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January 21, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver 19810 Shaker Boulevard Shaker Heights Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

It occurred to me that in view of the fact that you are going to be more active in the affairs of the Jewish Agency in the future than you have been in the past, that it might facilitate your inquiry into Jewish Agency affairs if you had a copy of the Agency statement filed, as is required by the law, with the Department of Justice.

I thereupon asked Hy Schulson to go to the Department of Justice and copy the last statement. The enclosed is the only statement on file. It covers the period of October 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946. Some of the figures are very interesting, among others being the \$75,000 which was spent for the World Jewish Congress, as well as the \$12,000 a year which was paid to Meyer Weisgal. I also asked Mr. Schulson to look for the statement of the Arab Office. This statement is not as concise as the Agency statement, but it does show that from Iraq, Syria and the Lebanon alone, the Arab Office received more than \$200,000 last year.

Sincerely yours,

Les R. Sack

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, President Zionist Organization of America 41 East 42 Street New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would like to suggest that you, as the Head of the American Division of the Jewish Agency Executive, or that the Division as such invite, at least once a month, all members of the Actions Committee resident in the United States, or at least those living in New York and the other towns in the East, to a consultation. There are many members of the Actions Committee here in this country.

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Although such meetings will be unofficial and without right to take decisions, I think it will be very useful to continue the tradition of these periodical meetings, as it used to be. I feel that especially in these critical times, the counsel of the members of the actions Committee should be included, at least as a consultative opinion, in the decisions that are being taken.

Apart from this suggestion I would like to have a personal talk with you, dear Dr. Silver, if possible within the next few days. Would you kindly let me know when it will be convenient for you? I know that you are very, yery busy.

Yours very sincerely,

I. Schwarzbart.

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Dear Dr. Silver:

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S Y D N E Y G.P.O. 1869K New York May 29, 1947;

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As Head of the American Branch of the Jewish Agency Executive you may be interested in having a copy of my letter of protest

which I addressed to the Jewish Agency of Jerusalem today.

A copy of this letter has also been sent to the Office of

May I ask you to do something to have this shameful discrimination abolished. Would it not be fairer not to elect veteran members of the Actions Committee, many of whom I think will be loath to be treated in such a way. I hope you will succeed in bringing about a change in attitude very soon, in time even to affect the imminent meeting of the Actions Committee in Jerusalem.

Very singerely yours,

Dr. I. Schwarzbart.

When replying

c/o 1834 Broadway Br. I. Schwarzbart. New York 23, N.Y. May 29, 1947. Jewish Agency for Palestine P.O.B. 92 Jerusalem. Palestine. Dear Friends: I received today from the Office of the Jewish Agency in New York an invitation to a meeting of the Actions Committee, which is to take place a f ew days after the meeting of the Executive scheduled for June 11 in Jerusalem. In the invitation there is the following passage: "In accordance with decisions taken, the Executive is not required to pay the expenses of the Virilist Members who attend Actions Committee meetings". I am protesting this discrimination against Virilist Members of the Actions Committee. It is the first time that such a rule has been introduced and the decision makes the institution of the Virilist Members of the Actions Committee devoid of any real value. I am, therefore, asking you to revoke this decision. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Office of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in New York. Sincerely yours, Dr. I. Schwarzbart. Encl. ISink

664 Paramount Bldg. 323 West Sixth Street Los Anggeles 13, Calif.

June 3, 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am enclosing herewith a statement issued by Professor Leon Roth at a Press Conference in Los Angeles. I presume that Professor Roth is travelling under the auspices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, which is receiving, I believe, a substantial sum from the United Palestine Appeal, money contributed for the furthering of the Zionist cause and not to undermine it.

We are trying to take some steps locally to counteract this statement. However, I feel that the matter is of sufficient importance for you personally to take the matter up with the Friends of the Hebrew University for appropriate action.

"ith complete confidence in your great leadership and with the expectation of greeting you personally soon at the Convention, I am

With Zion Greetings,

(Signed) Theodore Strimling

June 6, 1947

Mr. Theodore Strimling

Los Angeles Zionist Emergency Council

664 Paramount Bldg.

323 West Sixth Street

Los Angeles 13, Calif.

My dear Mr. Strimling:

Thank you for your kind letter. I was shocked to read the newspaper account of Professor Leon Roth's smart alec comments on Palestine. I am referring the matter to the office of the Jewish Agency.

will have the pleasure of seeing you at the Zionist Convention, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS: BK

Dr. Silver 11 June, 1947 Sir. I am instructed by the Secretary-General to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9 June, 1947, transmitting the observations of the Joudsh Agency for Palestine on the letter of 23 May, 1947, from the Government of the United Kingdom. I am to inform you that copies of your letter and its enclosure have been forwarded to the Chairman of the Special Committee on Pelestine, for the information of the Committee. I have the honour to be, Sire Your ebedient Servant, A. SOBOLET nt of Security Council Affairs. Dre Abba Hillel Silver, my for Palestine, low York 21, N.Y.

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BENJAMIN ULIN

I attended a New England Regional meeting last night in the Zionist House in Boston and Dr. Morrison and others, during the course of the meeting, reported that Frank W. Buxton has indicated to Dr. Morrison and others that he was anxious to be of service in the present critical situation of our cause, and especially called attention to the importance of contacting Hutchinson, who also could be of tremendous help.

Buxton indicated that he has been in correspondence with all the members of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry and he is certain that all the members, both English and American, except one, would be ready to help in every way possible, even to the extent (in the case of the English members) of coming to the United States.

I tried to reach you on the phone but was advised that you were out of town so I am taking this means of communicating with you at once.

Mr. Buxton is summering at the Harbor View Hotel, East Gloucester, Mass. (phone number is Gloucester 4150) and I think it might be advisable for you to contact him by phone. He has in recent weeks been in continuous contact with some of the boys here in Boston and seems to be most anxious to be of help.

