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July 6, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

May I extend to you my sincere congratulations upon the adoption of the Palestine plank by the Republican Convention in which you had such a great share. It is the first political victory for Zionism in the long years of repeated defeats and drawbacks since the signing of the Mandate, and I honestly believe that it proved beyond doubt the justice of the Revisionist prognosis that persistent political pressure could tip the scales in our favor and radically change the entire situation.

As you undoubtedly know, we have made a special effort in our political work to gain the active support of all the influential Republican leaders. There is hardly anyone among those responsible for the resolution, as well as among the figures behind the scenes, with whom we hadn't made contact and influenced to the utmost of our ability. I am, therefore, doubly glad to learn from our friends in the Chicago Convention what a magnificent job you did in helping to bring about the adoption of the plank.

Sincerely yours,

B. Netanyahu
B. Netanyahu

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P.S. I take pleasure in sending you a copy of my recent work on Pinsker.

July 11, 1944

Mr. B. Netanyahu
The New Zionist Organization of America
55 West 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Netanyahu:

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me and for your words of appreciation. I share with you the deep satisfaction that the fine plank on Palestine was included in the Republican Party Platform in Chicago. It took a lot of work, but it was worth it and I am happy to know that you were working along the same line. I am now hoping that the Democratic Party will include a similar plank at its Convention next week.

I have not yet received your work on Pinsker, which I shall welcome and read with keen interest.

With all good wishes, and hoping that we might meet before very long again, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Abba Hillel Silver

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B. NEYANYAHU
New Zionist Organization of America
55 West 42nd St.
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THANK YOU FOR TELEGRAM. WILL GIVE YOU ANSWER IN FEW DAYS. KINDEST REGARDS.

A H SILVER

August 22, 1944

Mr. B. Netanyahu
New Zionist Organization of America
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Netanyahu:

I am prompted to write you this note after reading "Zionews" which you edit, and which reached me this morning, more especially the editorial, "The Voice of America." It was so completely at variance with what you wrote to me on July 6 that I wonder how you reconcile your public and your private statements. In your letter you extend to me your sincere congratulations "upon the adoption of the Palestine plank by the Republican Convention in which you had such a great share," and that you are "doubly glad to learn from your friends at the Chicago Convention what a magnificent job you did in helping to bring about the adoption of the plank," but your editorial and your report say absolutely nothing about it. Quite the contrary. They give the definite impression that the New Zionist Organization of America was the body which was solely responsible for the inclusion of the Palestine plank not only in the Republican Platform, but also in the Democratic Platform.

Your editorial even suggests that the Zionist leaders resented the plank in the Republican Platform. You quote Dr. Wise's criticism of that part of the plank which refers to the failure of the President to insist that the mandatory of Palestine carry out the provisions of the Balfour Declaration. You pass over in silence the hearty endorsement of the plank which I issued as Chairman of the Executive and Co-chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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August 25, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
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Dear Dr. Silver:

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Looking forward to hearing from you, and with kindest regards, I am

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(Signed) B. Netanyahu

PRESS STATEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 25, 1944.

The following is the text of a statement submitted to the conference at Dumbarton Oaks by Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn, the President of the New Zionist Organization of America.

Now, that a post-war policy is being formulated to insure the peace of the world, the Jewish problem must be recognized as one of the pivotal points upon which the peace of the world hinges. Hatred toward the Jew was Hitler's main strength in marshalling the German nation under his banner and in gaining allies elsewhere. The leaders of the United Nations must therefore realize that no organization for international security can be effective, nor can a true peace be established, unless the germs of pathological Jew hatred, which served to create Nazism and its consequences, are destroyed.

The Jewish problem was not created by Hitler. Even at Versailles, the Allied and Associated powers took cognizance of the peculiar Jewish situation and its implications to the world. Realizing that the guaranty of constitutional rights as granted to all other minorities was only a part of the solution to the Jewish question, the Allied Powers wholeheartedly endorsed the idea of the establishment of a Jewish National Home. It is only because of the failure of the Mandatory to fulfill its obligations under the covenant of the League that the Jewish problem is still unsolved.

