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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The other day while discussing with some friends the political outlook for November, the question arose as to the background and personality of Mr. John Foster Dulles, who plays such an important role in shaping the foreign policy of the Republican Party.

The Republican Party and Mr. Dulles are committed by their platform to grant de Jure recognition to Israel, and to strive for the implementation of the United Nations decision on Palestine. These facts are on the record: clear and unequivocal.

However, many questions have been and are being asked regarding the background and general philosophy and beliefs of John Foster Dulles.

It is bruited about with an air of confidential knowledge that he represented powerful elements in this country whose primary concerns were not the general welfare but rather special interests. His position on world affairs as I glean it from periodicals and newspapers, generally appeals to me, and I believe that should he become Secretary of State, as many expect, he would unquestionably play an outstanding role.

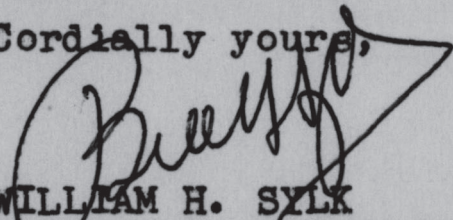
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

September 24, 1948

Would it be possible for you to tell me what you know about Mr. Dulles, and from that what you would conclude his future policy might be?

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Cordially yours,


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September 25th, 1948.

Dr. Aba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor:

At the suggestion of our mutual friend,
Bill Sylk of Philadelphia, I am sending you herewith
the enclosure.

Cordially yours,

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DULLES AGAINST GERMAN ORIENTATION
CLOSES HIS BERLIN OFFICE BECAUSE OF
NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS.

John Foster Dulles, Governor Dewey's advisor on foreign policy, who as is generally accepted will be Secretary of State when Dewey will be elected as President, is, according to a report in the New York Times, unfriendly toward General Clay, the American Commander in Germany and one of the prime movers of the American Policy in Germany. It is assumed that if Dulles will be State Secretary, Clay will relinquish his post in Germany. The Times also reported that Dulles is opposed to the tendency in our State Department to base American Policy in Europe on the restoration of Germany to counteract the power of Russia. Dulles, it is stated, is for a policy to build up France, the historical enemy of Germany, as our chief ally in Europe. It is claimed that Dulles has no confidence in Germany and no excess love for the Germans.

A famous Jewish leader, a close friend of John Foster Dulles, told newspapermen recently that Mr. Dulles, whose law firm has several Jewish partners, closed his Berlin office as soon as the Nazis began their persecution of Jews.

The Dulles law firm, one of the largest in the country, had a rich clientele in Germany and a special office in Berlin. The Berlin office was headed by the young

energetic lawyer, Roger Lamont. In 1935, Mr. Dulles closed the Berlin office and refused to accept as clients German Banks, industrial firms, and Nazi government institutions. The Dulles firm broke off all relations with Germany and Germans. The Dulles office, on the other hand, undertook to collect large sums as reparations for Jewish victims of Nazism. As soon as the war broke out Mr. Lamont volunteered in the English Army and was the first American officer to fall in the battle against the Nazis in 1940.

John Foster Dulles carried on an energetic campaign to counteract Nazi propaganda against Jews in this country. He is an active member of the Good-Will Movement of the Inter-Faith Conference of Jews and Christians, where he works with his friend and well-known leader, Roger Straus, co-chairman of the Conference. At the first United National Conference in San Francisco he worked diligently to incorporate in the charter a provision about human rights for all races and creeds. He cooperated in this with Judge Proskauer and Mr. Golde of the American Jewish Committee.

The friendship of Mr. Dulles for Zionist aspirations and for the State of Israel is well known in informed Zionist circles. At the Republican Convention in Chicago in 1944 he helped Dr. Silver to carry through a plank in the Republican platform for the Jewish State. At the Republican Convention in Philadelphia last summer, together

with Governor Dewey and Senator Taft, he opposed the attempts of the friends of the State Department to dilute the Republican resolution concerning Israel. Thanks to his activities the Convention adopted a strong resolution in favor of Israel. When the partition question was considered by the General Assembly of the United Nations in the fall of 1947, Mr. Dulles, together with Mrs. Roosevelt, urged Secretary Marshall to come out openly in favor of the partition plan.

It is being told in political circles, that before he left for the United Nations Assembly in Paris, Mr. Dulles expressed himself in favor of strengthening the position of Israel in order to secure the existence of the young Jewish State and the peace of the Middle East.

UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Hotel d'Iena,
26, avenue d'Iena,
Paris, France.

September 30, 1948

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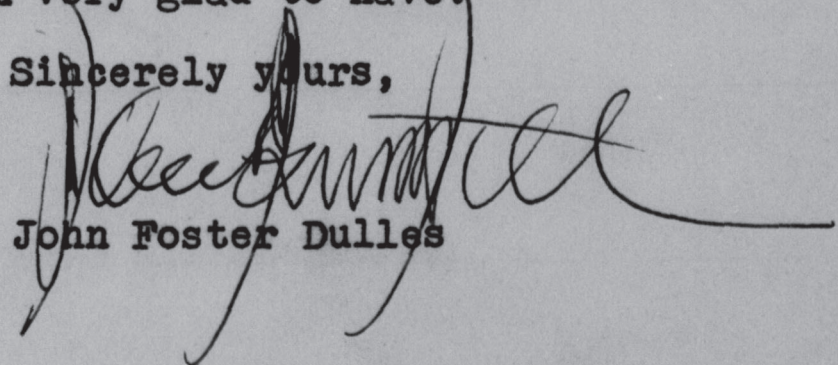
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I received your cable about the Bernadotte Recommendations. Secretary Marshall made his pronouncement without any consultation with me regarding the Bernadotte Recommendations and, indeed, before I had seen the Bernadotte Report. It was, therefore, in no sense a "bi-partisan" decision, but the decision of the Administration.

I have not gone into the matter - indeed I have had no opportunity to go into the matter - sufficiently to form any opinion on the merits. The impression created within the Delegation is that while Jews and Arabs will make pro forma objection to the Recommendations, in fact both regard the Recommendations in broad outline as more satisfactory than the original Assembly proposal. That, however, would not seem to be your viewpoint, which I am very glad to have.

Sincerely yours,


John Foster Dulles

CABLE

OCTOBER 28, 1948

JOHN FOSTER DULLES
AMERICAN EMBASSY
2 AVENUE GABRIEL
PARIS, FRANCE

BRITISH CHINESE PROPOSAL IN SECURITY COUNCIL TO SURRENDER NEGEV
POSITIONS WON IN SEVERE FIGHTING FOLLOWING EGYPTIAN BREACH OF THE
TRUCE IN ATTACKING JEWISH CONVOYS AUTHORIZED BY UN TRUCE COMMISSION
TO TRAVEL IN NEGEV AND TO APPOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SANCTIONS
AGAINST ISRAEL IS GROSSLY UNJUST ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF LAMENTABLE
FAILURE OF SECURITY COUNCIL TO INVOKE SANCTIONS WHEN ARAB ARMIES INVADED
PALESTINE TO ALTER BY FORCE THE DECISION OF THE UN AND IN THE MANY
INSTANCES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE TRUCE BY ARAB ARMIES. STOP PRESS REPORTS
SUGGEST THAT US DELEGATION WOULD BACK THIS RESOLUTION STOP THIS
UNTHINKABLE ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF MOST RECENT DECLARATIONS OF
PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND GOVERNOR DEWEY STOP PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO AVOID
ACTION WHICH CAN ONLY LEAD TO EMBITTERED RESISTANCE AND VIOLENCE WARMEST
GREETINGS

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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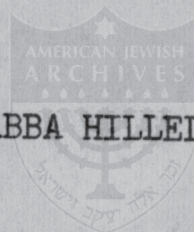
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NOVEMBER 19, 1948

JOHN FOSTER DULLES
2 AVENUE GABRIEL
PARIS, FRANCE

WARMEST FELICITATIONS YOUR APPOINTMENT ACTING CHAIRMAN U.S.
DELEGATION TO UN. YOUR STATESMANSHIP, ERUDITION AND INDEPENDENCE
OF JUDGMENT WILL NOW IN EVEN FULLER MEASURE BE AT SERVICE OF OUR
COUNTRY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL ALSO BE EXERCISED IN
BEHALF OF ISRAEL FOR WHOSE JUST CLAIMS YOU HAVE ALWAYS MANIFESTED
DEEP SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Hotel d'Iena,
26, avenue d'Iena,
Paris 16^e, France.

November 20, 1948

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your cable of
November 19th. I deeply appreciate what
you say.

Sincerely yours,

John Foster Dulles

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th Street and Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio,
U.S.A.