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61 East 95th Street  
New York 28, N.Y.  
July 6, 1945.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Hotel Mayflower  
Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Judging from Shapiro's interpretation of the Emergency Council negotiations, the Z.O.A.'s Philadelphia lawyers seem to do their best to effect all possible protractions. This, I think, is very harmful, indeed, in view of the swiftness with which the ~~Arabian~~ Arabs have been moving lately. However, I hope that a settlement is imminent. At the next convention, I am certain, we shall accomplish what we cannot achieve now. I am sure that the holding of the Convention cannot be postponed much longer, particularly when the troop transit to Japan has been completed at the end of the year. However, the time that will elapse until then, is most crucial. It was bad enough that the San Francisco episode turned into an affair of Zionist endeavor which was deprived of your active role and counsel.

Professor Yahuda came to town from New Haven and phoned me. He is very much concerned over the Mufti's fate and his possible return to British graces. In the first place, according to Yahuda, nobody is certain as to just where the Mufti is at the present time. I do recall some French and British broadcasts, reported by the press, which stated he had been extradited to the French by the Swiss after his escape from Germany and that he was now in the environs of Paris, closely guarded in enforced residence. Incidentally, in response to his inquiry, the French at Frisco stated to Yahuda that the Mufti is their prisoner. Yahuda talked to Masaryk, also at Frisco, about the Mufti, suggesting that the Czechs put the Mufti on their list of war criminals, which Masaryk promised. However, it remains to be seen just what will actually happen in this case. The Mufti's role was not exhausted by his escape to Berlin, and his exhortations to the Islamic world over the German and Italian radio networks. In addition to organizing the Arab Legion as a part of Rommel's Africa Corps, he established a Moslem Legion of Quisling Yugoslavs in Bosnia. Furthermore, according to the Central European Observer, a Czech-sponsored London monthly, he had a hand in running the massacres of Jews at the Maidanek concentration camp in Poland. This work he performed jointly with a good Christian, the Palestinian-born German Templar colonist Eichmann of Sarona, who became the Gestapo's Hebrew-speaking and Zionist-versed chief prosecution commissar for Jews. Thus, the Mufti's far-fledged activities have let him run afoul of the British, French and Russian interests and orbits of influence. This should give us enough of a leeway to effect his punishment as a war criminal. Yahuda stated that he conveyed all information (and he seems to have some), all pointers and ideas to Hayim Greenberg, but Yahuda has not heard from him subsequently. He fears if the matter is turned over either to the British or to the Jewish Agency or to the French, the case will die a quick death.



for political reasons. The Jewish Agency is too weak and inept even to press or present the case, he thinks. The British are not likely to do anything, presumes Yahuda, because the Colonial Office might even think of staging the Mufti's comeback in further and final appeasement of the so-called Arab world. The French might regard the present and future position of their empire as precarious enough not to create an Arab martyr who died at their hands. All of which leaves the Russians and their satellites, who constitute no less uncertain a proposition, in my opinion. Yahuda thinks that the case ought to be pressed in public now and by an organization. I am conveying these views for whatever they may be worth.

Masaryk is expected to be in town in the course of next week. In the past, he has spoken to me much more freely and intimately, in terms of information and advice, than to others, including SSW & NG. Should he continue this practice when next I shall see him, I expect to get some pointers on this<sup>3</sup> and other issues, including an evaluation of Frisco's Jewish aspects.

On Monday, I lunched privately with Israel Goldstein. This offered me another opportunity to view political naivete at close range. I was quite appalled. Goldstein expressed himself to the effect that the attitude of the State Department seemed to be changing for the better. Asking for evidence, I was told that he had repeated what substantially amounted to Mr. Shulman's opinions. Upon my question as to what Mr. Shulman based his impressions on, I was told that he drew these conclusions from the manner in which the State Department official interviewed had conversed with Shulman. The official's name was either not mentioned to me or I fail to recall it. Goldstein admitted to me that he had to agree with my point of view that there was not much value in seeing people at a time when they were either on their way out of their positions or fearful of such a likelihood. He defended himself with the argument that the State Department had told the Zionists that they need not worry any longer about Hoskins and Murray, who had left for abroad. Goldstein was floored when I told him bluntly that I thought that both Hoskins and Murray had risen in influence and standing since then, and that I believed that they were actually promoted, the Zionists being hoodwinked. Hoskins, although one is unable to ascertain definitely, is rumored to be in Iran, at our Legation there which is now held by Wallace Murray as U.S. envoy. In view of Iran's focal importance as a source of inter-Allied major-power friction, any transfer to that location amounts to a promotion and increased political standing. This is not only the case in the instances of Hoskins - who may be somewhere but who is not 'out' - and Murray, but also applies to another State Department arch-enemy of Zionism, Paul Alling, Murray's erstwhile successor in Washington office. Alling is now U.S. diplomatic agent in Tangiers, another post at a center of major-power friction, another promotion of an anti-Zionist.

Things being as bad as all that, Ben V. Cohen's appointment as special assistant to Byrnes may not be devoid of favorable implications for us.

London announcements that the repatriation of displaced persons in Europe will have been completed by September 1, has definite implications for Zionist observers. The unrepatriable residue that will remain in Europe after that date constitutes the problem we shall have on our hands. We shall

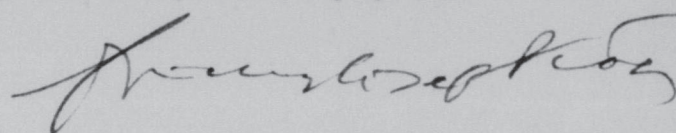


know numbers and other data at that time. I think we ought to get set for action and propaganda on this score.

Incidentally, very recently I heard that Earl G. Harrison, former U.S. Commissioner of Immigration, allegedly is now touring Europe, studying the refugee problem and the position of the Jews, for President Truman. I wonder.

I do hope that we'll have some good news on the Emergency Council settlement pretty soon. At any rate, I shall phone you on Saturday or Sunday.

Cordially and respectfully yours



Franz J. Katz





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REGRET MOST SINCERELY MY INABILITY TO ATTEND DINNER  
HONORING DR SILVER AND EMANUEL NEUMANN STOP PLEASE  
CONVEY TO DR SILVER AND MR NEUMANN MY CONGRATULATIONS  
UPON THE SUCCESSFUL REORGANIZATION OF THE EMERGENCY  
COUNCIL AND I HOPE FOR THEM AND FOR US ALL THE WORK  
WILL NOW GO ON SUCCESSFULLY IN THE SPIRIT OF HARMONY  
AND UNITY STOP GOD SPEED TO DR SILVER ON HIS TRIP=

SAMUEL J KEISER.



FRANZ J. KATZ

61 East 95th Street  
New York 28, N.Y.  
August 20, 1945.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
Hotel Mayflower  
Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Re.: Arrival of Lebanese Maronite Cleric in U.S.

Attached herewith is a clipping from today's New York Times, reporting the arrival here of Msgr. Akl (or Aki) of Lebanon who reportedly is out "to seek protection (for Lebanon Maronites) from the Arabs."

I assume that the French are not unrelated to the arrival here of this gentleman.

At any rate, his presence in this country may afford us an excellent opportunity of effecting more than the customary informal contacts with the Arab camp and to prove to the public that Arab unity is not much more than a propaganda myth. Incidentally, I am rather certain that Salloum Mokarzal is going to back the Akl effort in this country. If this move is handled skillfully it might unseat the Hitti crowd and damage beyond repair Hitti's previously unchallenged control of affairs Arab in this country.

Mr. Arthur Lourie advised me that Mr. Eliahu Epstein has been pursuing informal contacts with the Arabs here and that he will be put in touch with me upon his return to the city - to which I am looking forward.

I myself shall endeavor to see Akl through one of my Arab friends - in whose company I would see him if that turns out to be possible, and, of course, I would do so as a mere individual. I shall keep you and the Emergency Council officers advised of such developments as may occur in this respect.

You may have noticed that the Anglo-Arab press campaign against Zionism has been accorded excellent coverage by the U.S. press.

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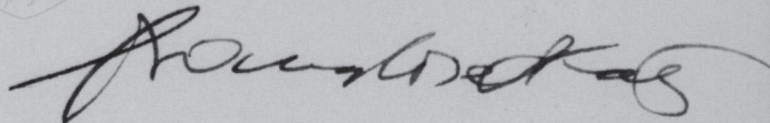
Under the prevailing circumstances, I think that the Maronite cleric's visit affords us an opportunity to counteract Anglo-Arab propaganda in the most effective manner with the possibility of subtle utilization of ~~of~~ French, pro-French and Roman Catholic elements.

I followed your moves in London with great interest, as did all of us here, and hope that the launching of a powerful political effort in this country has been decided upon and is imminent.

From tales by competent Washington observers who proved to be reliable in the recent past things in the State Department are completely upside down at present, pending completion of Byrnes' reorganization effort. I imagine, however, that the State Department's Near Eastern old-timers will have tried as best they could to capitalize on that angle of Truman's Palestine statement which said that no U.S. troops would be available to enforce a settlement of the issue (as if that were necessary). However, this is a mere assumption on my part, based on the well known attitude of that division of the State Department.

You will, I presume, afford me an early opportunity to discuss the above and related issues. Until then, permit me to remain

cordially and respectfully yours



CC: Harry Shapiro, N.Y.C.;  
Arthur Lourie, N.Y.C.

Franz Josef Katz

- P.S. 1) Did Hugo Valentin, President of the Swedish Zionist Association, approach you, also with regard to his book (which I reviewed in the mid-July issue of the New Palestine)?
- 2) Abdullah's call for the Mufti, it seems, bore out Professor Yahudah's forebodings!
- 3) It is possible but not certain that I shall meet with Raoul Aglion who is now legal advisor to the French Embassy in Washington. I would utilize the occasion to explore the Levant angle.



AUGUST 31, 1945.

TO: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

CC: EMANUEL NEUMANN, HARRY SHAPIRO

FROM: FRANZ J. KATZ *FJK*

*Confidential*

RE.: INTERVIEW WITH MONSIGNOR ANTOINE AKL, CO-BISHOP OF THE LEBANESE MARONITES

YESTERDAY I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM DR. HABIB AWAD, A LEBANESE MARONITE FRIEND OF MINE, WHO SUGGESTED THAT I MEET WITH MSGR. AKL TO WHICH I READILY CONSENTED, PROCEEDING AT ONCE TO MEET WITH HIM AT THE LOCAL MARONITE CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH'S, IN THE CENTER OF THE NEW YORK SYRIAN QUARTERS, AT 57 WASHINGTON STREET. THE LEBANESE CLERIC IS TEMPORARILY RESIDING THERE, IN THE EXTREMELY MODEST LIVING QUARTERS OF THE CHURCH STAFF.

MSGR. AKL SPOKE TO ME BOTH IN ARABIC AND FRENCH, WITH DR. AWAD ACTING AS TRANSLATOR. DR. AWAD, WHOM I HAVE KNOWN NOW FOR MORE THAN A YEAR HAS CONDUCTED HIMSELF IN A MOST DEPENDABLE AND RELIABLE MANNER DURING THAT TIME AND, THUS FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO REASON BUT TO DEAL WITH HIM IN A SPIRIT OF CONFIDENCE AND TRUST. WHEN EVER TICKLISH ISSUES AROSE, HE HASTENED TO POINT OUT AND EXPLAIN THE COMPLICATIONS SO THAT I WAS NEVER LEFT IN THE DARK OR PUZZLED. I MENTION THIS POINT PURPOSELY INASMUCH AS PEOPLE INCLINE TO MEET WITH ARABS IN A SPIRIT OF SUSPICION FOR WHICH THERE IS AND HAS BEEN MUCH JUSTIFICATION.

AS TO AWAD, I WISH TO ADD THAT HE HAILS FROM A PROMINENT LEBANESE FAMILY, HAS RELATIVES ~~EXXX~~ SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE NEAR EAST, SOME OF THEM IN THE SERVICE OF NEAR EASTERN GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ONE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER, IF MY MEMORY DOES NOT FAIL ME ON THIS, AND ALSO IN SOME NEWSPAPERS. AWAD, INCIDENTALLY, IS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR A TWO MONTHS' VISIT IN LEBANON AND EXPECTS TO SAIL NEXT WEEK.

AWAD WAS AN EXCELLENT MIDDLE MAN TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING WITH AKL SINCE HE IS ONE OF THE LATTER'S PUPILS FROM DAYS LONG ~~XXXX~~ AGO.

#### ANTOINE AKL

AKL, WHOSE NAME, INCIDENTALLY, IS BEING PRONOUNCED LIKE 'HUCKLE', IS, IF I UNDERSTOOD AWAD CORRECTLY (AND THAT MAY NOT BE SO), #2 MAN IN THE MARONITE CHURCH SET-UP, OUTRANKED ONLY BY THE MARONITE PATRIARCH HIMSELF.

HE IS A MAN WHO APPEARS TO BE IN HIS FIFTIES, LOOKS HEALTHY AND RUDDY, WITH A PROTRUDING BEER-BELLY, AS IS BEING SPORTED BY THE PROVERBIAL MONKS AND PRIESTS OF MOTION PICTURES AND POTR~~ETS~~.

HE LOOKS MUCH MORE LIKE A WESTERN EUROPEAN THAN LIKE AN ARAB, IS MOST CORDIAL, QUICK AND MILD-MANNERED; HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND ARABIC, BUT NO ENGLISH.

THE REST OF THE STORY, IN ALL OF ITS <sup>ASPECTS</sup> ~~ANGLES~~, IS FRAUGHT WITH POLITICAL ANGLES AND, TO MY MIND, IS A STICK OF DYNAMITE.

#### AKL'S MISSION

AKL'S MISSION IS TO PRECIPITATE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION, GOODWILL AND SUPPORT FOR THE MARONITE LEBANESE WHO, APPARENTLY, ARE FEARFUL OF THE IMMINENT OUTBREAK OF REGULAR OLD-FASHIONED MASSACRES CARRIED THROUGH BY THE MOSLEMS OF LEBANON AND SYRIA



AND, COINCIDENTALLY, TO TURN THE SPOTLIGHT OF AMERICAN AND WORLD OPINION, AS WELL AS THAT OF FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS, ON THE FORCE THAT PRESENTLY PASSES AS THE "LEBANESE GOVERNMENT," WHICH HE BRANDS BRITISH PUPPETRY NOT REFLECTING OR REPRESENTING THE LEBANESE PEOPLE. HE WANTS TO ORGANIZE AND RALLY THE MARONITE LEBANESE-AMERICANS.

INTERFERENCE BY SOME AND AID FROM OTHER ALLIED OFFICIALS

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AKL STATED THAT THE U.S. MINISTER IN BEIRUT, GEORGE WADSWORTH, REFUSED TO GRANT HIM A VISA FOR THE UNITED STATES. (MORE ABOUT WADSWORTH FURTHER BELOW.) HOWEVER, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, JEFFERSON CAFFEREY, WAS MOST HELPFUL AND SYMPATHETIC AND GRANTED HIM A VISA TO THE UNITED STATES.

IN THE UNITED STATES, THE LEBANESE MINISTER, MALIK, DECLARED AKL'S PASSPORT VOID, ASKED HIM TO RETURN THE LATTER TO THE LEBANESE LEGATION AND RETURN AT ONCE TO LEBANON. MALIK ALSO CALLED UPON THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO RETURN AKL TO LEBANON. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ACTED ON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ MALIK'S REQUEST. AKL DOES NOT EXPECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO COMPLY WITH MALIK'S REQUEST.

ALL THESE INTRIGUES, SAYS AKL, ARE NOTHING SHORT OF A POLITICAL FAMILY AFFAIR: WADSWORTH IS AN EX-PROFESSOR OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, SO IS MALIK. THE FORMER IS A PROTAGONIST OF PAN-ARABISM AND PRO-MOSLEM, THE LATTER IS A PAN ARABIST. BOTH ARE AGAINST THE MARONITES AND AGAINST THE JEWS, SAYS AKL.

THE CONTRARY WAS THE CASE WITH JEFFERSON CAFFEREY, SAYS AKL, WHO MANIFESTED SYMPATHY FOR BOTH THE MARONITES AND THE JEWS.

AKL SEEMS TO HAVE VATICAN, FRENCH AND ZIONIST SUPPORT

AKL SEEMS TO BE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE JEWS, ZIONISM, ZIONISTS AND PALESTINE. TO BEGIN WITH, HE HAD TWO CARDS OF INTRODUCTION FROM ONE "T. ARAZI" OF JERUSALEM, OF WHOM HE SAYS THAT HE EXPECTS TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES SHORTLY. IT SEEMS THAT MR. ARAZI IS CONNECTED WITH THE JEWISH AGENCY. ONE OF ARAZI'S CARDS INTRODUCES AKL TO NAHUM GOLDMAN, THE OTHER TO ONE "ELIAHU" WHICH, SAYS AKL, MEANS ELIAHU EPSTEIN.

ARAZI'S CARDS STATE THAT MR. SHERTOK KNOWS ABOUT AKL'S TRIP.

AKL ALSO STATES THAT HIS MISSION IS KNOWN TO AND SYMPATHETICALLY VIEWED BY THE SYRO-LEBANESE JEWISH COMMUNITY WITH WHOSE HEADS HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH RIGHT ALONG. AKL MENTIONED NO NAMES.

ON THE PLANE FROM EUROPE, AKL APPARENTLY TRAVELLED IN THE COMPANY OF OUR OWN DANIEL FRISCH WHO ENTERED HIS ADDRESS IN AKL'S NOTE BOOK AS "ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, 42 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK." NO FURTHER MENTION WAS MADE OF FRISCH.

IN PARIS, AKL MET WITH A LEADING FRENCH JEWISH LAY LEADER WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL. I, IN TURN, CANNOT RECALL WHETHER HE STATES THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR OR AN OFFICIAL OF THE FRENCH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED HIM TO THE JEWISH GENTLEMAN.

IN LEBANON/

THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE/AND THE VATICAN SUPPORT AKL'S MISSION, HIS ENDEAVORS TO ACHIEVE PRACTICAL AND CONCRETE POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH THE ZIONISTS; BOTH THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN LEBANON AND THE VATICAN, SAID AKL, ARE SYMPATHETIC TO ZIONISM.

THE FRENCH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER IN THE LEVANT STATES WITH WHOM AKL WAS IN CLOSE TOUCH WAS ALSO SAID TO BE FRIENDLY WITH THE JEWS AND, OF COURSE, THE MARONITES. I ENQUIRED WHETHER HE REGARDED THE FRENCHMAN'S ATTITUDE AS ONE OF GENERAL PRINCIPLE PERTAINING TO FRENCH-CONTROLLED TERRITORY ELSEWHERE AS WELL; AKL REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE STATING THAT HE REGARDED THIS AS A LOCAL SYRO-LEBANESE CONDITION.



AKL WAS ONE OF THOSE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION FOR DE GAULLE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHERE, HE SAID, THE FRENCH INTRODUCED HIM TO ANOTHER JEWISH GENTLEMAN OF PROMINENCE, 'A RABBI WITH A VANDYKE BEARD,' WHOSE NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL.

AKL'S PROSPECTIVE EFFORT IN THE U.S.

AKL IS NOW SETTING OUT TO ORGANIZE THE MARONITE LEBANESE AMERICANS FOR HIS PEOPLE. IF HE IS EVEN PARTLY SUCCESSFUL, IN MY OPINION, THIS WILL END THE CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL ARAB COLONY BY THE HITTITE ELEMENT.

AKL SEEMS TO HAVE LITTLE CONCEPTION OF ORGANIZED ROMAN CATHOLICISM HERE, AND I DID NOT INQUIRE AS TO HIS CONTACTS WITH THEM HERE.

AS TO THE FRENCH AND CHURCH CIRCLES AS WELL, I AM WONDERING JUST WHERE WE GET OFF IF THE WRONG KIND OF FRENCH AND THE WRONG KIND OF CATHOLICS WILL TURN OUT TO RUN HIS SHOW.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE SUCCEEDS IN GETTING LEBANESE AMERICAN BACKING AND ALSO ROMAN CATHOLIC AND IMPLICIT FRENCH SUPPORT AND PROCEEDS TO EXPOSE THE SO-CALLED LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AND CONDITIONS IN THAT COUNTRY, IT IS BOUND TO BE OF IMPACT AND I THINK WE SHOULD NOT REMAIN INACTIVE IN FACILITATING AKL'S ENDEAVORS.

WANTS TO MEET ZIONIST LEADERS

AKL WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE ZIONIST LEADERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING OPINIONS AND WITH A VIEW OF ESTABLISHING PRACTICAL POLITICAL COOPERATION, BOTH HERE AND IN THE NEAR EAST. FOR THIS PURPOSE HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH OUR PEOPLE AND TALK WITH THEM IN A CONFIDENTIAL MANNER.

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DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS, THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, THINKS AKL, WILL COME TO DO JUST THESE THINGS, BUT WITH POLITICAL EFFECT AND WITH THE PROPER ORGANIZATION BEHIND IT.

I TOLD AKL THAT I WOULD CONVEY THE POINTS HE MADE TO YOU, WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATIONS ON MY PART AND IN A PURELY PRIVATE AND INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND THAT I WOULD ADVISE HIM WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS WHETHER A MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED WITH A PROPERLY DESIGNATED PERSON.