Under pre-war conditions in the greater part of Europe, mere democratic legislation proved utterly inadequate to check the growth of the anti-Semitic evil, and conditions anticipated in post-war Europe clearly indicate that any similar measures will prove even less effective.

The root of the Jewish malady lies in Jewish homelessness. Any

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policy which will ignore this fact and seek to resettle the uprooted Jews of Europe in their former lands, will but serve to aggravate the malady and eventually again lead to disaster.

The New Zionist Organization of America, approaching the Jewish problem realistically, suggests the following five measures: -

(1) Palestine, in its historic and natural borders, must be treated internationally as the Jewish Homeland. Its territorial integrity, fundamentally embodied in the Mandate, must be respected.

(2) Jews who have been forcibly evicted from their former lands shall not be compelled to return to them, but shall be granted their wish to be transferred en mass, in the shortest possible period, to Palestine.

(3) This mass transfer must be assisted financially by an International Loan granted to the Jewish people, and the Axis powers must be made to pay reparations for all damage done to life and property of individual Jews as well as of Jewish communities. These reparations shall be used solely for the resettlement of the Jewish people in Palestine and for the upbuilding of the Jewish State.

(4) The Jewish people, whose national characteristics and strivings were recognized by the Allied powers in the last war and by the League of Nations through the Balfour Declaration, the Palestine Mandate and National Minority Rights granted to Jews in East Central Europe, must be acknowledged now as a full-fledged nation - an ally of the United Nations - with a right to participate in the peace conferences and in settling world problems in which it has an equal stake. The tremendous suffering that the Jews endured at the hands of the common enemy, as well as their sacrifices and heroic contributions on all the battlefields of the world, make this demand not only just but politically wise and sound.

(5) The system of Mandates has served to cloak and to cover up

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imperialistic ambitions and is not compatible with a world planning to live in peace. The greatest sufferers of this imperialistic scheme have been the Jewish people who, notwithstanding the clear specifications of the Palestine Mandate, were prevented from exercising their right to settle in Palestine and develop their national life there. We therefore demand that the British Mandate over Palestine be abolished and, as the Jewish people have shown themselves fully capable of colonizing Palestine and governing it in an orderly and just manner, the country shall be placed under international guardianship with the Jewish people entrusted with the task of its administration.

From this outline of the political aspects of the Jewish question, it must be clear that any attempt by Great Britain to partition Palestine and to create artificial boundaries for the country will never be accepted by the Jewish people. It will be met with continued stern resistance by Jews the world over. It will create conditions that will jeopardize not only the peace in Palestine, but also of the entire Near East.

The American people has taken a definite stand on the Palestine issue by the adoption of the planks on Palestine in the platforms of both major political parties. We are confident that public opinion in this country will resent the tendency of British diplomacy to side-track the Jewish issue and to ignore the most potent interests in the lives of millions of Jews. We are certain America will fully support the elementary right of the Jewish people to play their ^{rightful} share in the rebuilding of a tranquil world.

Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn, Pres.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER SENT BY THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DURING HIS CONFERENCE WITH PRIME MINISTER WINSTON CHURCHILL IN QUEBEC.

September 14, 1944.

The President of the United States of America
The Citadel
Quebec, Canada

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit to you the attached copy of a letter of this date addressed by me, on behalf of the New Zionist Organization of America, to Mr. Churchill, and to bespeak your intercession with the Prime Minister, on the occasion of your meeting in Canada, in the interest of redeeming the pledge made to the Jewish people in respect of Palestine.

It will not be necessary, at this late date, to detail at length the reasons which impel us to ask for your active assistance in this matter.

You cannot help being aware, Mr. President, of the tragic plight of the Jewish people over vast areas of the world. Millions of Jews have been brutally killed. Large numbers will remain homeless. Others, in many lands, face deep-rooted hostility strengthened by years of Nazi propaganda. The traditional countries of immigration, including the United States, the Latin American republics, and the British dominions, are evidently determined to maintain, if not to strengthen, their stringent immigration policies of the last decade. There is special reluctance, manifested in many ways, to admit Jewish immigrants anywhere in any considerable numbers.

