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Dictation of correspondence, 1982

Marc Tanenbaum:

[00:00] [O.S. Mertas?], the Minister of State in Bonn -- you have his address on his stationery:

Dear Dr. Mertas,

I was delighted to receive your warm and thoughtful letter, dated August 28th.

I was looking forward with much pleasure and anticipation your coming to New York on September 26th through the 28th. [01:00] Regrettably, your brief visit here takes place during the observance of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and therefore it will not be possible for me to arrange for the reception that we wanted so much to have in your honor.

Dr. Dunker, the Consul General in New York, telephoned me today and informed me that it was not possible for you to extend your visit beyond that time. That leaves me really saddened by this missed opportunity to be with you.

[02:00] I do hope that there will be another opportunity in the very near future for you to spend some time in New York, when our schedules will allow us to arrange for an appropriate reception. I am most eager that our top national leadership be exposed to your views that you so magnificently addressed during your address at Ottobeuren.

If you have some idea as to when you next plan to be in New York, I hope you will let me know some weeks in advance. [03:00] It would be wonderful to spend some time with you. Perhaps you might be free to have dinner with Mrs. Tanenbaum and myself at our home, in connection with your next visit.

In the meantime, my warmest good wishes to you and Mrs. Mertas.

Cordially...

And sign my name.

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Insert a paragraph:

I appreciate very much the enclosures that you sent me. I found your [04:00] exchange of correspondence with Elie Wiesel extremely interesting, and I must say that I agree with much that you have written. I found your address at the March 11th ceremony at the synagogue in Worms extremely moving and impressive. I would like very much to share its contents with a number of religious and [communal?] leaders in the Jewish community, if that meets with your approval.

(break in audio)

[05:00] This is a letter to Marcel [Rauss?], president of [FADECO?], at his address:

My Dear Marcel,

Thank you very much for your recent, thoughtful letter.

I had a report from Bill Gralnick, regarding the AJC annual meeting of the Miami chapter, and was deeply impressed by the positive relationship that was established between our leadership and your FADECO representatives. [06:00] I regard that as a very positive development, one that I hope we can encourage and strengthen during the coming months.

I think your suggestion regarding the small Caribbean Jewish communities is extremely thoughtful, and I have asked my staff to check out the information that you have requested. We'll be in touch with you shortly with that data.

In addition, we will continue to follow up with the various Jewish organizations that promised to cooperate in recruiting people who can be of assistance [07:00] to FIDECO member communities, with possible rabbis, community organizers, youth leaders, etc. That was an extremely auspicious start that we began when [Moise Sabaj?] addressed their group, and we do not want to allow it to fall into inertia.

You will be hearing from us shortly about these several levels of development.

I am enclosing a copy of some reports on our recent meetings in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay. I would be interested in your response [08:00] to this information.

With warmest good wishes to Eva and your good self, for a *shannah tovah*.

Cordially, as ever...

And sign my name. Carbon copy to Howard Friedman, Leo Neves, David Gordis, and David Harris; also, Bill Gralnick.

(break in audio)

This is a letter to Mr. Paolo [Goldreich?], president of the Federação Israelita of Rio de Janeiro:

Dear Mr. Goldreich,

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending to me the press material that appeared in connection with our recent visit to Rio de Janeiro.

[09:00] It was an extremely meaningful and important experience for me, and I am deeply grateful for all the cooperation that we received from so many of our friends in your great city.

I hope that we will continue to be in touch with each other, with a view toward strengthening our common bonds.

With warmest good wishes for a *shanah tovah*, I am,

Sincerely yours...

Sign my name. Carbon copy to Samuel [Sdizlik?], the secretary,
and...

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This is a letter to His Excellency Archbishop Bernard F. Law,
Archbishop of Boston, [10:00] Brighton, Massachusetts:

Dear Archbishop Law,

I appreciate very much your taking the time and trouble to read
the manuscript of Leonard [Yasin's?].

I understand the issues that you raised, and I have suggested to
Mr. Yasin that he contact Dr. Eugene Fisher. He has done so, and
I'm sure that he will profit by that contact.

I read with much interest the statement issued by the [11:00]
bishops of Massachusetts regarding abortion. I would be most
grateful if a copy of that full text could be sent to me.

With warmest personal good wishes, and with much appreciation, I
am,

Cordially, as ever...

Sign my name. I want to enclose a copy of WINS I did on
"Religion and Politics in the Presidential Campaign -- the
[Seven Arts?] version of it.

(break in audio)

This is a letter which should go out as quickly as possible to
Ambassador Richard Schifter, at his address at the -- I guess,
the US Mission to the United Nations:

My Dear Dick,

We are looking forward, with much anticipation, to our reception
in your honor on October -- whatever the date is. [12:00]

We would be pleased to invite any of your colleagues or
associates at the US Mission or the UN, generally. If your
office could make these names available to us, we will take care
of the rest.

With warmest good wishes, I am,

Cordially, as ever...

And sign my name, make it "doctor," and enclose the press release on [Alfonsine?].

(break in audio)

If you would see to it that whatever papers or documents that emerge from this consultation are sent to me. I hope it will be possible for me to take part in any future consultation of this important group.

With warmest personal [13:00] good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours...

Sign my name. We'll enclose some clipping with that.

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Letter addressed to Dr. Vincent [Hogan?], chairman, professor of political science, Alabama State University:

My Dear Professor Hogan,

Thank you very much for your recent, thoughtful letter.

I, too, look forward very much to the privilege of delivering the lecture as part of your Jewish World Lecture Series.

Responding to your request, I am pleased to send you the enclosed biographical material and photograph which you requested.

Would this [14:00] title be the sort of thing you have in mind: "Jews and Christians on the Threshold of the 1980s."

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours...

And sign my name.

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A clear carbon copy to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, United States Senate, in Washington, DC.

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