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April 20, 1977

The Honorable Arthur J. Goldberg
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Dear Justice Goldberg:

While some time has passed since you shared with me your concern regarding Jewish appointees to the Cabinet and on the sub-Cabinet level I have not forgotten your query. Regretfully, it took some time to gain the information.

Enclosed is a list of people serving in the National Security area and those of Jewish persuasion are marked accordingly. Regretfully, my source has not taken any substantive effort to search for Jewish personnel in other Cabinet areas so I have no information other than the enclosed. However, if the National Security area might be considered as fairly average perhaps there are more Jews serving than we realize.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

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Ms. Edith J. Miller
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Dear Edie:

Thank you for calling two items to my attention that are outstanding.


With regard to Jewish appointees to the Cabinet and at sub-Cabinet levels, we have not undertaken any substantive search for them. However, I am enclosing a list of those people in the National Security area in which we have a direct interest who are of the Jewish persuasion. I should add, however, that you don't have to be Jewish to love Israel.

With regard to the second item, I do not feel it would be worth the chip I would have to expend to put in a meaningful pitch for a personnel assignment. Also, with some quarters in the State Department any indication of my own interest in a personnel assignment to Israel would be a kiss of death.

Please convey these thoughts to Alex.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Morris J. Amitay
Executive Director

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April 8, 1977

Mr. Morris Amitay
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Dear Mr. Amitay:

I have in my follow-up file two letter Rabbi Schindler addressed to you which have not received a response. I would be grateful if you could check into these items. They are:

1/ A February 18, 1977 letter in regard to a query from Justice Arthur Goldberg on Jewish appointees to the Cabinet and on the sub-Cabinet level.

2/ A letter dated February 15, 1977 in regard to Alex Hertzberg, Commercial Attache of the American Embassy in Warsaw. He is to be reassigned and is eager to be assigned to Israel. Rabbi Schindler sought your counsel in this connection.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Edith J. Miller
Assistant to the President



Any Response from Emily
on these ?

Emily

ask him

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

February 18, 1977

Mr. Morris Amitay
AIPAC
444 No. Capitol St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Morrie:

Justice Goldberg called me today to share with me his concern regarding Jewish appointees to the Cabinet and on the sub-Cabinet level. He is of a mind that the count is rather low.

It would be interesting to know if his estimate is correct. For my own information, I would be grateful if you would let me know if this is so. Have you a count? I'd appreciate hearing from you in this connection.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler

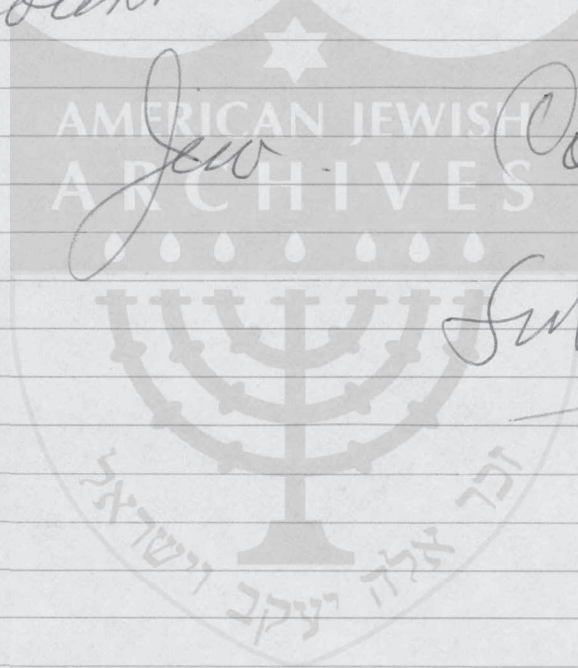
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February 15, 1977

Mr. Morris Amitay
AIPAC
444 North Capital St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Morris:

During my travels in Europe I met the Commercial Attache of the American Embassy in Warsaw, Alex Hertzberg. He is a wonderful and talented young man with an excellent background in foreign service. He is also a devoted and knowledgeable Jew. I thin you know the type, we often find them in an important position in American Embassies, usually the second in command ... bright, sharp, alert, capable, etc...

Alex is very eager to be assigned to Israel. He was born there and lived there as a child before coming to the U.S. (? do I recall correctly?) As yet he has not been reassigned and since the new Administration is now in command, he is hoping that perhaps a touch of protekzia will help ... a word to the right person in the right place. He is now on loan from Commerce to the State Department.

If there is anything you can do in this regard I would be most grateful for your aid. I think very highly of Alex and would like to help him reach his goal of a post with the American Embassy in Israel. He would be great.

With warmest greetings, I am

Sincerely,

Alexander M. Schindler



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

January 26, 1977

MANNY
WINSTON

Dear Rabbi Schindler:

We were very disappointed that you did not come to Warsaw during the 100 year anniversary of the Jewish Theater. We were looking forward to seeing you and Rea. Szurmiej explained the situation and told us he saw you later at the conference in Spain.

Things here in Warsaw are about the same, although it is rather quiet this month. All of this will change I am sure now that we have a new President and Cabinet. I have not as yet been assigned a new post, and being still very much desirous of an assignment in Tel Aviv, I am wondering, with the takeover of the new Administration, if you still have any influence on matters such as these, i.e., helping me to get a post in Tel Aviv. I would very much appreciate any help you may be able to give me in this regard. We are scheduled to leave Warsaw around August of this year, and hope to see you here before we depart.

The anniversary of the Jewish Theater went off in full style. There was quite a number of Jewish people (most of them older, of course) who showed up for the ten performances ... we attended all of them. We also had the privilege of meeting the Chief Rabbi of Hungary, along with several other notable Jewish persons from other Eastern European countries. It was quite an experience.

Well, I shall close this letter for now, hoping to hear from you soon and taking this opportunity to wish you and your family, and the Hellmans, a very happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Alex

Alex Hertzberg, Commercial Attache
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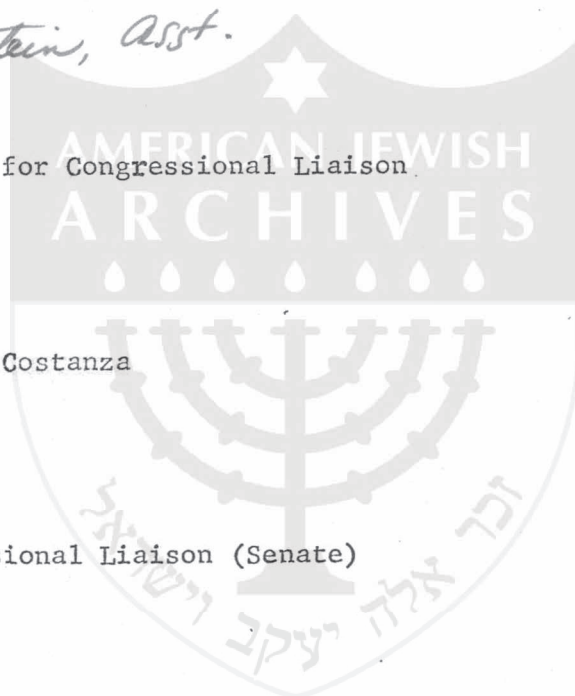
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