With kind regards,

### הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל

## The Jewish Agency in Palestine

MEMORANDUM

Washington, D. C. August 7, 1947

To: Members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine

FROM: Eliahu Epstein

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

The following cable received in code from Dr. Snehs

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ההסתדרות הציונית של ארצות הברית

# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42 NP STREET NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

August 8th 1947

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver c/o Dr. Leonard Greenberg R. F. D. #1 Northport, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Silver:

In connection with the Letter of Credit which we are getting at the National City Bank, it will be necessary for you to sign some papers at the bank.

I tried to arrange for you to sign these without having to appear at the bank personally but this cannot be done.

Would you, therefore, be kind enough to sign these papers any time at your convenience at the National City Bank of New York, Madison Avenue and 42nd Street. Kindly ask for Mr. Gruder.

With Zion's greetings, I am,

Very truly yours,

Henry S. Stern

Chief Auditor

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:WE AMERICANS TODAY FACE A CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY. PERHAPS THE GREATEST EVER OFFER TO A SINGLE NATION. IT IS NOTHING LESS THAN A CHANCE TO USE OUR FULL STRENGTH FOR THE PEACE AND FREEDOM OF THE WORLD. SUCH AN EFFORT ENTAILS A REBUILDING OF THE ECONOMIES OF THE WAR SHATTERED NATIONS. THE RECONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE IS A TASK FROM WHICH AMERICANS CAN DECIDE TO STAND APART ONLY IF THEY WISH TO DESERT EVERY PRINCIPLE BY WHICH THEY CLAIM TO LIVE. AS A DECISION OF POLICY. IT WOULD BE THE MOST TRAGIC MISTAKE IN OUR HISTORY. WE MUST TAKE PART IN THIS WORK; WE MUST TAKE OUR FULL PART; WE MUST BE SURE THAT WE DO ENOUGH. WE SHOULD ACT QUICKLY. THE PENALTY OF DELAY IN RECONSTRUCTION IS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE JOB AND TO MULTIPLY DIFFICULTIES. WE REQUIRE A PROMPT AND LARGE SCALE PROGRAMS

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WILL COST: US. IF YOU AGREE WITH THIS PROGRAM. WILL
YOU JOIN WITH ME AND DEAN ACHESON, WINTHROP W. ALDRICH.
HERBERT H. LEHMAN, ROBERT P. PATTERSON, PHILIP D.
REED, JOHN WINANT AND OTHER FRIENDS IN A CITIZENS
COMMITTEE FOR THE MARSHALL PLAN. I WOULD APPRECIATE
A TELEGRAPHIC REPLY COLLECT TO ROBERT P. PATTERSON,

8 WEST FORTIETH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, PLEASE KEEP THIS
MESSAGE CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL WE ARE ABLE HERE TO ANNOUNCE
THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR COMMITTEE.

HENRY L STIMSON CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE FOR THE

Cincinnati, O. November 6, 1947 Dear Dr. Bernstein: I followed the discussion of the Palestine report at the UN with great anxiety, and the enclosed analysis of the debate indicates the gravity of the situation as I see it. For two weeks I did not dare to communicate this my analysis to the responsible spokesmen of the Jewish Agency, because I was sure that they know much better what is going on in the UN and have taken the necessary measures to avert the danger. Unfortunately the situation seems to become worse with every day that passes. I have therefore decided to sound the alarm, perhaps there isxistill a way to frustrate the British-American conspiracy against the majority report. Please hand over the enclosed paper to our policy makers. If we have to lose our case at present, let us lose it with dignity and not be killed as sheep. Example I am enclosing also a copy of my letter to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver concerning the proposed international enclve of the Holy Places. I earnestly hope that I am wrong, and that in the end every thing will turn out all right. Cordially yours, Tracal Lonne PS. If the Zionist Organization has no objection. I intend to send a few copies of this my accusation of the State Department to certain senators.

דר' אבא הלל סילוור קליבלנד

דר' נכבד למאד, שלום וברכה

קראתי את נאומו של כב' לפני אספת "אחוד העמים" בתוב עניין ובסיפוק רוח. אין הדור יתום שכב' דברו וסניגורו.

יודע אני שכב' אינו צריך להסכמתי ואף לא לעצתי, ובכל זאת ארשה לעצמי לנגוע בשאלה שעניינה אותי בזמן הצעת פיל ואשר חוזרת ונשנית כעת עם הצעת החלוקה, והוא גורל שכונות היהודים בסביבת ירושלים. העמדה הציונית הרשמית אז היתה לדרוש במפגיע הפרדת י ירושלים החדשה עם אוכלוסיה היהודים מן ה"הסגר" הבין לאומי, מעין מדינה שתשלום על המקומות הקדושים. מנאומך נראה כאילו הציונית הרשמית לא שינתה את עמדתה בנקודה זו. ואני מרשה לעצמי להמיל ספק בנכנותה של העמדה הזאת.

לדעתי, פוליטיקה טרחיקה ראות צריכה להשתדל שהסדינה הבין-לאוטית
בביכול תקיף את כל השכונות היהודיות מסביב לירושלים עד כדי שרוכ
תושביה יהיו ימודים, כי סוף כל סוף רוב התושבים יטביע את הותטו
על המדינה השלישית בארץ ישראל. אם רוב תושבי ירושלים יהיו יהודים
עברית תתפוס את הסקום הראשון לטעשה אם לא להלכה. וגם נניעתנו
עם מסשלות חוץ תחיה יותר אינטימית ויותר פעילה. על ידי פוליטיקה
בנה, אבל נרונה וסלאה טקט, הסדינה הבין-לאוטית הזאת, שבה אנחנו
נהיה הרוב או קרוב לרוב, תוכל להיות לברכה לטדינתנו הרשטית:
היא תוכל להושים לנו ההזדמנות היותר טובה לתקוע יתד בפוליטיקה
הבין לאוטית, ונשאיר רוב מבריע של תושביה ערבים ונוצרים, הלא
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תהיה קן לחותרי מתתרת של תחת קיומה של הסדינה היהודית, וקולנו

מודה אני שכלפי הוץ מוב שנעמיד פנים כאילו דורשים מאתנו קרבן גדול לוותר על ירושלים החדשה, ולדרוש בשביל זה הנחות בשדה אחר, אבל עמוק בלב אסור לנו לעשות שום צעד שיסייע להפרדת אוכלסי היהודים מן ה"הסגר" הבין-לאומי.

אני כטעט בטוח שרעיון פשוט זה לא נעלם טכב' וסחבריו בהנהלת הפוליטיקה שלנו, ובכל זאת חשבתי לנכון להעירו על זה, כי לעתים תכופות אנו טבקשים חשבונות רכים ורחוקים וטסיהים את דעתנו טן הקרוב והפשוט.

> בכרכת הצלחה בסלחסת סצוה של הגנה על זכיות עסנו ובפ"ש נאסנה

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The Big Trio in the Palestine Debate at the UN Assembly

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Britain, United States and Russia

To the innocent observer, inexperienced in diplomatic tongue and art, the performance of the trio must appear very strange and confusing; the distribution of the roles against all his expectations. Indeed, we expected the British to take up the center of the scene and to play the first fiddle, the United States leading the second fiddle, and finally the Rux Russians joining in at the right time with their usual contrabass roaring against the mellow tunes of the fiddlers.

Instead, we witnessed the withdrawal of the British from the leading role appartaining to them. With an air of detachment they whispered with a feeble voice that all they are interested in is to get out of row Palestine as quacky as possible regardless of any final settlement.

This apparently unexpected move of the British seems to have forced the reluctant United States to step in and occupy the vacant place of the leading performer. In appearance the United States played her role well; she showed a decided interest in a settlement of the Palestine question in accordance with her traditional policy of benevolence toward the Zionists.

We were now prepared for the the familiar Russian contrabass joining in, but once again we were disappointed, or delighted, to see the Russians playing second fiddle to the United States, a spectacle undreamed of in the sphere of the UN where it has become customary to see the Russians drowning every voice of the United States.

No wonder that most of us are ready to draw the conclusion that diplomacy is an unpredictable game, and we should therefore abstain from awaiting logical developments, consistent actions. There seems to be very little logic or even plan in the succession of the events; they seem rather to be dictated by improvisations and temporary moods.

Such attitude, however, may well be suitable to the average spectator, but never to the historian and the statesman who endeavor to understand the course of events and to act upon them respectively. They will always refuse to deliver the course of events as the mercy of mere chance and caprice; they are bound to introduce order and consistency into human affairs.

In our case, therefore, if the logic of the events requires the British in the role of the leading performer, the historian as well as the statesman will not be fooled by the ostentatious show of detachment and disinterest -which by the way betrays best a deep interest- on the side of the British, but they will study and analyze the way the British performed their leading role. The same holds good for the other performers.

We refuse to take their performances at face value, and we try to study the way the United States and Russia played second fiddle and contrabass respectively.

Britain. Whoever reads carefully the statements made by Mr. Creech-Jones of the Colonial office cannot fail to realize that Britain has a definite plan she endeavors to achieve by simulating indifference. But the more Britain tries to show her indifference the more palpable appears her interest. This interest are not general imperialistic aims, not even mainly oil. These are remote causes, but not the immediately determining factors at the present stage of the debate. The main objective of the British at the present moment is to prevent any solution of the Palestine problem which would do justice to the mandate, and they spare no effort to frustrate the work of the Committees. This is logical and humanly understandable. For years and years the British arex have proclaimed that the mandate is unworkable; they assure the world that they have tried the utmost to live up to the terms of the mandate, and it is not their fault if they did not succeeed, but the fault is partly inherent in the m ndate itself and partly the fault of the Jews. We cannot expect the British to help the United Nations to give them the lie. Consequently Britain, in order to defend her alleged prestige, will spare no effort to undermine every possibility of a solution in favor of the mendate.

Secondly, closely connected with this main objective, is Britain's desire of abstaining from anything which could even remotedly hurt the feelings of the Arabs in this particular point. In the third place, the British are determined to hurt the Jews and to hurt their feelings in any possible way, to provoke incidents which could justify their great mistakes.

This is the British role in the great human tragedy of the Jewish people, an unworthy role for a great liberal people, and therefore it has to be played <u>pianissimo</u>. It is of paramount importance for us to be aware of the fact that Britain, though pianissimo, still plays the first fiddle.

The United States. Does the United States second Britain in the above delineated aims? Certainly there is disagreement between the US and Britain with regard to the third point. The US is not interested in scaring the Jews, and they will not second the British in this point unless it is considered unavoidable. But with regard to the two first aims I am afraid there exists a great deal of teamwork between the US and Britain. This may appear a paradox, and I can hear the question: How is it? Did not the US come out openly for partition, a solution rejected by the British?, and did not the US's statement hurt the feelings of the Arabs to a degree as to cause the bombing of the American Consulate in Jerusalem?

But we need only to decipher the diplomatic code of the State Department in order to see that all the US did, not said, was in accordance with her real role to second the British aims. The diplomatic code of the State Department with regard to the Palestine affair is not as secret as certain circles within the

State Department would wish it to be, and certainly is no secret at all to the British. We were able to catch a glimpse of it in the coctail party the Arab Delegations gave to the Secretary of State G. Marshal. The authentic assurance given by the Secretary of States to the Arabs that "his mind is still open" on the Palestine question, is more than needed to unlock the diplomatic code of the Palestine file in the State Department. It means in the first place that the United States intends to keep her mind open for a long time to come which, of course, implies the prevention of a settlement in favor of the Jews, because this would necessarily close the problem and consequently also the "mind" of the State Department. In other words, the United States intends to second Britain in her attempt to prevent any final solution in favor of the Jews.

Once obtained the key to the diplomatic code of the State Department, it does not require much imagination to reconstruct the transaction going on between the Arabs and the State Department. When the Secretary of State at that coctail party was asked by the Arab delegates How the United States dared to hurt the susceptibilities of the Arabs, his answer was very simple and convincing: "You know very well," he probably said, "that this is not the first time that our Government comes out with a declaration in favor of the Zionists, because we have no interest, as do the British, in hurting the feelings of the Jews. But did all these solemn promises of support endanger in any way aux your position? Did we not [find always] an "open" window through which the promises were thrown out as soon as pronounced? What makes you think that this time we really mean it? Why could not we continue the subtle game inaugurated by that "great friend of the Jews", to make declarations in favor of the Jews, but to give you material support? Don't you see that the same men who were entrusted by that great friend of the Jews to liquidate (in the Russian sense of the word) all the promises given to the Jews by official authorities are still employed by us and have been brought to Lake Success from Syria, Lebanon etc to advise you and to give you a helping hand? They will map out the strategy of defeating me. You can count on them; they are capable strategists.'

These Americann advisers, in flose collaboration with their British colleagues, did not lose time; they sat down to work. The preliminary advice they gave the Arabs was to camouflage their move by a barrage of protests and insults against thex capitalistic United States; they might even hinted that they would not mind a bomb tossed against the American Consulate in Jerusalem. Under the cover of such camouflage they could sit down calmly and outline the details of their strategy.

The first plan was based on the obvious supposition that to defeat the United States official declaration there could be no better allies than Russia and her satellites. The Arabs were advised to sympathic with Russia, and, whenever their votes did not matter, to vote war Russia against the United States in order to captivate Russia's sympathy. In that way they hoped to provoke the the opposition of the Russian block against the majority report. Should this happen there would hardly be a prospect for the required two thirds for partation. The problem would remain "open," and so also the mind of the State Department.

But since you can never rely upon an ally like Russia; she might leave you in the lurch and desert you when most needed, the America and British advisers to the Arabs were busy in preparing another plan, an antidote to a possible Russian desertion. There was a more dependable ally, namely Latin America, and especially Argentina, an ally of proved unfailing fealty. In the case of Russia's betrayal and her support of the partition plan, the opposition of Latin America under the lead of Argentina could well be counted upon, especially if the United States tacitly gives her blessing.

When the undependable Russians made their statement of support of the partition plan, and frustrated the first plan of defeating the official declaration of the United States, there was a moment of confusion in the American ranks of the UN delegates, but the men behind the scene, the American advisers to the Arabs, rallied quackly and put the second plan into action; it worked perfectly. Argentina and Cubs, the loyal allies, did not desert the United States in her need; they hastned to save the situation, to open a window through which the official statement of the United States might be thrown on out to the delight of the State Department.

Surely, the United States remained true to her traditional policy of that "great friend of the Jews" which consists in making public utterances in favor of the Jews, but giving substantial and mtangible support to the British and the Arabs.

The Russians. The Russian Statement was, as mentioned above, the most unexpected, and caused no little bewilderment among the American politicians. The confusion was clearly reflected in the various editorials which, instead of welcoming it with satisfaction, were busy in pointing out all the reasons Russia had to side withethe Arabs and to oppose the United States. In the light, however, of the above reconstructed diplomatic labyrinth of the United States with regard to Palestine, Russia's attitude appears perfectly in line with her general policy of opposition to the United States. The Russians, of course, did not mind agreeing with the official declaration of the United States as long as it really meant to frustrate her intent and strategy. We should not be surprised that the Russians were able to penetrate behind the verbal curtain of the State Department; the Arabs, kaakxgaadxaaxexafxinfarmingxkhex RESERVANTE expecting a more advantageous bid from Russia, took good all of informing the Russians about their transactions and horse trading with Britain and America.

Who is now the winner in this diplomatic contest? At first glance Britain and the United States. Indeed, Britain seems to have gotten all she coveted; she has scared the Jews to death, and lackayed the Arabs in a manner that only a labor government, destistitute of self-respect, could accomplish. She finally had assured into United States' connivance, yes collaboration, for her schemes. The advisers of the State Department to the Arabs are sure they have outsmarted the Russians in stalling the majority report through Latin America.

In the long range, however, the Russians do not mind to be defeated in this game, since they will make much more capital out of their defeat than they possibly could have made out of their victory. Indeed, never before was Russia's prestige higher among the Arabs than now. In contrast with the maneuvers of American diplomacy in the Palestine question, the Russians have shown character and determination to maintain their statements and promises; they showed themselves reliable partners. But how can you expect the Arabs to have confidence in our plans and promises when they have witnessed the unbelievable machinations of the State Department to nullify the solemn assurances given to the Jews.

As a matter of fact, never before could Russia count with such certainty upon the a benevolent neutrality of the Arab states in case of a clash in the Near East as now after she has exposed the unreliability of the United States' official statements. Not only in the Near East will Russia make capital out of her defeat, in Europe as well. They will tell the European peoples who still may hang desperately on the utterances of the responsible American spokesmen, that they are clatching at straws; they will show them the fate of the promises given to the Jews. It will be the most effective piece of propaganda, because based on certain real facts.

If the United States believes that all she needs to win the European nations is to offer them material aid, she is very the United States unwittingly seems to adhere to the Marxian doctrine more than do the Russians. The latter seems to know much better the limitations of the Marxian theory. In their struggle for the conquest of Europe, the Russians do not even try to beat us Americans on the field of economics, of material goods, but on that of morals and ethics. What they are after is to expose the weak spots in our diplomatic morals, our double talk, which would undermine the confidence of the nations of Europe and Asia in our officially proclaimed policy. What better deterrent could Russia throw in the face of the European and Asiatic peoples than the United States' dealing with the Jews to whom she has given plenty of solemn assurances, but whom she eventually deserted in the decisive moment. The Jews abroad could not help serving, by their mere presence in the various camps in Germany, France, Italy and Cyprus, as a deterrent to the nations, a scarecrow. The effect of such propaganda cannot be overestimated. The only adequate counter measure which would make impossible such propaganda is not another promise to be thrown out of the window, but character and firmness in making good the promises made to the Jews. Only so can the United States restore her tottering prestige among the nations of the world.

It is now high time that we catch a glimpse of our own world. What is going on in the Jewish political world? Are the responsible spokesmen of the Jewish people aware of the great danger and do they take adequate measures to frustrate the sinister schemes of the men behind the scene? There can be no doubt that

some of the leading personalities in the Zionist organization sense the peril, but I wonder whether they have a clear picture of the gravity of the situation so as to be able to escogitate the best counter moves. What is more disturbing is the fact that a glance at our own political behavior reveals that we share the responsibility for our failure to achieve anything from the State Department. It seems to me that if we get mere words and the Arabs deeds it is because the State Department found out that we love words and ask for words. Indeed, in our dealing with governments we do not cease to talk at lenghth about our achievements, to produce statistics and diagrams showing the miracles we have accomplished, and we want to be praised for the "magnificient job."

Wexhere extreme acknowledge And since it does not cost much to satisfy our vanity, our desire for praise, we get it in abundance; nobody, of course, takes compliments seriously.

That we could be satisfied with empty words we showed a clearly by our reaction to the notorious Roosewelt-Ibn Saudi correspondence. Instead of stigmatizing it as a flagrant betrayal of a would be friend, and rais a vigorous protest against such unworthy double talk, we preferred to cling to the empty words of Roosewelt so lavishly bestowed upon us, and remained loyal worshippers of the "great friend of the Jews." We dismissed the unpleasant affair as a "smart political move." If this is all that a matters the Jews, namely praises and promises, then the problem could be easily handled by the State Department. The State Department decided to follow the traditional Palestine policy to which thus far the Jews tacitly gave their adherence, and with which they seemed to be satisfied.

Our leaders were horrified at an instinctive act of revenge accomplished by irresponsible younsters in the midst of a struggkle of life and death in Palesting. But the same leaders would not find a word of protest against a deliberate stab in the back perpetrated by the President of the United States. All they would say was "He was a smart politician." If we really consider this a feat of smartness, and believe to be still smarter as to outsmart Britain's and the US advisers to the Arabs, I am afraid we are wasting our time and energy. The only chance we have to achieve sonething is to play an open game, and to tell the simple truth that we are not willing to be suckers of the State Department, that we will not cover its nagkedness, its maneuvers and disguises. Telling the truth in a world of legal fictions and illegal artifices, may impress the world and even the State Department much more than any smart disguise.

October 1947 Isaiah Sonne

### UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

2 Park Avenue, Room 1912, New York 16, New York.

December 12, 1947.

My dear Mr. Lourie:

It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity last week of talking with you and Mr. Shertek. As I said to you at the time, I greatly appreciate the offer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, as contained in your letter to me of December 2, 1947, to placeitself at the disposal of the Trusteeship Council in connection with the work of drafting a Statute for Jerusalem.

Testerday afternoon I had the first opportunity of laying this matter before the Trusteeship Council. After I had read your letter to the Council they felt that the Working Committee on Jerusalem should have the power, within its discretion, to invite representatives of communities whose spiritual and religious interests are located in the City of Jerusalem to be present at meetings of the Committee and to present their views on the draft Statute for the City at such times, and under such conditions, as the Working Committee may determine. I enclose a copy of the resolution which was passed by the Trusteeship Council at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

As I have already explained to you, the Working Committee on Jerusalem is now at work charged with making preliminary studies. Its task will be entirely non-political. Like other committees of the Council, it will do its work in closed sessions; but I feel sure that it will wish to avail itself of the help of the Jewish Agency for Palestine as well as representatives of other communities having special spiritual and religious interests in Jerusalem.

Might I suggest that you get into direct touch with Mr. Benjamin Gerig, who is Chairman of the Working Committee. I hope also that you or Mr. Shertok will feel free at any time to get into direct touch with me. We have a very difficult task ahead of us and we shall appreciate your help.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Francis B. Sayre
President of the Trusteeship Council

Enclosure

RESOLUTION

THE TRUSTERSHIP COUNCIL RESOLVES

that the Working Committee on Jerusalem may, at its discretion, invite representatives of communities whose spiritual and religious interests are located in the City of Jerusalem to be present at meetings of the Working Committee and to present their views on the draft Statute for the City at such times and under such conditions as the Working Committee may determine.

December 15, 1947 Mr. Morris Schwartz, President West Side Jewish Center 1299 Blount Road Rocky River 16, Ohio My dear Mr. Schwartz: Permit me to thank you for your kind note and for the check which you enclosed from the West Side Jewish Center. I have this day sent it to the Haganah. You will receive an acknowledgement from the organization's headquarters in New York. Thanking you for your generous contribution, I remain Most cordially yours, AHS: BK 33000

Dr. I. Schwarzbart 539 WEst 112 Street New York, N. Y. December 23, 1947 To Dr. Abba Hille Silver and Dr. Emanuel Newman Dr. Abba Hillel Silver "The Temple" Cleveland, Ohio Dear Dr. Silver: I call especially your attention, as my members of the Executive, to the letter I sent today to the Jewish Agency in Linear and Jerusalem copy of which is herewith enclosed. I regard your departure from here, at the end of this month, as unfortuante for the present situation. This decisive center wherefrom a hidden, or even open, tendency is emanating to torpedo our first achievement will remain desolate after your departure. I would like to convince you, if I could, to postpone your departure and also to try to postpone the meeting of the Actions Committee. Only if the whole net of intrigues against us will be destroyed do you have the right to go to Palestine. What sense is there in gathering all the members of the Actions Committee and of the Executive in one spot at this crucial time and leave the whole political battlefield to the Arabs? I know that my voice is weak but I would like to raise it nevertheless if only to alleviate my conscience. Sincerely yours, I. Schwarzbar IS:yb l enol:

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December 23, 1947

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To the members of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Londone

Dear Friends:

I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion about the present situation. I believe to have the right to do it, if for nothing else than in my capacity as a member of the Actions Committee.

I am completely aware that I have only a few elements from which to form my judgment about what is going on behind the scene. However, this restriction made, I should like to express my worry that the Actions Committee meeting and the meeting of the entire Executive, which are scheduled to take place in Palestine in the near future, are a mistake from the viewpoint of the actual necessities and needs of our movement.

I believe that the implementation of the U N decision is greatly endangered and that, at such a time as this, it would be wiser to have members of the Executive and even members of the Actions Committee go to various places where we are politically weak in order to meet the great danger that our victory could be killed.

I am sure that you are considering the situation from every angle. I am also sure that I am not opening new aspects to you, but I should like, in any case, to contribute my personal view to the considerations you take and to add thus my voice so that your decision may perhaps be changed. Do you not share my views?

With cordial regards,

Yours,

I. Schwargbart

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Dr. SNEH'S Announcement to the press following his resignation from the executive of the Jewish Agency

internal and foreign policy.

"To avoid misinterpretion I feel it as my duty to enlighten the press about the general reasons of my resignation from the Executive, of which I informed the Jewish Agency by my letter of the 21th december 1948, stating that my announcement is final. My decision is not based upon misunderstandings between me and my collegues about detailed questions - it constitutes a principal division of opinions which can be traced to the roots of our

Once the decision by UNO made, the newly born Jewish state is faced by grave dangers: being disturbed and hindered from one side, it may be enslaved to imperialistic domination from the other. It is not only London, but also highly influential government circel in Washington and the Middle-East states where this dangers must be awaited from. Already the first steps of implementation after the The decision by UNO reveal these purposes: the wellknown "none-interference" in the light of bloody disturbances and attacks on the Yishuv, the joint interference of Britain and the U.S. against the illegal immigration of Jews from East Europe.

In view of these dangers and the steps which have to be takenxim to implement nevertheless the UN decision I feel a principal division between the opinions of the members of the Executive and between those of myself, and a common responsability cannot be born by me any longer.

I did not hesitate uptil now to constitute a minority in the coalition of the Executive, but reorganisations in the General-Zionist movement in Palestine make it no longer possible for me to represent it, as I did until now, in the Executive.

I part from my collegues in sincere friendship .

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

My dear Dr. Silver:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of December 1, 1947, with reference to Palestine.

The expression of approval contained in your message with regard to the work of the United States Delegation on the Palestine problem during the recent mession of the General Assembly of the United Nations is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State;

/s/ Joseph C. Satterthwaite Deputy Director, Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

You recall perhaps that after November 29th I have submitted to you a memorandum by Professor Isaiah Sonne, of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati 20, Ohio, on the current political Zionist events.

At Dr. Sonne's request I wish to submit to you another memorandum by him dated March 24th, 1948, for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. S. Bernstein

Director, Palestine Bureau

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March 24, 1948

Dear Dr. Bernstein:

More than four months have elapsed since I sent you my alarming diagnosis and analysis of our political situation ("The Big Trie in the Palestine Debate etc"). Unfortunately this diagnosis has proved exact, and we are now going through an acute crisis.

I could not help picking up the thread of my analysis and apply it to the recent events. It so happened that I derived from it certain directives which, to my mind, may help us to cope with the situation and overcome the grave crisis. You find them enclosed here.

I am well aware of the fact that these directives are, in all probability, known to the heads of our Zionist Office. Yet I thought that those heads might be so absorbed by their practical work that they might welcome suggestions of one who like myself sits on the side lines.

Dr. Tabba Hillel Silver, Mr. Mosh e Shertek, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, please do so.

Hoping you and your's all in good health, I am

Cordially yours,

Isaiah Sonne

### THE DIPLOMATIC OPPORTUNITY

At last the fog is lifted and the terrain is cleared for a beneficial diplomatic action. The Araba got the upper hand in the race for the "word" of the United States. This is the best opportunity for a sensible realistic Jewish diplomacy to achieve some concrete political concessions from the United States, and this under the cover of vehement Jewish protests.

Till now we got fed with "words" while factual support was lavished on the Araba. Now that the Araba got the coveted "words", it is the task of our diplomacy to invert the position. Let us take advantage of our defeat in the realm of words, and try to get something substantial from the U.S. which would make the proposal of trusteeship remain an empty word.

The guiding directives for such a diplomatic campaign seem to me the following:

- 1) Let us make sure that the "mind" of the State Department still remains, and will remain, "open", and let us endeavor to transform it into an "open window" out of which the trustee-ship plan could be thrown as quickly as was the partition plan.
  We shall not forget that the plan speaks only of a temporary settlement. It should not be difficult to reduce the length of the "time" to zero.
- 2) We shall spare no effort to help the State Department in saving face, and to bring about an honorary defeat of the United States proposal. We will have to divorce our offical diplomatic attitude from the public outery of just indignation.
  - 3) We shall emphatically dony that the United States has re-

pudiated the principle of partition. On the contrary, we shall stress the fact that she still stands for this principle, that she only doubts the expediency of its enforcement at the present time. It should be emphasized that, now as before, the United States recognized the premises of the principle of partition, namely that the Jows in Palestine have a right to sovereignty, to independence in the area where they constitute the majority of the population. It may help us in the struggle for recognition of the Jewish Republic whenever proclaimed.

- aske use of the only effective diplomatic weapon in America at the present time, namely the Russian threat. We shall insimuate that the provocation of a reversal of the United States policy on Palestine was deliberately aimed at by Russia in accord with the Arabe. For such a reversal serves perfectly as fuel for the Russian propaganda machine which is feverishly busy to convince the European countries as well as the Arabe of the duplicity of the United States foreign policy and of the unreliability of her promises and her adherence to agreed upon international decisions. The reversal of the United States policy on Palestine will unfortunately strengthen immensely the Russian diplomatic offensive all over the world. It can hartly be balanced by billions of aid to the various countries of Errope.
- States carries only one vote in the international Assembly, a vote which, as far as the decision is concerned, is not weightier than that of Syria or Lebanon. From the moral and juridical point of view the votes of Guatamala and the other small countries of Latin

ments of the State Department make no secret of United States intorests in Palestine, strategy, oil etc. they are impartial and disinterested, while the official pronounce-American are by far weightier than that of the United States, because

- other countries did not follow her land, in order to meet their wishes she has gone so far as to jeopardize On the other hand the United States could show to the Arabs that do not vote according to the dictate and wishes for the United States, but retain their freedom of action like equal partners. egainst Russia. States would best serve the American interests in her cold war countries of Latin America. Such a diplomatic defeat of the United the United States proposal could be torpedeed by the smaller international prestige. It surely is not her fault if the 6) This might be transformed into an instrument by which unlike the Eussian block, the members of the American block The United States could then lay stress on the
- members of the Commission unheard of. wants to placate the fury of the Mufti. It is an insult to the dares to dismiss them and ignore all their findings, because she energy to fulfil the task assigned to them, the United States mission, and after the members had spent their precious time and Statos. could be led by the whims of the immature diplomacy of the United Commission, against the presumption of the United States that they smaller nations, especially those represented in the Palestine 7) we shall also endeavor to stir up a genuine revolt of the First she was instrumental to the setting up of the Com-
- vity from Washington to London, since Britain dictates the United We will have to shift the center of our diplomatic acti-

States foreign policy, and especially that of Palestine. In London as in Washington we shall spare no effort to help Britain in face saving while insisting on the substance of our right to sovereignty and independence. If I am not mistaken there are signs that after our defeat Britain could be won to accept a fait accompli of the proclamation of a Jewish Republic. And it seems to me that there are good changes now to make a deal with Britain.





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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

April 11, 1948

Dear Dr. Silver:

I thoroughly appreciated your cordial and candid letter of April 5th. From your letter, there are obviously certain problems connected with this difficult Palestine situation which we look at from slightly different angles, but I have found from my experience in life that the way to come to understandings is by personal contact between people who may have differences.

It is a great regret to me that on the evening of Wednesday, April 14th, when I am advised you will be here to dine with some of my colleagues. because of a conflicting dinner engagement that evening, I will not be able to attend the dinner. I am wondering whether you will be here a little earlier that day and will give me a chance to see you as there are some points you make in your letter which I would like very much to have the privilege of discussing with you.

I regret exceedingly that my letter of March 27th should apparently have been misinterpreted by many of your friends.

With kindest personal regards and looking forward to seeing you sometime next Wednesday, I remain

Always cordially yours,

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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver American Zionist Emergency Council 542 Madison Avenue

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MEMORANDUM RE CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL SMUTS
TN PRETORIA, APRIL 15TH

The Conference which lasted about 40 minutes, was devoted almost wholly to my suggesstion to him that he take the initiative in making a personal appeal for the neutralisation and internationalisation of Jerusalem. At the end, despite the several specific difficulties which he raised, I felt that there was a chance that he might act within the next few days, if the efforts on behalf of the general truce fail.

My appeal to the General naturally was on the humanitarian and the religious ground, and to him as a leader unique to-day.among ARCHIVES the statesmen, traditionally favourable to the Zionist cause. He seemd impressed by my argument that he could speak as could no other public personality.

His objections to action included his feeling that the neutralisation would be so obviously a Jewish advantage as to be unacceptable to the Arabs; his fear that the feelings between the two peoples had now reached such a pitch that there could be no compromise even in this limited area; and, beyond this his dread that the forces of dissention within the Jewish ranks were such that they would end in kakkik fraticidal strife, comparable to that within the walls of Jerusalem when the Roman legions under Titus were battling may at against the gates.

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Despite these and other objections I returned again and again to my argument that he could and should act. Towards the end of our talk there was a period of silence for what seemed to last for several minutes during which we was obviously thinking through either how he could act or some other suggestion which had come to him during our talk.

At the very end he asked about non-political personalities in the United States, as if he were searching in his mind for someone outstanding personality who might perhaps join with him in the suggested appeal.

Finally he said: "Let us leave it at that," as if implying ARCHIVES that he might act.

I should have inserted earlier the fact that two or three times during the talk General Smuts referred to efforts he had been making through private correspondence with the British authorities to persuade them to stay in Jerusalem. He added however that they had repeatedly replied to him that this was impessible.

J.C.M.D

May 3, 1948 My dear Senator Smith: Please pardon the long delay in acknowledging your kind note of April 11. I have been on the move practically all of the time and my correspondence has sadly lagged. I regret that I was unable to see you on April 14th when I was in Washington. I arrived late in the afternoon and had to leave again early the next morning. I shall, however, be in Washington in the year future and I shall give myself the pleasure of calling on you. with all good wishes, I remain, Very cordially yours, Abbe Hillel Silver Senator H. Alexander Smith United States Senate Washington, D. C.

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Dr. Aba Hillel Silver,
President of the American Section
of the Jewish Agency,
16 E 66
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Dear Sir,

We take the liberty of forwarding to you a translation of our open letter published in today's Jewish Morning Journal which will also appear in a few non Jewish papers.

With all our best wishes, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

E. SHOSPAK

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## OPEN LETTER

To:-

Dr. Aba Hillel Silver,

Chairman of the American Section

of the Jewish Agency.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau,

President of the United Jewish

Appeal.

Dr. Israel Goldstein,

Chairman of the United Jewish

Appeal.

Gentlemen,

As far back as November 1947, the Palestine Delegation of the Revisionist Movement appealed to you, Dr. Silver, as Chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency and outstanding leader of the Zionist Movement in the United States of America, to make an end to the intolerable discrimination in the distribution of the funds of the United Jewish Appeal.

