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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Washington

July 17 1956

In reply refer to  
WEA 886.411/7-656

Dear Senator Potter:

I have received your communication of July 6, 1956, enclosing a further letter from Mr. Sol A. Dann in which he expresses the view that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) is not adequately verifying the refugee status of those it is assisting.

To some extent, the procedure suggested by Mr. Dann has been used by UNRWA. Unfortunately, however, substantial numbers of the Palestinians who were formerly resident in the territory now occupied by Israel were not property owners, and existing records of tenant occupancy are completely inadequate. One aspect of the problem is indicated by the fact that about one-half the total number of refugees are under sixteen years of age. For the most part, therefore, UNRWA has been forced to rely on the statements of village leaders and other refugees who were well acquainted with the communities in which the refugees were formerly resident.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Robert C. Hill  
Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

From Mr. Dann,  
July 3, 1956.

The Honorable  
Charles E. Potter,  
United States Senate.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Washington

August 9 1956

In reply refer to  
WMA 886.411/7-2456

Dear Senator Potter:

I have received your letter of July 24, 1956, enclosing a letter from Mr. Sal A. Damm concerning the Palestine refugees. Mr. Damm has asked for two copies of a list of the refugees in the "Lebanon and Syrian UNRWA Sections," which we interpret to mean a list of those refugees residing in Lebanon and Syria who are provided assistance by UNRWA. He has asked that "the list should include a detailed description of the refugee plus all the evidence UNRWA relied upon to verify and determine the former domicile and status of the refugee receiving gratuitous assistance."

As Mr. Hill stated in his letter to you of June 27, 1956, which referred to an earlier communication from Mr. Damm, there were 158,148 refugees in Lebanon and 89,830 in Syria as of April of this year. The Department does not believe that it would be justified in incurring the very considerable expense that would be involved in securing and transmitting to Mr. Damm names and descriptive data on nearly 200,000 persons. This information is, of course, available to the United States Representative on the Advisory Commission of UNRWA at Beirut.

Sincerely yours,

/s/  
Roderic L. O'Connor  
Acting Assistant Secretary

Enclosure:

From Mr. Damm,  
July 21, 1956.

The Honorable  
Charles E. Potter,  
United States Senate.



August 23, 1956

Senator Charles E. Potter  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: State Department  
No. NEA 886.411/7-2456

Receipt is acknowledged of the letter of the Department of State to you dated August 9th, which I have just received. It is my desire to have Congress and especially Senator Potter furnished with authoritative information from which the exact number of so-called "Arab Refugees" from the area of Palestine now occupied by Israel (or at least within some reasonable approximate degree of certainty), can be determined.

I, therefore, again request our State Department, through you, to obtain this information from our United States representative on the Advisory Commission of UNRRA at Beirut with reference only to the so-called camps in Lebanon, *or SYRIA*.

To further simplify my request, the information can be limited to the full name of the refugee, his age, present camp identification, former address in the area of Israel before 1948, whether as tenant or owner of the property, if as tenant how long he lived there and name of landlord, if as owner when land was purchased and from whom, purchase price, and brief description of the property involved.

Section 16.464 of Michigan Statutes Annotated, as amended, provides among other things as follows:

"\*\*\* Whenever a citizen makes a personal visit to one of said offices during its regular office hours, and makes inquiry as to the name, address or amount of assistance being received by any person, he shall be given promptly the information requested: Provided, That if any employee shall fail to furnish promptly to any caller the required information he shall be found insubordinate and subject to immediate dismissal."

While the section quoted has no extra-territorial effect, the logic and reason behind its adoption apply with equal if not more force to those who are gratuitously receiving assistance from Michigan taxpayers.



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

September 10, 1956

Mr. Bernard Katzen  
19 W. 44th Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Bernie:

Since you were out of town when I tried to reach you by phone today, I am sending you this note to stress the urgency of the ZOA Convention matter -- although I am sure that your secretary conveyed my message.

The Convention is almost upon us and the Program must be finalized in a matter of days. Having received no further word from you on the invitation to Vice President Nixon, I fear that we will soon have no alternative but to announce the program as it now shapes up -- with top Democratic representation, but with the Republican Administration conspicuously absent. I know how strongly you wish to avoid this, and that you are fully aware of our own desire to keep the Convention from assuming a politically partisan character. But we must have the full cooperation of the Republican Party.

I therefore urge you as strongly as I can to bend every effort to bring about Vice President Nixon's immediate acceptance. As matters now stand, the best dates would be: (1) Saturday evening, October 6; (2) Friday afternoon, October 5.

Do let me hear from you as speedily as possible.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:ha



Dr. Emanuel Neumann

September 12, 1956

Harold P. Manson

Kefauver 7<sup>th</sup>

Thurs  
4 Oct. 4-7

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1. As you will see from the attached, Senator Kefauver's appearance at our Convention on Sunday, October 7th has been confirmed. I have managed to keep the exact time of the session (afternoon or evening) open, but this will have to be finalized within a matter of days if we wish to avoid complications (both Stevenson and Kefauver are under heavy pressure to accept other engagements). Which brings me to --
2. The Republicans.  
Naturally I'm taking full advantage of the opportunity we now have to use Kefauver's acceptance as pressure on the Republicans. As you know, Katzen had been most optimistic about his ability to get Nixon to come to the Convention, and I have therefore left the matter in his hands, wishing to give him every opportunity to "deliver." But, as I believe I made clear in my last note to him, time is running out. Last year, you will recall, we found it necessary to turn to our friends on the White House staff and make extraordinary efforts to bring about Brownell's appearance. The question, therefore, is: shall we do the same at this time, or take the attitude that the Republicans aren't anxious about matching the Democrats at our Convention, "it's their tough luck"? I hope to obtain the advice of Dr. Silver, to whom I am sending a copy of this memo, in this regard. Meanwhile I am, of course, putting the heat on Katzen.
3. I have given considerable thought to the question of a message to the Convention from Eisenhower -- and one from Stevenson. The pro's and con's are no doubt obvious to you and need not be reviewed here. I am inclined to do the following: feel out the situation to determine whether we can get meaningful statements from Eisenhower and Stevenson before formally requesting such messages. I think I can manage to get this done discreetly through friends in the Stevenson camp. Perhaps Dr. Silver would wish to do this with respect to the President via Sherman Adams and others and, at the same time, to bolster the effort to get Nixon to come.
4. As for the content of the addresses at the Convention -- I will try to get a suggested draft in Kefauver's hands. Where the Republican -- Nixon or another Cabinet member -- is concerned, we will have to wait and see.

Please let me know your views about these matters.

Warmest regards.

HPM:ha

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cc: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver ✓

Mortimer May

Rabbi Leon I. Feuer

Dear Dr. Silver,  
would be grateful  
for your advice.  
Harold



Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

C O P Y

WESTERN UNION

ZIONIST ORG. OF AMERICA 9-12-56

MR. JAMES FINNEGAN  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEADQUARTERS  
HOTEL BILTMORE  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

PROFONDEST THANKS YOUR WONDERFUL COOPERATION IN ARRANGING SENATOR KEFAUVER'S APPEARANCE OUR CONVENTION. FOLLOWING WIRE SENT SENATOR KEFAUVER TODAY BY MORTIMER MAY, PRESIDENT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA, WITH COPY TO CHARLES TYROLLER IN WASHINGTON QUOTE DELIGHTED YOUR ACCEPTANCE INVITATION ADDRESS NATIONAL CONVENTION ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA AT MAYFLOWER WASHINGTON SUNDAY OCTOBER SEVENTH. AM CERTAIN DELEGATES WILL WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY HAIL YOUR MAGNIFICENT SUPPORT ZIONIST CAUSE THROUGHOUT YEARS. WILL ADVISE YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES EXACT TIME OF SESSION SHORTLY UNQUOTE. KINDEST REGARDS.

HAROLD P. MANSON





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ההסתדרות הציונית



# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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September 13, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Following receipt of your letter of September 7 I explained to the ZOA Book Shop how your book should -- and should not -- be exploited. I am looking forward to receiving a copy.

I will send Marvin Lowenthal a reminder about the review for the Herald Tribune. (I assume that you have asked the Macmillan people to send a review copy directly to him at the Brandeis University Library.) I wish I could do something about the Times Book Review as well, but unless one can make one's point through a critic with an established working relationship with the paper (as is the case with Marvin and the Herald Tribune), one can do a great deal of harm, rather than good, by making any move which smacks of "pressure."

I use whatever free time I can find to plug away at my project. During this period the Z.O.A. leaves few moments and little energy for the task. I did manage to put in a couple of weeks of extended work during July, and I intend to stay with it. I'll give you a full picture of how the project shapes up when next we meet.

I am most anxious to get your views on the matters dealt with in my memo of yesterday to Neumann, a copy of which I sent to you, and I may phone you within the next day or so.

Apart from having spent the Rosh Hashanah period flat on my back with virus and my present recuperation from the cure, all is well with me.

My very best wishes to all the Silvers -- all three households -- for a Happy New Year.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:ha



Dr. Silver

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September 18, 1956

To Dr. Emanuel Neumann

From Harold P. Manson

1. Just for the record -- Dr. Silver gave me a full report of his efforts -- which, as you know, proved to be successful -- to get Vice President Nixon to come to our Convention. These efforts were largely concentrated in the White House. Moreover, in pursuing this matter Dr. Silver stressed -- and this was fully understood -- that Nixon has got to "say something."