In these circumstances, the need and determination of large numbers of Jews in many countries to lay aside the intolerable burden of remaining in the state of unwanted strangers have understandably grown. After the horrible events witnessed by this generation, you will certainly not find it morally possible to compel these Jews to continue in the part of scape-goats of every mob, of stepping-stones for every demagogue. The unequivocal stand taken by millions of Jews the world over, particularly in the countries of the Old World, as a distinct nationality, their demand for existence as a free nation within the family of nations, and the international recognition of this claim accorded by all the Powers between 1917 and 1924, should certainly be respected today.

You cannot help being aware, Mr. President, of the fact

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that this pledge has not been kept. The Mandates Commission of the League of Nations has said so. Mr. Churchill has said so. You, yourself, have found it necessary to state, in speaking of the most recent violation of this pledge -- the British White Paper on Palestine of 1939 -- that the United States has never agreed to that document.

You cannot help being aware, Mr. President, of the fact that the United States, both as party to the Anglo-American Convention of 1924 and as one of the principal United Nations interested in safeguarding peace, law, and justice in the post-war world, has both the right and the moral obligation to use its influence in redressing so obvious a wrong, in ensuring so just a solution.

Finally, you cannot help being aware, Mr. President, of the fact that the people of America, speaking through the recent national conventions of both major political parties, advocates action by its government along substantially the same lines as those requested by us. This policy adopted by both major parties of the United States cannot be carried into effect except by action of the executive branch of the Government. Since you head the executive branch of the government of this great country, both the opportunity and the responsibility are yours.

There has been a growing tendency of late in governmental circles of various countries to evade decision and action on the just demands of the Jewish people on the ground that military considerations require that such decision and action be postponed. You will permit us to remark that the utter baselessness of this excuse in the present circumstances is obvious to every well-informed person of good faith. At no time in the past did considerations of a military character militate less against the speedy establishment of the Jewish commonwealth, than at the present. Under the circumstances, this excuse can be interpreted by us and by all persons of good will in no other light than that of a pretext masking a determination never to grant to the homeless Jews of the world a national life of their own, a determination to keep them forever the play-things of human malice.

In view of the foregoing, we felt impelled to appeal to you, Mr. President, to make full use of the prerogatives of your high office in interceding with the Prime Minister and government of the United Kingdom to the end that the cynical play with the lives and dignity of an oppressed people be ended and that the requests formulated in the accompanying letter to Mr. Churchill, requests justified by the law of nations, by elementary morality, and by considerations of world peace, and supported by the people of this country, be granted.

Respectfully yours,

MJM:RR
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(Signed) Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn
President

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September 14, 1944.

The Hon. Winston Churchill
Prime Minister of Great Britain
The Citadel
Quebec, Canada

Your Excellency:

For the sixth time since the beginning of this war, you are in conference with the President of our country. This time, the conference is held at a moment when victory appears to be in the offing. Your discussions will no more be overshadowed by the threat of enemy conquest. Although you are still confronted with important military problems, you must nevertheless concentrate your thoughts on a post-war policy to insure the peace of the world.

We submit, Mr. Prime Minister, that, when formulating this policy, you do not overlook the problem of the Jewish people, which is so closely identified with every step leading up to this war and is a pivotal point upon which may depend the peace of the world. We are convinced that you have no illusions with regard to the possibilities of Jewish rehabilitation in Europe; and you must realize that the only solution to the shocking Jewish tragedy, whose continuation will again jeopardize the peace of the world, is Palestine.

Surely, you are aware that in that land there is enough "living space" for its present inhabitants, Jews and Arabs, for their progeny, and for millions of Jewish immigrants. You are aware that Jewish colonization never harmed the Arabs; that, on the contrary, it brought them far-reaching benefits. You know that there is no valid reason to prevent the Jewish people from exercising their historic right, acknowledged in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate, to settle in Palestine and to develop their national life there.