We draw your attention to the fact that while your Party, the party of the General Zionists received from the United Jewish Appeal in 1947 for her institutions in Palestine by way of a direct subsidy, the amount of \$500,000; and that while the Mizrachi received for her institutions in Palestine in the same year and in the same way three quarters of a million, our Party, the second biggest in Palestine, according to the outcome of the elections to the last Zionist Congress, was completely shut out of all support and does not receive a single cent from the United Jewish Appeal.

You, Dr. Silver, more than once openly recognized the justice of our claim and promised to do everything you can to right the wrong and see to it that the same injustice is not repeated in 1948.

Early in 1948 the Palestine Delegation again brought the matter to your attention, Mr. Morgentau and Dr. Israel Goldstein. We called your attention to the discriminatory practice of recent years and asked that as far as the new 1948 appeal is concerned our institutions in Palestine should be treated on an equal basis with those belonging to the Mizrachi, the General Zionists and other parties.

Acting on your advice, Dr. Silver, and Dr. Goldstein, we have submitted to you, and also to Judge Rothenberg, President of the Jewish National Fund, and to Mr. Charles Ress, President of the Keren Hayesod, a written memorandum and a detailed budget of our institutions in Palestine, the main these of which were as follows:

- l. Our agricultural settlements; "Nachalat Jabotinsky" near
  Benyamina; "Ramat T, omkin" near Mishmar Haemek; " Garin Margolin"
  near Emek Hefer; "Tel Zvi", "Ramat Zeev"; "Shechunat Betar" near
  Hedera; Youth Farms in S, uni, Two Children houses and training
  farms \$270,000
- 2. Our National Labour Federation (Histadrut Ovdim Leumit) with its 28 branches and thousands of members in town and country and its various social auxiliary services -

\$702,000

Absorbtion and settlement of new immigrants belonging to pounds, the main burden of providing him with housing, maintenance during the transition period, with a job, with credits etc., being left to the party to which he belongs) -\$392,000

5. Our Central Cooperative Bank the "Otzar Amami" \$168,000

Our Childrens Homes in Tel-Aviv, in Rehovot and in Ramat Gan and the Special Summer Camps for children in Ramat Gan

\$ 57,000

The completing of a number of buildings in Tel-Aviv Ramat Gan, Nathania, Rishon Le Zion, serving our intended to serve as cultural and rest centres of our youth and workers and the erecting of such building in Jerusalem and Haifa -

\$412,000

8. For cultural and educational work amongst our youth; and for her professional training as well as a special subsidy for the Jabotinsky Institute in Tel-Aviv and for the national religious movement of "Achdut Israel" -\$111,000

Total

\$2,362,000

We have pointed out to you, Gentlemen, that for many years the Revisionist Movement has borne alone the burden of maintaining our institutions, but that we fell justified now in asking that the United Jewish Appeal should help us, in part at least, to provide the above budget, in the same way and on the same basis as it helps the institutions of the other Zionist parties in Palestine.

We have to remind you that in April 1948 we have again put our case before a meeting of the Zionist parties and the Jewish Agency representatives in the United States of America. We have made it clear on that occasion that we are prepared to stop in the U.S.A all collection for the Tel Hai - the central financial fund of the Revisionist Movement and place ourselves fully at the disposal of the United Jewish Appeal. You Dr. Silver, emphatically assured us at that meeting that we shall be supported in our claim for a share from the United Jewish Appeal 1948 for our institutions in Palestine.

It is the beginning of July now, the United Jewish Appeal is nearing the end, but no end has been made yet to the discrimination against us. To this day our institutions in Palestine have not received any help whatever from the funds you have sent to Palestine.

- 3 -In the circumstances, we fell it our right and our duty to put to you, the responsible leaders of American Jewry, the question : how can you permit that Jewish fighters, pioneers, workers and builders who made the greates sacrifices for the achievement of Jewish Statehood and who at this very moment occupy the most dangerous positions in Palestine in defence of our liberty and future, should so openly and so outrageously be discriminated against, only because they happen to belong to a movement of political opposition to the official regime ? Every American Jew who contributes to the United Jewish Appeal is convinced that his contribution is being distributed with Justice and impartiality. The contributor himself has no time and no possibility to supervise personally the distribution of his money. In this he relies on you. He trusts your sense of justice and objectivity. How, then, can you tolerate such crying injustice ? You Dr. Silver, Dr. Goldstein, Judge Rothenberg and Mr. C, arles Ress, have visited Palestine more than once and you know very well that our institutions there are in an unbearably difficult position. How then can you acquiesce in such flagrant discrimination against them ? We demand that you make an end immediately to this situation. We insist that our institutions in Palestine receive a fair and proper allocation from the United Jewish A peal without much further delay. We demand justice, fairness and impartiality in the distribution of the United Jewish Appeal in America must not serve as an instrument in perpetuating it. Dr. Joseph Shechtman, Presidme t of the Zionist Revisionist Organisation in America. Eliezer Shostak Member of the World Executive of the Zionist Revisionists of the Actions Committee of World Zionist Organization. Captain Zvi Kolits Members of the World Council of the Zionist Revisionists. Ing. Miron Sheskin, Member of the World Headquarters of the Tel-Hai. Itzhak Hameriri Member of the Executive of the National Labour. TEL HAI FUND INC 55 W 42nd Street, New York 18 NY

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July 16, 1948

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver Omerican Chairna Jewish agrayfor Ralestine New York N. y.

Dear Dr. Silver: -It is my intention to attend the meeting of the actions committee in Tel aviv if and who to take place. a solier must treadily respond to the call, duty under all sidentilestances I am a soldier. relative to the problems and questions that will be Raning from you nice be nost welcond and deeply apreciated. Dernit ne to utilize this apportunity the banget in little time to wide most deserved!) I am confident that Jewish History will to rever remember your nable with profound pride Oard loving, gratitude for the noble courageous and offective role) played by you so gloriously In the divine Draka , the februted , Derbel in Energ Draw - Fred and enderone. This is unortality! DIBA DDE you canned it with sweat blood and tears. If grateful Israel will never jorget it! With Hundest personal regards and

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