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HAIFA 16th January, 1949, חיפה

Dr. A.H. Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, O.,
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Dear Dr. Silver,

All of us in Israel are naturally disturbed about the dispute in the U.P.A., lest it affect the collections of the U.J.A. and thereby hinders the important work of immigration and colonisation.

It has occurred to me that if the resignation of Henry Morgenthau is final, the situation might be remedied if we can induce Governor Herbert H. Lehman to become the Chairman of the U.J.A. in the forthcoming year. It seems to me that he would have all the advantages that Morgenthau had without any "entangling alliances", while, at the same time, his support of President Truman in the elections might be capitalised to the advantage of our cause.

I am passing this on to you as a suggestion that I thought might be acceptable to you and your associates.

With kind personal regards, and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Bernard A. Rosenblatt

BERNARD A. ROSENBLATT

To: Mr. Frank Goldman
Mr. Maurice Bisgyer

FROM: Paul Richman

January 17, 1949

About three weeks ago I spoke to Alfred May, a representative of the Ford Motor Company on the telephone. He asked me if I knew whether or not the government of Israel was interested in buying farm equipment. He said that he had received a call from a Wall Street broker who stated that he was acting as a mediator for the government of Israel and seeking to buy farm equipment. Alfred May told me that the Ford Motor Company does not deal with any mediators or brokers but only directly with buyers. I then suggested to Al that this could be a tremendous project for the Ford Motor Company and more than anything else in cementing the good-will efforts that Henry Ford, II has been seeking, by supplying Israel with the farm and motor vehicle equipment that it needs. That while only a few top people in Jewish circles knew of these efforts, such a deal with the State of Israel would dramatize their new fair-minded attitude more than anything else. He asked me if I knew of anyone at the Israeli Mission. When I replied in the affirmative, he asked me to find out if they may be interested in some such deal. I contacted Harry Zinder, whom I know intimately, and after conferring with Eliahu Epstein, he replied that the government of Israel would consider favorably some possible deal with the Ford Motor Company.

I had been meeting with Arthur Newmeyer, Washington representative of the Ford Motor Company on an Interfaith Boys project, and I informed Arthur something of my conversation with Alfred May and Harry Zinder. It so happened that Henry Ford and his personal adviser and assistant, Allen Merrill, came to Washington last Wednesday and Arthur invited me to meet Mr. Ford, II, and his assistant, at the Statler Hotel Wednesday afternoon. I did not suspect that any such conversation would arise regarding the deal with the government of Israel, but that turned out to be the main object of the discussion with Henry Ford. Allen Merrill and Arthur Newmeyer. Also present was Mr. Earl Newsome of New York, who is the over-all public relations man for the Ford Motor Company.

I again emphasized the importance of a contribution that the Ford Motor Company could make to the new struggling government of Israel and they seemed to be impressed with what I had to say. They asked me to arrange a meeting with Mr. Epstein for today, Monday, January 17, and in from Detroit came Allen Merrill with two experts from their International Department. We went over to the Israeli Mission, but found that Mr. Eliahu Epstein could not attend the meeting because of illness. However, Oscar Gass, their chief economic adviser received us and gave the four people a comprehensive understanding of the economic needs of the new government and, specifically, a general idea of what they would need in the way of farm equipment and motor vehicles. Mr. Gass, who was connected with Robert Nathan Associates, whom I have known for some time, gave an amazingly clear picture, with which the Ford representatives were highly impressed. The Ford people said they had nothing to offer at this particular time, but would study the situation

and present some proposition which they believe could best fit in with the needs of the government of Israel, possibly by including an assembly plant in Israel which they had planned to institute elsewhere.

I introduced the Ford officials to Mr. Gass by stating that I had come as a representative of B'nai B'rith, which was interested in promoting good-will relations among all peoples, and because of the apparent sincerity of Henry Ford, II, to do the same thing, was interested in making a contribution to the Jewish people, I was anxious that the two parties get together. I suggested further to the Ford officials that if there are future meetings, I should like to have present Mr. Maurice Bisgyer, and possibly if an Israel deal was consummated, I should like to see pictures taken of Mr. Frank Goldman, Mr. Henry Ford, II, and Mr. Epstein, which would be released to the general American public.



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