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SEPTEMBER 10, 1948
TELAVIV

LC JEVAGENCY HAMMER
NEWYORK

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO PAYMENT WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE MADE WITHOUT THE WRITTEN
AUTHORIZATION OF NEW ELECTED TREASURER DR GOLDSTEIN OR HIS DEPUTY STOP
AS GOLDSTEIN'S REQUEST HAVE TAKEN UP AGAIN DEPUTY TREASURESHIP REGARDS

DAVID BAHRAL

SEPTEMBER 10, 1948

BAHRAL
MEMISRAEL
TELAVIV

ACKNOWLEDGE YOURS SEPTEMBER 10TH STOP ACCEPT YOUR INSTRUCTION
SUBJECT PAYMENTS PENDING COMMITMENTS PREVIOUSLY MADE STOP BEST
WISHES YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT REGARDS

HAMMER

MILLERS FALLS

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1948

KAPLAN MEMISRAEL TELAVIV

RE ARMY MISSION INTEND BORROW \$500,000 FROM PALPURSER \$250,000 REPAYABLE
MARCH BALANCE REPAYABLE NINE MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING JANUARY
1949 STOP AT GREENBERGS REQUEST AWAITING NEUMANN HALPRIN RETURN TO RATIFY
THIS ACTION SINCE INTEREST RATE FIVE PERCENT STOP JDC TODAY AGREED LEND
JEVAGENCY \$2,000,000 PURPOSES ARMY MISSION REPAYABLE \$1,000,000 DECEMBER
15TH \$1,000,000 FEBRUARY 15TH STOP AGREED TAKE \$1,000,000 REPAYABLE
FEBRUARY FROM WHICH WILL SEND \$500,000 FOR BELGIUM STOP RE SECOND MILLION
TOLD JDC WILL REQUEST YOUR AGREEMENT DECEMBER REPAYMENT MEANWHILE MATTER
IN SUSPENSE STOP RECEIVED TODAY CABLE FROM BAHRAL REQUESTING NO FURTHER
PAYMENTS MADE WITHOUT HIS OR GOLDSTEINS WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION STOP WITH
SILVERS APPROVAL PROCEEDING ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS HOWEVER REQUEST YOU CLARIFY
FOR ME FUTURE RELATIONSHIP JEVAGENCY FUNDS YOUR BG'S REQUESTS PAYMENTS

HAMMER

cc: Dr. Silver (Confidential)

הסוכנות היהודית לארץ ישראל
THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
16 EAST 66TH STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

RHINELANDER 4-4200

September 10, 1948

Cable Address JEVAGENCY

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is with respect to our telephone conversation today regarding the Army Mission, the JDC loan and other related matters.

Attached hereto is a copy of the cable received today from David Bahral, presumably on behalf of Dr. Goldstein; a copy of my response is also appended.

I am grateful to you for your ruling that this notification from Tel Aviv is a general instruction which is not binding on commitments already made and which have to be honored. I am having a complete audit made up to August 31st which will include a statement of our commitments and "accounts payable", so that upon Dr. Goldstein's arrival in New York we will be in a position to discuss these questions and future procedure with him.

After our telephone conversation, I spoke with Mr. Leavitt of the JDC and informed him that we accepted that part of his decision relating to the February 15th repayment of \$1,000,000; in so far as the other million which they want repaid on December 15th is concerned, due to the short term, we would require the consent of Tel Aviv. Leavitt, after checking with his people, agreed to this procedure. He will let us have his check for \$1,000,000 on Monday and await our word with respect to the other million. In the meantime, I hope we will get some response from Tel Aviv; failing that, I will attempt to get the JDC to agree to a longer period; failing that, we will consider whether we ought to take the million at the JDC terms.

Pursuant to your earlier suggestion, I will try to convene an informal meeting of the Members of the Executive as early as possible next week and lay the whole question before them for the purpose of appraising the situation. Another reason for my cautious attitude, which I did not mention to you on the telephone, is that we have old loans maturing in December and early January amounting to about \$1,000,000 and I do not wish to over-extend the Agency's capacity to repay without fully informing the Executive and obtaining their concurrence to these acts.

I am attaching hereto copy of a cable I have sent to Kaplan indicating the position and asking for his views in the matter.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Gottlieb Hammer
Comptroller

GH:mk

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The Jewish Agency for Palestine

MEMORANDUM

September 21, 1948

To: Members of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive.


FROM: Gottlieb Hammer

We are sending you under separate cover a copy of Dr. Bernard Joseph's book entitled "British Rule in Palestine".

This book was published under an arrangement made last winter when Dr. Joseph was here. The Agency has invested something like \$3,600.00.

We now have on hand 750 paper-bound and 250 cloth-bound books. Our problem is what to do with these books. Various suggestions have been made with respect to their disposition. The general consensus of opinion is that this book is not particularly timely but is useful when handled as a reference work. Distribution might be made to reference libraries throughout the country. Should this distribution be made by the Agency, the Emergency Council or by the publisher directly?

This note is being circulated to members of the American Section of the Executive to permit quick disposal of this question when the Executive meets next.



DAY LETTER

OCTOBER 29, 1948

GOTTLIEB HAMMER
JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
16 EAST 66 STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

HAVE YOU RECEIVED REPLY FROM TEL AVIV ABOUT MATERIALS FOR PALESTINE.
IF NOT CABLE AGAIN. I SHOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACTION TAKEN AT NEXT
MEETING OF OUR EXECUTIVE. PLEASE INFORM POLLACK. ALSO TELEPHONE
ROTHENBERG THAT EXECUTIVE WILL TAKE UP SUBJECT OF HIS TELEGRAM
NEXT MONDAY. REGARDS

SILVER

TELEGRAM

10/8/48

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
c/o Rabbi Bernstein
117 Gibbs Street
Rochester, N.Y.