I find it necessary to record this in order to avert any false impressions that may have been created as to how and by whom Nixon's acceptance was obtained. This was a thought-out and concerted effort, with Kefauver's acceptance serving as the major factor, with Dr. Silver's interventions being most important among the personal contacts, and with very salutary contributions by Katzen and his colleagues. (I deliberately omit any assessment of my own role.)

2. From my conversation with Katzen it was clear that the Republicans have been advised that the Sunday afternoon session is the "better" one, and they are indicating a preference for this time. This matter must be decided without delay, not only to finalize the Nixon arrangements, but the Kefauver appearance as well.

Warmest regards.

cc: Mortimer May  
Jacques Torczyner  
Dr. Sidney Marks

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*For your information.  
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September 25, 1956

Senator Estes Kefauver  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Kefauver:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you once again in connection with your address of Sunday, October 7 at the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America in Washington, trusting that your office will transmit this letter and the accompanying material to you.

Our past relations encourage me to believe that I may offer a few suggestions for your consideration in preparing your address, which will no doubt be devoted to the question of American policy towards Israel and the Middle East generally. I hope that you will find the enclosed material, as well as the comments set down here, helpful in this respect.

1. Among the accompanying items, the chronology contained in the pamphlet "Calendar of Calamity" should be particularly useful for the evaluation of the Administration's Middle East policies which you surely plan to include in your speech.
2. A few excerpts from the press release reporting your address at the ZOA dinner in New York in November, 1954 are also included. The criticisms you voiced at that time are, regrettably, still very pertinent.
3. You will no doubt wish to affirm the position taken in the 1956 Platform of the Democratic Party, particularly the forthright statement that the United States should supply defensive arms to Israel. A copy of the Democratic Plank on the Middle East is enclosed.
4. I am sure, too, that you plan to deal with the Suez Canal crisis and its implications and to insist that Israel's rights of free passage through the Canal must be assured in any settlement of the conflict with Egypt.
5. Permit me to suggest, too, that, in addition to your comments on our Middle East policy, you might find that your appearance at the Convention affords an appropriate occasion for a tribute to the Zionist Organization of America and its work. I know that the delegates would be very pleased with a statement on this subject along the lines of your remarks at the 1954 dinner, which are enclosed.

If there is any additional material that you may wish to have, you need only let me know.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Encls.

Mortimer May



cc; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

*For your information -  
Harold*

September 25, 1956

Mr. Douglas Fisher  
Executive Counsel to the Governor  
State Capitol  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I trust that you received the additional material I sent you in connection with Governor Clement's address of October 2 in Houston. The chronology contained in the pamphlet "Calendar of Calamity" should be particularly useful for the evaluation of the Administration's current policy in the Middle East which Governor Clement surely plans to include in his speech. I am enclosing an additional copy of this.

I am also sure that the Governor will wish to affirm the position taken in the 1956 Platform of the Democratic Party, particularly the forthright statement that the United States should supply defensive arms to Israel. A copy of the Democratic Plank on the Middle East is enclosed.

Permit me to suggest that, in addition to his comments on our Middle East policy, Governor Clement might find the October 2 dinner on appropriate occasion for paying tribute to the Zionist Organization of America which is today continuing the great work it undertook when it helped to bring about the creation of the State of Israel and is currently engaged in fostering closer ties and greater understanding between the people of Israel and our own country, thereby serving the interests of American democracy in a vital area.

If there is any additional material that you require in this connection, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.

I have asked our American Zionist Fund Department to fill in the information requested on the form you sent me and am assured that it is going forward to you.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

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Encls.



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WOODWARD 1-1008

September 26, 1956.

Miss Mollie Flynn,  
UNRWA Liaison Office,  
United Nations Secretariat Bldg.  
New York City, New York.

Re: "Arab Refugees"  
Secretary of State file #NEA  
886.411/8-2856

Dear Miss Flynn:

I was referred to you by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Roderick L. O'Connor, for the information which I am seeking.

It appears that a majority of the number of persons presently receiving UNRWA assistance are not legitimate Arab refugees from the area now occupied by the State of Israel.

Mr. O'Connor suggested that I write to you for the following information, namely: 1. full name of refugee; 2. his age; 3. present camp identification; 4. former address in the area of Israel before 1948; 5. whether as tenant or owner of the property; 6. if as tenant how long he lived there and name and address of landlord; if as owner, when land was purchased and from whom; 7. purchase price and brief description of the property involved; 8. brief description of those comprising his family when he entered the camp and 10. their present whereabouts.

The information sought may be confined to the camps in Syria since this would involve only a summary of your investigation records of ~~21,416~~ families,  
4,602 (figure is UNRWA's)

Thanking you for your cooperation and trusting you will be able to promptly send me this information, I remain

Sincerely,

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UNITED NATIONS

RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY  
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES



NATIONS UNIES

OFFICE DE SECOURS ET DE TRAVAUX  
POUR LES REFUGIES DE PALESTINE

Headquarters Office, Beirut, Lebanon

Cables: UNRWA

Liaison Office, United Nations, New York, U.S.A.

Telephone: PLaza 4-1234

SG 455/062

4 October 1956

Dear Mr. Dann,

Your letter of 26 September concerning the Arab refugees has been received and forwarded to UNRWA Headquarters in Beirut for reply.

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I very much fear that the Agency does not have information regarding individual refugees in the extensive detail which you have requested. Particularly, it is doubtful whether we have any information regarding land ownership or transfer of holdings in the area of Israel before 1948. At the present time, the Conciliation Commission for Palestine is engaged in identification of Arab holdings within Israel, but this project is not yet completed.

Because of your obvious interest in the Arab refugee problem, I am sending under separate cover copies of the Report of the Director, UNRWA, to the Ninth and Tenth Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly. In the near future the Director will be submitting the report to the Eleventh Session of the Assembly, a copy of which we will be pleased to forward if you so request.

Thank you very much for your letter and for your interest in the programme of assistance to Palestine refugees.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Molly Flynn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.  
Molly Flynn  
Liaison Officer

Mr. Sol A. Dann  
Dann, Rosenbaum & Bloom  
1820 David Stott Building  
Detroit 26, Michigan



October 10, 1956.

Palestine Conciliation Commission,  
United Nations Building,  
New York City, New York.

Gentlemen:

I read with interest a statement in today's New York Times that a survey was being made at this time to identify the property of those Arabs who claim to be refugees from the area now occupied by Israel.

I was, however, more surprised to learn that this work would not be completed before sometime in 1957.

During the last eight years claims have been made in behalf of the Arabs, and negotiations by our State Department have been predicated upon certain facts and figures, which were apparently non-existent or at least never verified with any reasonable amount of investigation.

I called these exaggerated and unfounded claims to the attention of our State Department. They practically admitted as much. (State Department file #NEA 886, 411/8-2856.)

To prove what I contend is a fraud upon the American tax paying public, is the following information which I sought, namely: 1. full name of refugee; 2. his age; 3. present camp identification; 4. former address in the area of Israel before 1948; 5. whether as tenant or owner of the property; 6. if as tenant how long he lived there and name and address of landlord; if as owner, when land was purchased and from whom; 7. purchase price and brief description of the property involved; 8. brief description of those comprising his family when he entered the camp, and 10. their present whereabouts.

The information sought may be confined to the camps in Syria since this would involve only a summary of your investigation records of ~~21,416~~ families.

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The foregoing is only a small part of the lengthy questionnaire which American citizens in this country are compelled to answer before they can obtain what they are legally entitled to via relief benefits in the nature of social security, old age assistance, welfare, etc. (before they begin to receive the benefits.)



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Maison UNESCO  
BEYROUTH

16 October 1956

Dear Mr. Dann:

I write with reference to your letter of 26 September to Miss Flynn and her reply to you of 4 October. Miss Flynn sent copies of both letters here for any further reply we thought might be in order.

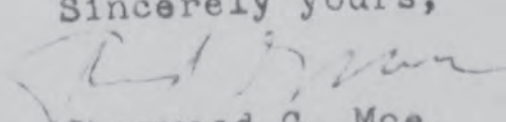
In the first place, I confirm Miss Flynn's statement to you that the collection of information concerning land ownership is not the task of this Agency but of the Conciliation Commission for Palestine.

As regards the other information you requested, such as the name, age and present address of refugees, this is of course available to the Agency and, indeed, constitutes the basic documentation upon which our work of making available relief services is performed. I regret, however, that we do not have the facilities, particularly in terms of staff, to go through these records, abstract from them the information you have asked for, and prepare this in suitable form for forwarding to you.

I assume that your request relates to the statement in the second paragraph of your letter that: "It appears that a majority of the number of persons presently receiving UNRWA assistance are not legitimate Arab refugees from areas now occupied by the State of Israel". In any event, I must observe that this statement is incorrect. Our present ration rolls are the result of patient investigations over the past years and, with the exception of Jordan, contain only people who are entitled to relief and are in need of it. As indicated in Section VI of the Special Report of the Director Concerning Other Claimants for Relief, of which I believe Miss Flynn sent you a copy, the situation in Jordan is exceptional in that there is a certain number of people receiving relief to which they are not entitled, but this number is at least equalled by the number of people who are entitled to rations but do not receive them. The Agency is convinced, therefore, that while there may be some inequities in the distribution within the refugee population, there is none so far as that population as a whole is concerned.

I hope the foregoing has been of some assistance, and if there is anything further of this nature that would be of use to you, we shall be happy to supply it. In the meantime, with appreciation for your interest in our work, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Sherwood G. Moe,

Executive Assistant to the Director

Mr. Sol A. Dann  
1820 David Scott Building  
Detroit 26, Michigan



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### SUMMARY OF PALESTINE - REFUGEE POPULATIONS as of 30 June 1955

COUNTRY	CAMPS	NOT IN CAMPS	TOTAL
GAZA	124,107	90,494	214,601
JORDAN	153,250	346,356	499,606
LEBANON	38,670	64,930	103,600
SYRIA	19,725	68,454	88,179
TOTAL	335,752	570,234	905,986



## Memorandum

To: ZOA DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEADERS

Date: October 30, 1956

From: Harold P. Manson  
Executive Vice-Chairman, Department of Public Information

Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Our task is clear. We must inform public opinion on the causes of the Middle East crisis. We must keep the fundamental issues from being hidden by the smoke of battle. We must present the facts!

The following telegram was sent today to a number of Zionist leaders throughout the country by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, President of the ZOA. Please make certain that the information it contains is fully and effectively utilized in all phases of your current Zionist work. The text of the telegram follows:

OUR FIRST DUTY IN PRESENT CRISIS IS ENSURE BASIC FACTS ARE KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD BY PUBLIC OPINION. WE MUST NOT PERMIT TODAY'S HEADLINES OBSCURE REAL CAUSES OF CONFLICT. PLEASE STRESS FOLLOWING POINTS IN PROVIDING INFORMATION YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND MOULDERS OF OPINION:

LONG HISTORY OF ARAB HOSTILITY AND REJECTIONS OF ISRAEL'S PEACE OFFERS.

INTENSIFICATION FEDAYEEN ATTACKS FROM EGYPT AND ISRAEL'S ELEMENTARY DUTY DEFEND ITS CITIZENS FROM BEING TREATED AS CLAY PIGEONS BY ARAB MURDER GANGS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW WESTERN POWERS' FAILURE END SUCH ATTACKS THROUGH UNITED NATIONS.

EGYPTIAN MILITARY MOBILIZATION WHICH WAS REPORTED IN AMERICAN PRESS PRIOR TO ISRAEL'S MOBILIZATION.

MILITARY ALLIANCE CONCLUDED OCTOBER 24 BETWEEN EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN WITH AVOWED AIM ANNIHILATING ISRAEL.

MOVEMENT IRAQI FORCES TO JORDANIAN BORDER.

FINALLY, FAILURE WESTERN POWERS, PARTICULARLY OUR GOVERNMENT, PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH ADEQUATE SECURITY GUARANTEES WHICH WOULD AVERT INEVITABLE AGGRESSION BY NASSER ONCE HE HAS FULLY ABSORBED SOVIET ARMS AND IS READY FOR BLITZKRIEG. OUR STATE DEPARTMENT MUST BEAR ITS FULL SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY PRESENT CRISIS WHICH IS DIRECT RESULT APPEASEMENT AMERICA'S ENEMY, NASSER, AT EXPENSE AMERICA'S FRIEND, ISRAEL.

URGE YOU UTILIZE ABOVE INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY EVERY ASPECT YOUR PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITY. REMAIN ALERT FOR FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT.

We also call your attention to the text of the statement issued by the Israeli Foreign Ministry yesterday, October 29, in announcing the movement of Israeli troops into the Sinai peninsula. The statement follows:

Israel this evening took security measures to eliminate the Egyptian fedayeen (commando) bases in the Sinai peninsula. These units, organized some two years ago by the Egyptian Government as a part of the Egyptian

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army to spread terror in Israel by acts of indiscriminate murder, mining and sabotage, were quiescent for a few weeks on the Egyptian border during the period of Egypt's deep involvement with the maritime nations of the world on the Suez Canal issue.

With the conclusion of the (United Nations) Security Council deliberations, Colonel Nasser (President Gamal Abdel Nasser) felt himself immediately free to authorize the fedayeen units to renew their incursions into Israel territory. Within the last week, twenty-four Israeli casualties, dead and wounded, were caused by mines planted by the fedayeen in the southern Negev. Today, following the earlier capture of two other gangs at Erez and Sdeh Boker, respectively, a further group was apprehended in Israel territory by the Israel security forces.

Colonel Nasser has persistently declared that despite the explicit provisions of the Israel armistice agreement his country remains in a state of war with Israel. He has carried on a war of limited liability.

It is not Israel which has sent murder gangs into Egypt; it is Egypt which week after week and month after month sent such gangs into Israel.

