, 1968

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

Dear Herb:

It was good hearing from you and to have seen you here. I'm sorry, too, about the phone - it goes on the blink quite often.

We received the package and will use the materials properly. The Friday service last week was quite an experience and will go down in history. We must have had over 300 persons and they were standing all over the place.

I am hoping that we can organize the campaign effectively and will help in whatever manner possible.

Best wishes to you and your lovely wife.

Sincerely,


Rabbi Murray Blackman

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Rabbi Murray Blackman

January 11, 1968

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

Dear Herb:

You were correct - inadvertence on my part.

Ben Bayne's address is P. O. Box 1186, St. Thomas,
Virgin Islands 00801.

Incidentally, Henry Kimelman left for Washington
last week leaving us with the task. It is the big
givers where we will have problems. We will be meeting
shortly to map out our follow-up.

Sincerely,


Rabbi Murray Blackman

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22 January 1968

Mr. Ben Bayne
P.O.B. 1186
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00801

Dear Mr. Bayne:

Believe it or not, this is the first opportunity I have had to write to you since we had that very pleasant visit in St. Thomas a month ago. I have been travelling around the United States almost constantly and this great campaign for 1968 is finally being launched in city after city. It is clear that we are getting a very positive response from the Jews of this country who understand the dangers surrounding Israel and who are going to exert themselves to the utmost to try to meet their responsibilities.

I felt, when we spoke, that you displayed a very sympathetic understanding of the whole situation. I did not presume, at that first meeting, to make any suggestions or requests in specific terms. Now that I see what is happening, I am emboldened to ask you whether it would be possible for you to make a contribution to the Emergency Fund of the same \$35,000 which Henry Kimmelman is making. I feel that if you were to back him up, as it were, by such a strong decision, this would show the way to many others who would then set a different dimension on their own contributions.

Please think this matter over very carefully, discuss it with Henry if you wish to, try to reach an affirmative conclusion, and in so doing you will be helping Israel and also helping the Jewish community of St. Thomas to set its sights at the proper level.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HAF:gb

Herbert A. Friedman

cc: Rabbi Murray Blackman (Blind)