PLEASE TELEPHONE MR. HAMMER THIS AFTERNOON

Elizabeth Rice

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Cable Address JEVAGENCY

December 10, 1948

To the Members of the American Section of the Executive:

There will be a meeting of the American Section of
the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine on Monday,
December 13, 1948 at 8:00 P.M., at 16 East 66th Street, New
York City.

Yours sincerely,



Gottlieb Hammer

GH:eb

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: DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

THE TEMPLE 105 ST AT ANSEL RD=

FOLLOWING CABLE RECEIVED FOR YOU TODAY FROM GOLDMANN
QUOTE RETURNING NEWYORK WEDNESDAY MORNING WOULD APPRECIATE
IF POSSIBLE POSTPONE MEETING EXECUTIVE ABOUT ORGANIZATION
NEWYORK BRANCH TILL MY RETURN OR AT LEAST TAKING FINAL
DECISIONS MY ABSENCE UNQUOTE=

=HAMMER=

December 24, 1948

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer
Jewish Agency
16 East 66th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Hammer:

I have informed Mr. Fahy that from here on his employment will be with the Emergency Council under the terms prevailing heretofore. The Agency, of course, will have to see to it that the Emergency Council receives funds to cover this increase in its budget.

Please be sure to send Mr. Fahy whatever is owing to him up to the first of the year.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 28, 1948

Please reply to:
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Hammer:

I have requested Mr. Manson, who was elected last evening as head of the Public Relations Department, to take up his work as of the first of the new year. He will come in during the week to talk over with you the quarters for his department in the Agency building, and I am sure that you will cooperate with him.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 28, 1948

Please reply to:
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

Based on the decision which was taken last evening, I have informed Manson of his election and requested him to begin work the first of the new year. I would suggest that you immediately take up the question of his salary with the Finance Committee. His salary at the Agency is \$11,000. Something of an increase is indicated.

I am enclosing herewith the letter which I addressed to Mr. Hammer defining his future position in the Agency.

As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

December 28, 1948

Please reply to:
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street
New York, New York

My dear Hammer:

At the meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency held last evening, it was voted unanimously to request you to continue in the office which you now occupy as the representative of the Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and as Secretary to the Finance Committee of the Agency. The Executive also voted to engage the services of a competent man who will act as my secretary, keep the minutes of the Executive Committee, convoke the meetings of this body, take care of the correspondence for me and for the Executive, and function as my contact during my absence with the activities of the Agency. I hope to be able to find such a man before long.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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cd: Dr. E. Neumann

December 29, 1948

Please reply to:
The Temple
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Hammer;

I received the transcript of Mr. Edwin Rosenberg's statement before the Executive on Monday evening, December 27th, but I did not receive the discussion which followed after Dr. Neumann made his presentation. There was a considerable conversation between Mr. Rosenberg and others, and also a statement of mine directed to Mr. Rosenberg and his reply. I would like that entire transcript up to the time that Mr. Rosenberg left the meeting to be sent to me at once.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er
Via Air Mail

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The Jewish Agency for Palestine

MEMORANDUM

January 27, 1949

To: DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

FROM: GOTTLIEB HAMMER

Attached hereto is a letter dated January 21st from Mr. E. N. Grueskin of Sioux City, Iowa, and a copy of Mr. Harry Shapiro's letter to Mr. Grueskin of January 24th.

May I have your instructions in this matter?

January 28, 1949

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Hammer:

In reply to the communication of Mr. Grueskin -- the Jewish Agency for Palestine is not the body to give information about the expenditures of the American Zionist Emergency Council. Mr. Grueskin's letter should be referred to the American Zionist Emergency Council. I would suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Tuvim and request him to communicate with me.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:er

February 17, 1919

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Hammer:

I am enclosing two communications which should be referred
to the Executive.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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March 9, 1949

Cable Address JEVAGENCY

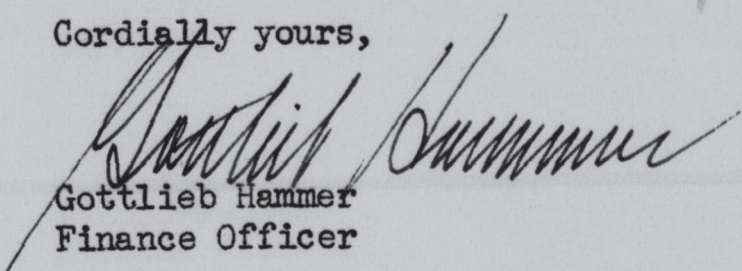
Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Angel Road at 105th Street
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you when you are in New York next to report to you on a matter in which you have a considerable interest.

With warm personal regards.

Cordially yours,


Gottlieb Hammer
Finance Officer

GH:mk

March 14, 1949

Mr. Gottlieb Hammer
Jewish Agency for Palestine
16 East 66th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Hammer:

Thank you for your note of March 9th. I shall be in New York next Sunday and Monday. Please contact me at the Hotel Sulgrave in connection with the matter to which you refer in your letter.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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RECEIVED FOLLOWING FROM JERUSALEM QUOTE MEETING EXECUTIVE
COMMENCES APRIL 25 ACTIONS COMMITTEE MAY 5 UNQUOTE PLEASE
ADVISE IF YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND AND IF YOU REQUIRE US TO
MAKE NECESSARY RESERVATIONS TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS CHAG
SAMEACH=

HAMMER=

APRIL 17. 1949

GOTTLIEB HAMMER
JEWISH AGENCY
16 EAST 66 STREET
NEW YORK

WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING OF ACTIONS COMMITTEE.

REGARDS.

SILVER