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Goldmann, Nahum, 1938-1939.



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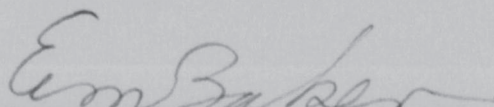
December 21st, 1938.

Rabbi A. H. Silver,  
The Temple,  
East 105th & Ansel Rd.,  
City.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

A day or so after the Dr. Goldman meeting at the Oakwood, I forwarded an inquiry to Mr. Waldman of the the American Jewish Committee. His reply came to hand today. Perhaps it will interest you. After you have finished with it will you be good enough to return it to me for my files-and with every good wish I am,

Cordially yours,

  
E. M. Baker.



December 23, 1938

Mr. E. M. Baker  
Union Commerce Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Ed:

I am returning herewith the letter  
from Waldman. It is very interesting.

Goldmann's story was most impressive  
but the part played by the World Jewish Congress  
was, I suspected, somewhat exaggerated. However,  
his main thesis is correct. We ought to be  
spending more thought and money on political work in  
defense of Jewish rights throughout the world and  
not permit ourselves to be absorbed entirely in the  
philanthropic task which the tragic situation makes  
mandatory.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

Enc.



Dr. NACHUM GOLDMANN

PARIS XVI<sup>e</sup>

83, Avenue de la Grande Armée

May 2nd 1939.

Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Silver,

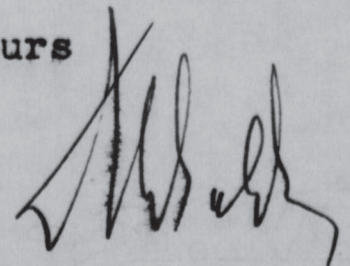
First of all I must bitterly complain to be without any answer from you concerning a grant to the World Jewish Congress. I was sure not only to have an answer very soon to my letter of February 3rd, but to have a substantial grant. I am rather used to the experience that the enthusiasm of American meetings is not always followed by practical action, but in this case I was rather hopeful and sure that you personally would do your best to help us. Being a stubborn optimist by race and profession, I still cling to the hope to get a grant from your Welfare Chest, and I ask you once more to help us.

Just now, with the political situation in eastern European countries more favourable to the Jews, there are many possibilities for doing important work in these countries, which, however, cannot be done for lack of funds. We are now beginning to consider the important and urgent problem of a Jewish Legion in case of war, but in all these activities we are terribly handicapped by our miserable financial position, and any contribution from your group would be most important.

I take this opportunity to remind you of another promise which you gave me concerning Dr. Jacob Klatzkin. You told me that you would be prepared to purchase for a couple of hundreds dollars a set of his books to be distributed to various libraries. I have told of Dr. Klatzkin's extremely difficult and painful position; he needs help quickly. Permit me therefore to ask you whether there is any chance for him of being helped by your Board.

With best greetings,

Very sincerely yours





May 28, 1939

Dr. Nachum Goldmann  
83 Avenue de la Grande Armee  
Paris, France

My dear Goldmann:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 2nd. I am sorry that you must complain bitterly about not receiving any answer from me concerning a grant to the World Jewish Congress. There are a lot of us who are bitterly disappointed about many things. Yours is not a very serious one. It so happened that I had nothing to write to you about until the meeting of the Budget Committee of the Welfare Fund of Cleveland took place, and that was quite recently. The Budget Committee decided not to make any special allocation to any one of the four or five so-called protective or defense agencies which made applications to the Fund, but to set aside a lump sum of money and to request the General Jewish Council (representing the American Jewish Committee, the B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee) to suggest a proper division of this sum. I understand that some other cities have also been forced to this arrangement inasmuch as it is quite impossible for local communities to determine upon the relative merits of these organizations, all of which seem to be doing the same thing.

Our Campaign in Cleveland has just been completed. We are waiting to hear from the Council. If the Council fails to make any recommendations, then our own Budget Committee will make the allocations. I will then be in a position to inform you as to whether the World Jewish Congress has received any part of it, and how much.

With reference to Dr. Klatzkin, I would suggest that you send me a list of the books of which he would like to dispose. I would then make an effort to interest a group of people in purchasing these books and in presenting them to the Cleveland Public Library.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,