It is not Israel which has sought to strangle Egypt's economy and life by illegal blockade of the Suez Canal and Akaba; it is Egypt which in its pursuit of a one-sided state of war has done these things.

It is not Israel which has sought to encompass Egypt with a ring of steel with the announced and flaunted purpose at the appropriate moment of annihilating her; it is Egypt which has glorified in this effort, crowned a few days ago by a Syrian-Jordan-Egyptian military command under the Egyptian Commander in Chief.

On top of all this, Colonel Nasser has ignored his international obligations under the charter of the United Nations, has flouted his duty under the Constantinople convention of 1888 and the Security Council resolution of Sept. 1, 1951, to permit free passage through the Suez Canal for the vessels of all nations at all times.

And most recently, after the resolution of the Security Council adopted barely two weeks ago once again reaffirming the duty to afford such free passage to all, the Egyptian Government has again reiterated its determination to block the passage of Israel shipping through the canal.

Israel has done all in its power to achieve peace with Egypt. Its leaders have declared their readiness at any time and at any place to meet with Egyptian representatives and to discuss a settlement of the mutual problems of the two countries. The proffered hand of peace has always been brutally and even derisively rejected. Egypt's response has been to heighten the propaganda of hate and the hostile activities directed against the very existence of Israel.



All this has been a central part of the comprehensive plan of subversion and imperialist expansion pursued by the Egyptian dictatorship throughout the countries of the Middle East and of the African continent.

Israel seeks a relationship with the people of Egypt based upon mutual respect of rights, free from the threat of attack on its citizens, of blockade and of interference with its communications whether by land or sea.

Please disseminate all of the above information in your community, using all media of public education available to you.

We will remain in constant touch with you throughout the crisis.

Regards.

HPM:ha





October 31, 1956

Mr. Harold Manson  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd St.  
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Manson:

In reply to your telegram of even date I am enclosing a copy of  
Rabbi Silver's Statement.



Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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# WESTERN UNION

## TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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=HAROLD=





November 13, 1956

Mr. Harold P. Manson  
c/o Zionist Organization of America  
115 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Manson:

Enclosed herewith is recording of Dr. Silver's address, "Fires in the Middle East", delivered at The Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, November 4, 1956.

Since this tape is the only record I have of this address, and as yet has not been typewritten, I would appreciate very much your careful attention to it and its early return to me.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Miss Sophia Levine  
Secretary to Dr. Silver

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encl.



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

145 EAST 32ND STREET • NEW YORK 16, N.Y. • MURRAY HILL 3-9201

November 29, 1956

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

The typewritten transcript of your November 4 address was finally completed a few days ago and I have returned the tape recording, as well as a carbon copy of the written transcript, to you. (Despite constant prodding on my part, our office was unable to complete the job sooner due to the heavy burdens that have been placed on our undermanned technical staff during this period.)

I was about to send out mimeographed excerpts of the address (only excerpts because some of the material is somewhat dated) when I received a telephone call from Jerry Unger who advised me that a pamphlet of the speech has been printed in Cleveland, that he has ordered a few thousand copies which the Council will distribute mainly to non-Jews, and that three hundred of these would be available to me if I want them. Needless to say, I have gratefully accepted the 300 copies.

Jerry wasn't sure about who was behind the printing of the pamphlet in Cleveland, though he indicated that the funds for this were probably provided by Abe Luntz. He advised me that additional copies would be available to us for distribution at the cost of \$4.00 per 100.

If there is any further information that I should have on this matter, please let me know. I am in the meantime holding off on the distribution of mimeographed excerpts.

You will be interested to know that <sup>an</sup> account of your interventions in Washington and contacts with Ben-Gurion, which you included in your address, was presented in full by Emanuel Neumann at the last meeting of our National Executive Council.

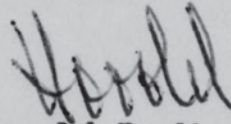
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Dec. 17-1956



I hope to have some definite word for you within the next day or two on the TV-radio matter. As you undoubtedly gathered, we have encountered numerous problems and difficulties, which I do not intend to burden you with at this time. However, I am hopeful that this is being satisfactorily resolved.

Ever best,



Harold P. Manson

HPM:ha

cc: Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
Rabbi Jerome Unger  
Dr. Sidney Marks





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Mr. Harold P. Manson

Zionist Organization of America

145 East 32nd St.

New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Harold:

This is in reply to your query about Lawrence Dennis and his publication THE APPEAL TO REASON.

Dennis was one of the earlier proponents of fascism in the United States -- and has sometimes been called "the philosopher of American fascism."

He was the subject of extensive investigation by the McCormack-Dickstein Committee in the early 30's, and was indicted for seditious conspiracy in the war-time Federal Sedition Conspiracy case (indictment filed Jan. 4, 1944), along with Elizabeth Dilling, George Sylvester Viereck, Joseph McWilliams, Gerald Winrod and others (total 28).

He was the author of two well-known books supporting a Nazi-like order in America, entitled THE COMING AMERICAN FASCISM and THE DYNAMICS OF WAR AND REVOLUTION. For a time he published (during the 30's) a weekly newsletter which was highly praised by official Nazi agencies.

In general, he cloaked his propaganda in suave, carefully chosen words, and did not associate too much with the more notorious "rabble-rousers."

Since about 1945 he has been publishing APPEAL TO REASON. By 1953 this had grown to be a printed weekly; later, it fell to "bi-monthly" status. Officially, it is sold to private subscribers for \$24 a year. In fact, he tries to get news-stands to sell it at 15 cents per copy (you can buy it for that at two places on 42nd Street).

The "line" of APPEAL TO REASON is fairly obvious from the copy which you sent me, although that particular issue is perhaps a little more vigorous than most. Dennis is uniformly cynical and professedly "hard boiled" in his outlook. He



professes to offer inside information to investors and wealthy subscribers -- and it must be admitted that he has a very good mind (and in fact, a Harvard education). His outlook is still colored by the same bias which he has so long exhibited, however, and the paragraphs on the Middle East in the copy you sent are typical.

Dennis is not much mentioned in the publications of the better known "hate mongers" to-day. I think that they might regard him as too "high brow" for their purposes. His "line" parallels that of Joseph Kamp in many ways, but he is much less propertied, and much less prosperous. (Dennis and Kamp were associated for a time, twenty-five years or so ago, in publishing THE AWAKENER, a short-lived periodical which did, however, secure praise in the World Service releases issued by the Nazi agency headed by Ulrich Fleischhauer, at Erfurt, Germany, in 1933.)

If you need more on this subject, let me know, and we can supply virtually any quantity of material that you may require.

With best wishes,

James H. Sheldon

jhs:h



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# ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

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January 29, 1957

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I hope that both of you enjoyed your brief holiday in the sun and that all is well in the Silver households.

The present crisis in the UN is surely very much in your thoughts these days. I don't know to what extent Eban has been keeping you posted on day-to-day developments or whether your personal intervention in Washington has been requested of late. But one of today's developments persuades me that, whether solicited by the Israelis or not, a public appearance in Washington on your part in the very near future would be called for. I have in mind the imminent investigation of American policy in the Middle East by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Since the inquiry is to cover the years 1946-1957, it would be only logical to have the testimony from our side presented by those who played the major role in influencing the course of American policy in the 'forties, rather than by individuals who had little or nothing to do with our work in those years. I am afraid that if the matter is left entirely in the hands of those who are running the show today, these Senate hearings will prove to be as much of a dud as the House Foreign Affairs Committee hearings on the Eisenhower Doctrine.

If, on the other hand, we assume the initiative and proceed at once to make our own arrangements with friends in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, we might be able to duplicate the Zionist performance at the 1944 Foreign Affairs Committee hearings. Your historic statement on that occasion, as well as the full presentation of our case made by Emanuel Neumann, surely had a desisive influence on Congressional and public opinion and in creating an impressive record. I believe that it is no less important today, particularly in view of the fact that the Senate inquiry will cover the years in which you were at the helm of our political work, to have the right record made. Moreover, from the Israeli and Zionist points of view, this would afford an excellent opportunity to inform -- and remind -- our people both here and in Israel of how and by whom our political struggle of the 'forties was conducted.

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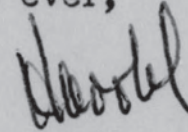


There are many other arguments that occur to me as warranting the type of public appearance on your part that I have in mind, but I don't think that I have to spell them out.

Please let me have your reaction to this idea as speedily as possible, for we would have to move quickly if it is decided that we should proceed along these lines.

With warmest regards --

As ever,



Harold P. Manson

HPM:ha

P.S. Did you ever find the opportunity to mention that financial matter to your Cleveland friends in connection with your radio broadcast for the ZOA over the ABC Network?

cc: Dr. Emanuel Neumann  
Rabbi Leon I. Feuer





January 31, 1957

Mr. Harold P. Manson  
Zionist Organization of America  
145 East 32nd Street  
New York 16, New York

My dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter of January 29th.

With reference to the hearings on American Foreign Policy in the Middle East, I will write you in the next few days.

At the moment, I wonder whether you can give me some information. The Macmillan Company has received an inquiry from the Bar-David Literary Agency of Israel about the Hebrew language rights to WHERE JUDAISM DIFFERED. They were approached by Mr. Elizedek, a nephew of Dr. Klausner. Do you know this Mr. Elizedek and are you acquainted with the Bar-David Literary Agency? Is it a responsible agency with whom to make arrangements for a Hebrew translation and publication of the book? I know neither. Perhaps you might inquire around and let me know.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:sl

P.S. I am collecting a little money for the radio broadcast.