None realize better than you that, almost from the day the Mandate was entrusted to Britain, it has been the policy of His Majesty's Government to invalidate this right and to sabotage all Jewish efforts to rebuild their country. The climax of this policy was reached by the White Paper of 1939. Your own address in the House of Commons, unsurpassed in fury and brilliance, vigorously denounced this infamous document. One year later, you

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became the head of the British Government, and the hearts of world Jewry beat with hopeful anticipation of a Jewish Palestine under your inspiring influence. Yet, that infamous White Paper, which you so indignantly excoriated, is still in force, and the anti-Zionist policy of Great Britain is as adamant and persistent as it was during the worst periods of the pre-and post-Munich era when Lord Passfield and Malcolm MacDonald were the masters of the British Colonial Office. Indeed, Palestine is the only spot on God's earth where the Churchill Government faithfully continues the worst traditions of the Government of Mr. Chamberlain.

It is with deep reluctance that we state this sad truth. We are old and confirmed friends and admirers of the British Commonwealth of Nations and of the present head of the British Government. It has always been our dearest hope to build up the country of our ancestors in harmonic cooperation with Great Britain, to the benefit of the Jewish people and, no less, of the British nation. However, at this decisive moment, when the destinies of the world and of world Jewry are under consideration, we owe to our people and to the world the utmost frankness. And we owe the same frankness to you, Mr. Churchill, whom the Jews the world over for decades considered their faithful friend and ardent supporter of their national aspirations.

In this spirit of frankness we assert that Britain has nothing to gain and everything to lose by continuing her anti-Zionist policy. There is the local Palestine-Middle Eastern consideration, and there is the consideration of world affairs. From the local point of view, Arab support is determined by only one factor, Britain's military power; and Britain's military strength will not increase by her opposition to Zionism. On the other hand, the Jewish question in Palestine, if it remains unsolved, will prove a source of permanent irritation, friction and unrest, and an instrument of agitation, not only against Jewry, but against Britain as well.

This is the picture from a local point of view. It has an even darker aspect from an international point of view. Britain's persistent antagonism to a Jewish Palestine will inevitably engender growing bitterness and hostility between the Jewish people and Great Britain. There will be an increasing current of anti-British sentiment and propaganda that will spread through the Jewish people to all the corners of the world. Superficial minds are always inclined to minimize the effect of such influences. But you, Mr. Prime Minister, cannot minimize them. You know the dynamic force of moral values. You know that the weight of public opinion in the long run determines the fate of nations.

In post-war Europe, despairing Jewish masses, having lost their faith in Britain's sense of justice and humanitarianism, will by force of circumstances throw their combined weight into the camps of Britain's enemies. When you deprive a people of their last hope, you must expect them to follow the counsels of despair.

Here, on this side of the Atlantic, the people of America are heart and soul for a just and speedy solution of the Jewish question. The five million Jews in the United States are naturally interested in the fate of their kinfolk. They cannot let them down, nor will

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they ever desert them. They will expose Britain's injustice in Palestine at every opportunity. They will mobilize all their friends in this country, all those who are sworn enemies of tyranny, to fight on their side.

Whether this in the long run will not assuredly affect and undermine the confidence in Britain, which must be the basis of every British approach to the United States - remains for you, Mr. Prime Minister, to judge.

This, you must admit, is a sound and realistic appraisal of the situation. We do not want these developments to take place. We shall consider it most unfortunate not only for Jewry, but also for the British people and for all humanity. We conceive it our duty therefore to apprise you of this development now, when you and the other leaders of the United Nations are planning the course of a better world.

Our last appeal to you, Mr. Prime Minister, is:

Restore the humane and noble idea of the Balfour Declaration. Abolish the White Paper. Open the doors of Palestine - the whole of Palestine - for a mass and speedy transfer of Jews to the Jewish State. Save for your country the historic privilege and glory of solving the age-old Jewish problem.

It is within your competence to do so. Your prestige is great and powerful. We hope and pray you shall use it.

Respectfully,

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(Signed) Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn
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September 20, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am more than a little surprised that I have not received a reply to my letter of August 25th, a copy of which I enclose herewith.

I sincerely hope that the misunderstanding with regard to the editorial in "Zionews" has been cleared up and that such a small matter will not in any degree impede the discussion of the very important subject we have in mind.

I can assure you that were it not of such tremendous significance to the cause we both hold dear, I would not urge you so persistently to arrange a meeting.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

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11 a.m. Kindest regards.



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September 26, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Our conversation of yesterday strengthened the hopes we place in you and your cooperation. It proved to us conclusively that we speak a common language and that we stand on the same ideological and political platform. Needless to say, we were sorry it was interrupted at the very moment when you began to develop a plan for coordinated action.

We feel that it is of vital importance that these discussions be continued until a full understanding is reached regarding the various plans and propositions connected with the immediate tasks, as well as with regard to the broader aspect of Zionist leadership and the internal situation in the Zionist movement.

It is unfortunate that we had no opportunity to meet with you a few weeks ago, shortly after I sent you my telegram of August 18. Since the time left until the elections is extremely limited and some steps, in our opinion, must be prepared and taken without delay, we believe that a detailed discussion of these plans, which we hope to execute with your approval and under your guidance, is most essential and that it should take place within the next few days.

If you do not contemplate an early visit to New York, I shall be very glad to go to Cleveland at a short notice.

Wishing you a very happy New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

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September 28, 1944

Mr. B. Netanyahu
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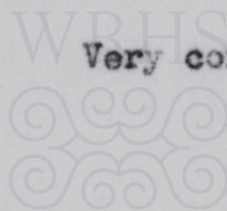
My dear Mr. Netanyahu:

Thank you for your letter of September 26.
I shall not be in New York before October 12.
This, as you know, is the Holiday Season, and I
must remain close to the work of my Temple.
If you wish to come to Cleveland, I shall be
very happy to see you. I shall be at home right
through the 11th, with the exception of Friday,
the 6th, when I am scheduled to be in Chicago.

With all good wishes for a very happy
new year, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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~~Dr. Samuel Abraham~~
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~~New York City~~

~~Dear Dr. Abraham:~~

On November 15, the Foreign Relations Committee of Congress will again consider the resolution on Palestine which calls for the establishment of that country as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth and urges the President to use his best offices on behalf of this aim. This is the same resolution which was introduced last January and tabled one month later under the pressure of powerful political circles.

Since this resolution was tabled our organization has conducted a systematic and vigorous action in Congress and in the press. Thanks to this, the prospects for a Jewish Palestine have considerably improved. Both major parties have officially endorsed the Jewish Commonwealth idea in their election platforms, and the standard-bearers of both parties have promised to act accordingly.

The adoption by Congress of the Palestine resolution will give this policy the backing of the legislature, and secure its speedy implementation. After the passage of such a resolution, America's intervention on behalf of a Jewish Palestine will be a matter of course. This is why the forces arrayed against Zionism are determined once again to defeat the resolution in Congress.

We cannot risk another defeat, and there is only one way to prevent it: **THE DISCUSSIONS IN CONGRESS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNRELENTING AND POWERFUL NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN.** If our campaign will be effective, we shall soon have the official support of this country for our demands, and this will mean a free Jewish Palestine, and a home for the millions of our homeless brethren.

This time the resolution must pass! Our campaign must not lag or suffer in the least because of inadequate funds. We must secure the money needed for this campaign, and secure it promptly. I therefore turn today to our confirmed friends and past contributors with the most urgent appeal I have ever made.

You know we are doing our utmost to advance this cause, to win this battle for our people. On a number of occasions, you lent us a helping hand. Now I solemnly urge you to extend to us once again your help in a measure larger than ever before.

The battle for a free Jewish Palestine is approaching its decisive phase. You must help us see it through to a victorious and successful end.

I hope that you will not fail us at this crucial moment, and await your early positive reply.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Col. Morris J. Mendelsohn
President

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TELEGRAM SENT TO DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

Nov. 13, 1944

WE THINK STATEMENT OF NAHUM GOLDMANN MEMBER EXECUTIVE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION URGING TO ARMS JEWS IN PALESTINE TO WIPE OUT TERRORISTS IS DIRECT CALL FOR CIVIL WAR AMONG JEWS. SUCH UTTERANCES ONLY FAN FIRE OF TERROR AND SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY FROM BRITAIN TO JEWRY WHILE OPPOSED TO ANY FORM OF VIOLENCE CONSIDER PREVENTION OF CIVIL WAR FOREMOST ISSUE OF THE HOUR. AGAIN URGE YOU TO USE YOUR INFLUENCE WITH ZIONIST LEADERS TO PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF PRESENT SITUATION INTO IRREMIEDIABLE CATASTROPHY.

B. NATANYAHU, Executive Director
NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
55. West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.



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November 14, 1944

Mr. B. Netanyahu, Executive Director
New Zionist Organization of America
55 West 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Netanyahu:

Thank you for your kind telegram of November 13. The American Zionist Emergency Council has taken no action beyond the published statement which it has issued on the subject of terrorism. It has definitely refrained from going any further. The subject will, however, receive further consideration at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive. I share with you the hope that nothing will be done to incite the Jews of Palestine to civil war over the issue of terrorism.

I should be interested to hear from you what is concretely proposed by your friends in Palestine to check the spread of terrorism. It might help us to think through our common problem.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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YOUR EXCELLENT STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY IMPORTANT SERVICE TO
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January 10, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Only yesterday Dr. Sheket, a member of our Executive, and I heard from Mr. Neumann the full account of what transpired in the past few weeks in connection with the resolution. It is a shocking story. Even I, with my confirmed opinion of the morality and patriotism of these gentlemen, could not imagine in the worst of my dreams that they could sink so low.

The telegram that Wise sent to Stettinius was an act of outright treason. It was not "sabotage" as we termed it in our statement. Treason is the only word that can describe such action. If we were a normal nation, no Court of Justice could save him from the punishment it entails.

But since we are not a normal nation, the traitors are being crowned with glory and the true leaders and servants of the people are declared the enemies of the national cause.

I intend to do my utmost to make every detail of this betrayal known to the Jews -- wherever they can be reached by us; not only in this country but also abroad, in Palestine, Britain and South Africa.

But this by itself will not remedy the situation. What should be our next step in the field of political warfare? Are we going to let fate take care of it, or are we going to tackle our problems with determination and without loss of time? Time, in our case, is the most important element. If we are satisfied with educational activities alone, we are just evading the real issue and the real responsibility.

I am saying this because I gathered from Mr. Neumann that hopes are being placed in such a campaign that might lead to a change of leadership in the next Zionist convention. I do not believe even for a moment that this is possible. This is a hopeless proposition. You just have to consider the fact that the others have the machine, the press and the money, and all one has to do

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is add two and two together. Jabotinsky spent a lifetime trying to capture the Zionist Organization from within. Anyone who will follow the same method will inevitably find the same results.

We have some plans regarding what we believe has to be done both in the political and organizational directions. All these plans evolve around your leadership and are subject to your consent. With your co-operation, these plans can be carried out and can radically change the entire situation in a short period of time.

With this in mind I wired you last week requesting a meeting with you on your next visit to New York. As yet I have received no answer to that telegram. But today, after hearing Mr. Neumann's report, I felt impelled to write you this letter.

Looking forward to your encouraging reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

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January 11, 1945

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Dear Dr. Silver:

We wish to call your attention to our statement, addressed to the President, which we published in the New York Post of January 9, and the Washington Post of January 10. Copies of this statement are enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,


Rose Ratner
Secretary

January 14, 1945

Mr. B. Netanyahu
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My dear Mr. Netanyahu:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 10. I shall be in New York on Thursday and Friday of this week, stopping at the Commodore Hotel. I shall be very happy to see you. Please telephone to fix the hour.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK