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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

*Sheermon Adams*

June 2, 1955

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I was well impressed with the sincerity and expressiveness of your recent letter. Thank you for the care you took in outlining your points, which seem to me to be explicitly made, although I do not have the means for properly evaluating them myself.

At the moment, Secretary Dulles is away for a few days of well-merited rest, but upon his return I intend to talk to him, as I think I should. When I have done this, I will see what then seems to be the next proper step.

Sincerely,

*Sheermon Adams*

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



Nov. 14-1955

Dwight D. Eisenhower  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I have been profoundly disturbed by the recent events in the Near East which have aroused deep apprehension in Israel and among peace loving people everywhere. I am to address on November 15th a mass rally at Madison Square Garden, in which many civic, religious and labor organizations will participate, to express their ~~profound~~ <sup>vital</sup> concern over the situation. I know that they would welcome a word from you, as coming not only from the Chief Executive of our beloved country but as the foremost spokesman of international justice, freedom and peace in the world today. Personally I would greatly appreciate such a message. With warmest regards and with all good wishes for your complete recovery and well-being.

NY City

Abba Hillel Silver





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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, REPORT DLY=  
ROOM 1026 COMMODORE HOTEL=

I AM GLAD TO COMPLY WITH YOUR REQUEST TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE MEETING WHICH YOU ARE ADDRESSING THIS EVENING. AS I KNOW OF YOUR GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEAR EAST WHICH DISTURB ALL OF US. A THREAT TO PEACE IN THE NEAR EAST IS A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. AS I SAID THE OTHER DAY, WHILE WE CONTINUE WILLING TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR ARMS NEEDED FOR LEGITIMATE SELF DEFENSE, WE DO NOT INTEND TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN ARMS COMPETITION IN THE NEAR EAST. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY THE POLICIES OF THE TRIPARTITE DECLARATION OF MAY 25, 1950. WE BELIEVE THIS POLICY BEST PROMOTES THE INTEREST AND SECURITY OF THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA.=

WE BELIEVE THE TRUE AND LASTING SECURITY IN THE AREA MUST BE BASED UPON A JUST AND REASONABLE SETTLEMENT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT CURRENT PROBLEMS ARE CAPABLE OF RESOLUTION BY PEACEFUL MEANS. THERE IS NO REASON WHY A SETTLEMENT OF THESE PROBLEMS CANNOT BE FOUND. AND WHEN REALIZED I WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE=  
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UNITED STATES JOIN IN FORMAL TREATY ENGAGEMENTS TO PREVENT OR THWART ANY EFFORT BY EITHER SIDE TO ALTER BY FORCE THE BOUNDARIES UPON WHICH ISRAEL AND ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS AGREE.=

THE NEED FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BECOMES DAILY MORE IMPERATIVE. THE UNITED STATES WILL PLAY ITS FULL PART IN WORKING TOWARD SUCH A SETTLEMENT AND WILL SUPPORT FIRMLY THE UNITED NATIONS IN ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE IN THE AREA. BY FIRM FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS ISRAEL AND ALL OTHER NATIONS IN THE NEAR EAST. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE OF THE WORLD=

DWIGHT D EISENHOWER=



(UNedited copy of greeting letter dictated by AHS and phoned in to Washington)

March 15, 1956

President  
State of Israel

My dear Mr. Ben <sup>Zvi</sup>Sevi:

Through my friend, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who is about to visit Israel, I take the opportunity to convey to you my warm greetings on the occasion of the celebration of Passover, your historic Festival of Freedom and on the eve of the Eighth Anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

I have followed with admiration the progress and development of your country. The American people wish your young State peace and prosperity. Permit me to assure you that the American Government is earnestly and in the friendliest of spirit exploring every avenue to bring about a satisfactory and peaceful solution of the problems which confront Israel and its neighbors. Patience, confidence and good will will help us greatly along the way.

With best wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

*See publication in Cleveland Press  
of March 24, 1956*

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April 9, 1956

My dear Governor Adams:

At your suggestion I have this morning forwarded the letter of the President of The State of Israel to President Eisenhower to Augusta, Georgia.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my covering note.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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The Honorable Sherman Adams  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.



April 9, 1956

My dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit to you a personal letter from the President of the State of Israel, Itzhak Ben-Zvi, in acknowledgment of the gracious letter which you sent to him, through me, on the occasion of my recent visit to Israel. At the suggestion of Governor Sherman Adams, I am forwarding this letter to you to Augusta.

Your letter to the President of Israel was most warmly received. It was given the widest publicity in the public press. It did much to lift the spirit of the people in a trying hour. The U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Edward Lawson, expressed his feeling that it proved an additional and most welcome proof of the friendship which links the two countries together.

I should greatly welcome, my dear Mr. President, an early opportunity to share with you some of the significant impressions which I gained during my visit where opportunities were afforded to me to discuss the present tense situation with the heads of the government and with other responsible leaders in Israel.

With warmest regards, and trusting that you are well, permit me to remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of The United States  
c/o Augusta National Golf Club  
Augusta, Georgia



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Augusta, Georgia.

April 12, 1956.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you very much for your kindness in transmitting to me the long and interesting letter from the President of Israel. I have studied it carefully, and I am requesting the Secretary of State to do the same.

From different sources I have heard of your effort during your visit to Israel to convince the government and people there of the continued interest of the United States in their welfare and security. Since this is, of course, the fact, I think you have performed a real service.

With respect to a personal conference, I believe it would be best that you, when next you may be in Washington, get in touch with my Appointment Secretary, Mr. Shanley, to see whether we could not arrange a meeting convenient to us both. Assuming that you would want to talk principally about information gathered on your recent trip, I would arrange to have the Secretary of State with us at the time.

With personal regard,

Sincerely,

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

May 1, 1956

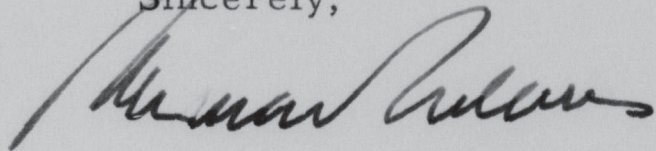
Dear Dr. Silver:

Upon my return to the city, I found your letter of the twenty-seventh.

I was delighted to learn that your meeting with the President and the Secretary of State was such a satisfactory one, and am only sorry that I missed your visit.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Herman Philbrick", written over a faint circular seal of the White House.

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



My dear Mr. Z...

I thank you for the letter which is very kind, and  
thank the opportunity to ~~express~~ <sup>convey</sup> my warm  
greetings to the people of the State of Israel, your freedom  
- and on this day the 14th Anniversary of the establishment of  
the State of Israel. I have followed with admiration the progress  
and development of Israel, and the American people wish to share your  
The problems which exist between Israel and the neighboring

Arab states are in our view all possible of satisfactory solution. The  
Government of the United States is doing its utmost in the friendliest of  
spirit to all concerned to bring about such a speedy solution. The  
State of Israel need have no concern about its national existence  
which the American Government was the first to recognize. Nor need  
it have any concern about any threat to truncate its territory. Nothing  
of the sort is being contemplated. Whatever territorial adjustments  
may be indicated should be made on the basis of negotiation and  
mutual concession. We wish the young State of Israel to be secure  
and prosperous and we wish the same for all the states in the Near  
East. Patience, confidence and good-will will help us greatly along  
the way.

I am sure that the American people is  
entirely in sympathy with every advance to in the  
freedom of spirit to bring about a satisfactory  
solution of the problem which confront the nations  
of the Near East.