A.H.S.



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March 11, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I assume that you have noted how I utilized the Plain Dealer's report of your sermon of March 3 in my recent communique to local ZOA leaders. At the last meeting of the "Presidents Club" I took occasion to call the attention of Eban and other Israeli officials to your address, since they were obviously anxious to transmit to Jerusalem expressions of support for the Israel Government's decision. I am advised that copies of my communique were rushed to Israel immediately.

On the chance that you may not have seen the item in the Jewish press of March 8 concerning Haaretz's dispatch about a cable which you reportedly sent to the Israel Government, I am enclosing the clipping of this story from the Day.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:ha  
Encl.



פרייטאג, 8טער מערץ, 1957

דער טאג-מארגען ווערטאל

# דר. אבא הלל סילווער קעמלט סיין ירושלים וועגן עזה און אנאנא

„הארץ“ פון תל אביב ברענגט  
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ריקציען זיינע טרופען פון עזה  
פאס און שארם על שעיד.



Dr. A. H. Silver

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March 27, 1957

Harold P. Manson

You will be interested in the attached brief story which I have passed along to Leon Ilutovich for publication in ZINS. The information on which this story, as published in Haboker, is based was provided by myself. I did so after ascertaining the facts about the story in the Day of a few weeks ago, which you were good enough to call to my attention. As you will recall, that story quoted Haaretz as reporting that Dr. Silver had sent a cable urging withdrawal of Israeli troops.

Since it has now been established that the Haaretz report was entirely incorrect, it would be ~~advisable~~ in order to ask the Day to publish the attached denial as it appeared in Haboker.

I do hope that you will be able to bring this about speedily.

Warmest regards,

HPM:ha

encl.

cc: Ernest E. Barbarash  
Leon Ilutovich

WRHS



For your information.  
Hosch



Tel Aviv -- A complete denial of printed rumors that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver had advised withdrawal of Israeli troops from Gaza and Sharm el Sheikh was published this week by HABOKER. A dispatch from that newspaper's U.S. correspondent states categorically that Dr. Silver never sent a cable to the Israel Government advising withdrawal, as had been incorrectly reported, but that, on the contrary, he had some weeks ago conveyed his view that Israel had every reason to stand firm.





# Memorandum

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date: March 29, 1957

From: Harold P. Manson

Subject:

The denial of the cable story appears in today's Day, as emanating from Haboker in Tel Aviv.

The clipping is enclosed.

Ever best.

HPM:ha  
encl.





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April 18, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

Mr. D. L. Meckler, editor of The Day, has asked me to convey his newspaper's cordial invitation to you for an article to be published in the Israel Independence Day issue.

Mr. Meckler said that the article need not be long and urged that it be transmitted to him by April 25 or 26.

I assured Mr. Meckler that I would relay his request to you.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM: ha



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Dr. Abba Hillel  
Silver

May 3, 1957

The Honorable Jacob Holtzmann  
30 Broad Street  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Jacob:

I tried, without success, to reach you by telephone in order to convey my heartfelt appreciation to you for assuming leadership in the New York State Board of Regents on the matter of a charter for our Kfar Silver Institution in Israel. This is another magnificent expression of your devotion to Zionism, as well as of your warm feelings for Dr. Silver, which you voiced to me on a number of occasions. I am sure that, when he is apprised of this important development with respect to the Institution which we have named in his honor, Dr. Silver will be delighted, as will Dr. Neumann, President of the Organization.

Sidney Marks advised me that for all practical purposes the necessary action has already been taken, and that only one or two technical items are still to be completed. I am sure that the formal announcement will bring satisfaction to many throughout the country and in Israel.

With warmest regards, I am

Cordially,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:ha

You might  
wish to  
send him  
a note.  
Harold



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June 27, 1957

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

Dear Dr. Silver:

I purchased \$500 worth of French francs for you today, after checking the rates offered by a number of banks and dealers. The best rate was Perera's (408), though the difference between the various bank rates is very slight when computed in terms of "real" -- i.e. American -- money.

I therefore have 204,000 francs to turn over to you prior to your departure. If you are coming in by train it might be a good idea for me to meet you at Grand Central upon your arrival in New York -- in order to make certain that we don't miss each other. Please wire or phone me on this. Otherwise, I'll be at the boat before sailing time.

Incidentally, it must have been decided On High that Abba Hillel Silver shall never escape those Zionists. Your trip happens to coincide with the departure of the members of the Actions Committee for Jerusalem. I know that Abe Goodman, for one, will be sailing on the Queen Mary on July 3. There may be others.

Have fun!

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:ha

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