AWAD IS LEAVING FOR LEBANON

AWAD IS LEAVING FOR A SHORT STAY IN LEBANON. I AM TRYING TO HAVE HIM MEET WITH ELIAHU EPSTEIN PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE (THURSDAY NEXT WEEK). AWAD EXPECTS TO BE BACK HERE IN JUNE - WHERE AND WHEN HE COULD BE DOUBLY HELPFUL TO US IF THINGS HAVE GOTTEN UNDER WAY BY THEN.

MOKARZEL

MOKARZEL (WHOSE AL HODA IS LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO AKL'S CHURCH) WILL SUPPORT AKL'S EFFORT, SAYS AWAD. LET'S HOPE SO. SEEING IS BELIEVING.

END



EDMUND I. KAUFMANN

702 H STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 16, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

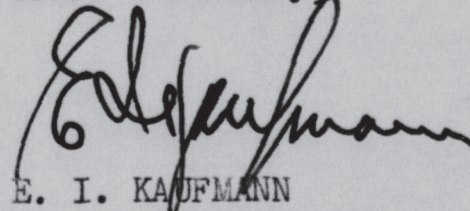
Like you, I have been concerned regarding the lack of contact with important Government people, with whom I have been associated.

In view of what is now a really critical stage in our political life, I deem it advisable that you be given an opportunity to discuss Palestine from our point of view with those in a position to do us the greatest amount of good.

With this in mind, I should be glad to arrange a dinner for you, at my expense, either at the Statler or the Mayflower, on some date of your choice before December 1st. Invitations will be sent to the members of the Foreign Affairs and Foreign Relations Committees and others in both Houses, as well as important officials in other branches of the Government and responsible representatives of the press, both in and out of Washington.

With assurances of my high regard and esteem,  
I am,

Yours sincerely,



E. I. KAUFMANN

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EDMUND I. KAUFMANN

702 H STREET, N.W.  
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October 29, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

At the request of Mr. Kaufmann  
I am enclosing herewith copy of letter which is  
self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

*E. Hutton*

Secretary to Mr. Kaufmann

EH.



October 29, 1945

Mr. Henry Monsky  
Omaha National Bank Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Henry:

As you know, ours is the one religious group in America without its university. With all of the new theories on quotas, I think now is the time for us to start planning for a university with a Jewish president and open to all with qualifying marks, regardless of color or creed.

Within the last week I discussed this with Dr. Silver and he pointed out that the orphanage property in Cleveland might be the answer. Prior to this, I have had discussions with Justice Frankfurter, Herbert Bayard Swope, Dr. Wise, Herbert Krumm of Boston, and Rabbi Solomon Feinberg of the American Jewish Committee. Some time ago Rabbi Louis I. Newman had an article in one of the Anglo-Jewish papers and I have had some correspondence with him and I hope shortly to visit with him regarding this matter.

All have recognized the need of a university, and some have even gone so far as to suggest the name of Brandeis University.

Recently I spent some time with Swope on this matter and I think that possibly he might be the logical person to inaugurate such a movement.

I am most anxious to exchange views with you regarding all of this and possibly some time in the near future we might be able to arrange a meeting in Washington, to which I will invite the men mentioned in this letter, besides some few others whom you might suggest.

There is no need for me to tell you anything about the college situation, but suffice to say that many hundreds had to go to Scotland and Billikopf tells me that at Howard University they have had a number of Jewish boys studying medicine there.

With warm regards,

Yours cordially,

KIK/H

E. I. KAUFMAN



EDMUND I. KAUFMANN

702 H STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 6, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. Kaufmann requested that I  
send you the enclosed photostat copies of  
newspaper clippings regarding Mr. Oscar S.  
Cox.

Yours very truly,

*E. Hutton*

Secretary to Mr. Kaufmann

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among other things to help them prepare the ground  
along with other people in London for Commission  
hearings. Suggest that you meet & talk with  
the three people. Kindest regards.  
Silver



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January 29, 1946

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Thank you for your letter of January 25 and the excerpt of the letter from the wife of Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk. I was very interested in reading this letter and I would appreciate if you would let me know any further developments in this matter.

With kind regards,

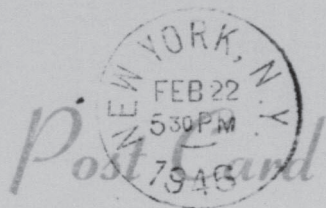
Sincerely yours,

*E. Kaplan*

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Z.O.A.  
n.y.c.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I heard Dr. Morris Zucker tonight and  
urge that you give his plan a hearing.  
You believe in action! Here's something  
that sounds worth acting on.

Sincerely,

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