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December 6, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I was indeed sorry that I missed you last Wednesday, but I was sick in bed until this morning.

I need hardly repeat to you that I am at your service at any time, in connection with the work of the Palestine Commission.

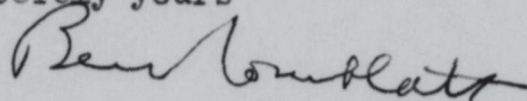
Some time ago you were good enough to invite me, among others, to submit some ideas for the consideration of the Emergency Committee, but because of my legal training I hesitate to do so unless it is in connection with an actual pending matter, when we can focus our complete attention upon the subject. Something has now occurred that has disturbed me very much. I refer to the news item in the New York Times of several days ago, in connection with the bill sponsored by Congressman Rogers and others. I realize that this is a matter rather within the province of the American Jewish Conference, but as it really overlaps, it is not out of place to discuss it at this time.

I am afraid that our representatives failed to make a strong legal case for Palestine as a sine qua non for any consideration of the problem of Jewish refugees, for otherwise Congressman Rogers could not have answered as he is reported to have answered in the New York Times. In other words, we must take the position that anyone who fails to mention Palestine as a major factor in connection with the refugee problem is simply perpetrating a fake upon the public - and I cannot make the language strong enough. If it is handled in this way, and the emphasis is placed upon our right for Palestine as a place of refuge, guaranteed us by the League of Nations, and endorsed by our own government, we are simply giving the green light to the "Army Committee" and its various fronts, who will simply bury us in a new committee of inaction.

I am writing so frankly to you because I know I can rely upon you to take bold action whenever necessary. We must appear in force at the Congressional hearings in Washington and it must be done without delay.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours



Bernard A. Rosenblatt
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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

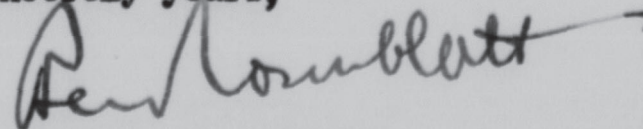
I tried to get in touch with you today, but missed you at the hotel.

I wanted to see you particularly to discuss the possibility of enlisting Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind in connection with our work in Washington. You know that he is the former partner of Senator Wagner, and has very important connections in Washington. And I know, because he happens to be an intimate friend of my brother's, that he is very much interested in our work.

When you get a chance, I should to meet with you and we could perhaps arrange a meeting between you and Judge Rifkind.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Bernard A. Rosenblatt
President

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January 6, 1944

Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt
80 Broad Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Judge Rosenblatt:

I am sorry that Judge Rivkind and I
could not meet last Tuesday. I should very much
like to see him. Perhaps during my next visit such
a meeting can be arranged.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

BJK:AHS: