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October 5, 1960 My dear Harold: I had hoped to see you and talk to you when I was in New York last, but evidently did not have the opportunity. I trust that you and your family are well. I am eager to know what progress you are making in writing the book. The last time I heard from you on this subject was last April. Are you actually writing it or are you still hoping you can find time to begin to write it? You began gathering material in earnest during the leave-of-absence which you took. Five years have elapsed. I really think that you ought to concentrate on the task and get it done. With warmest regards and all good wishes for the New Year, I remain As ever yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm Mr. Harold P. Manson 115 East 92nd Street New York 28, New York

115 East 92 Street New York 28, N.Y. October 9, 1960

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Since explanations are no substitutes for progress reports, I shall refrain from describing the circumstances which have kept me from pursuing the task of the book. These circumstances, however extenuating, are not your problem, but mine; and if I have not succeeded in overcoming them, I shall not trouble you with the reasons.

In saying this, I am <u>not</u> disengaging myself from the work. I still intend to complete the book one day. But I do not expect this necessarily indefinite statement to meet the situation. I am therefore undertaking a refund to the Temple's Fund, in view of the grant I received at the time that I took my leave of absence from the Z.O.A. An installment in the amount of \$300 is enclosed.

I trust that I may continue to hold the research material which I gathered and organized.

I can only add the hope that your judgments on this present -- and, I believe, temporary -- failure will take into account not only past performances, but my devotion for the future as well.

I trust that you, Mrs. Silver and the entire family are well. Apart from coping with my recently-acquired ulcers, my family is fine and we are expecting an addition in the Spring.

As ever

October 12, 1960 My dear Harold: I received your letter of October 9th. I cannot understand why you sent me the enclosed check. I did not ask for any refund and I did not base my disappointment with your failure to proceed with the writing of your book on the fact that you had received a grant for that purpose from the Temple Charitable & Educational Foundation. I know that you are a very busy man and that you have had many problems to face. Nevertheless, you assumed a major responsibility and somehow I cannot escape the feeling that during these last four or five years you could not have found the time to complete the task which you undertook. I am very frank with you and I should like you to be very frank with me. I have the impression that while you would like to do the book, you have no intention of giving it any priority in your activities. Should you find that you have not the time or are not in the mood to proceed with the work now and complete it in a reasonable time, I would appreciate very much if you would send me, not the money, but the research material and documents which you may have in your possession so that I, myself, or someone else may proceed with writing the history of a very important period which is rapidly being distorted and obfuscated. Please be assured of my continued and unfailing friendship. With all good wishes. I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm Enclosure: Check Mr. Harold P. Manson 115 East 92nd Street New York 28, New York

HAROLD P. MANSON 115 EAST 92ND STREET NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

October 19, 1960

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

In replying to your letter of October 12 I want to assure you that there is no question about my mood where the book is concerned - I do want to doit. Nor is there any doubt about my desire to give the book priority. However, this has been impossible because of the Kind of life which I must lead to carry on my job. As you know, I had hoped that my present job would afford me greater opportunity for work

on the book than I could find at the 2.0.A. But it has turned out to be a high pressure fund raising operation (and, alas, nothing more), requiring 10 or more hours of office work every day and often including weekends. I with the problem of time more acute than ever and with no immediate solution to this problem in sight, I wrote my letter of October 9.

Prospect of another job which developed since my last letter to you. I should know something definite about this in two to three weeks. Would it be too much to ask that I be permitted to hold the research material For another month or so-

April 28, 1961 My dear Harold: Since your last letter to me on October 19th, I have heard nothing further from you about the book. I must, therefore, assume that you do not have the time to write it. I would, therefore, appreciate if you would send me the research material and the files which you have. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain Very cordially yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS :bfm

Mr. Harold Manson 115 East 92nd Street New York 28, New York

115 East 92nd Street New York 28, N.Y. May 3, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St. & Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

During the months that passed since I last wrote to you, I was hopeful that another type of job -- with better circumstances to work on the book -- was imminent. I therefore wanted to hold the files until this was certain. But, as you have correctly assumed, this has not happened. It would be pointless to go into the details.

I shall, of course, return the files of research material to you. I will let you know when the shipment is going forward.

To discuss my continuing interest in the project would not be useful at this time. I will do so when I am in a position to contribute more than deep interest.

Meanwhile, I send my warmest regards and every good wish to you and to Mrs. Silver.

As ever,

115 East 92 Street New York 28, N.Y. May 9, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

One package -- a packed transfile -- went forward to you today by Railway Express. The delivery men did not accept the metal filing cabinet containing the bulk of the records and correspondence -- although the Railway Express office had said this would be o.k. and I would assume that a metal cabinet is safer than a carton. There will, therefore, be a delay in getting the remainder of the material to you -- until I check with a moving company or repack the material for Railway Express.

The transfile sent to you today contains:

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a) Bound reprints issued by the American Zionist Emergency Coucil

b) Bound publications issued through the American Zionist Emergency Council (4 vols.)

c) Bound publications issued by the American Christian Palestine Committee

d) Bound issues of "Palestine"

e) Minutes of the American Zionist Emergency Council (6 volumes)

f) AHS - Confidential Notes (2 volumes)

g) American Jewish Conference Proceedings -- 1943, 1944 (2 volumes)

h) "Ernest Bevin" by Williams

I will be in touch with you when the other material is sent.

Ever best,

115 East 92 Street New York 28, N.Y. May 18, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I have arranged for the shipment of the filing cabinet through the Lincoln Warehouse Corporation. It will be carried by the Aero May-flower Transit Company. Delivery should be completed within approximately two weeks. When I am advised that the filing cabinet is en route, I will send you the keys.

The materials are arranged chronologically -- from 1941 through 1949. I have made a single collection of the items from your files and the materials which I had gathered here. My materials are included in the general chronological arrangement and consist of:

- a) A complete collection of the press releases that were issued by the American Zionist Emergency Council, the American Christian Palestine Committee, the Trade Union Committee, etc.
- b) A complete collection of the Emergency Council's communications and directives to Local Emergency Comm ittees.
- c) Various items from the files of the American Zionist Policy Committee.
- d) Various texts and documents which I had collected here -for example, photostats of Roosevelt's message(s) to Wagner for the
 ZOA Convention in 1944, and other significant texts.

I trust that you have meanwhile received the transfile which I sent by Railway Express.

Warmest regards.

Ever best,

HAROLD P. MANSON

New York 28, N.Y. May 22, 1961

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

The Keys to the Filing cabinet are enclosed.

It is being transported by the Aero Mayflower Transit Company - Pre-paid.

Best regards.

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May 22, 1961 My dear Mr. Manson: Dr. Silver has received the filing cabinet which you sent to him. He has asked me to thank you and would appreciate your sending the keys on to him. Very sincerely yours, Beatrice F. May (Mrs.) Secretary to Dr. Silver Mr. Harold P. Manson 115 East 92nd Street New York 28, New York

320 Central Park West New York 25, N. Y. November 27, 1962

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th St., at Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

This is the point in my article which I mentioned during our talk yesterday:

On page 40 of my manuscript I wrote: "They (the State Department representatives) sought to engage the Jewish Agency in a round-table conference and proposed that Britain should meanwhite continue to administer Palestine under a temporary trusteeship arrangement."

I had originally written: "They sought to engage the Jewish Agency in a round-table conference and proposed a temporary trusteeship arrangement."

It was Emanuel's recollection when he read the manuscript that the intent of the proposal was to retain British control in Palestine -- which is why I made the revision.

Which formulation is more exact?

If Daniel should decide to make an exception in my case and send me the page proofs, I promise to do nothing more than check the proofs against my copy of the manuscript.

It was good to see you and Mrs. Silver again and I look forward to talking with you next week.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM/scf

HAROLD MANSON

115 East 92nd Street

New York 28, New York

Harold P. Manson - 320 Central Park, West

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---December 5, 1962 My dear Harold: With reference to your letter of November 27th and the point in your article to which you refer: Your original statement was correct and we have, accordingly, made the necessary correction in your manuscript. The temporary trusteeship which was suggested by Warren Austin on March 19th was to be under the Trusteeship Council and did not propose that Great Britain should continue meanwhile to administer Palestine. There were reports that an Anglo-French-American trusteeship would be established, but no actual proposals to that end were made. With warmest regards and all good wishes, I remain As ever. ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm Mr. Harold P. Manson 320 Central Park West New York 25, New York

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OREGON 5-4000 Sixty · Fifth Avenue · New York 11, N. Y. December 20, 1962 Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver The Temple University Circle at Silver Park Cleveland 6, Ohio Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your note of December 10 about Mr. Harold Manson. I'm getting in touch with him.

Very truly yours,

Clement Alexandre

CA:pj

December 21, 1962 My dear Harold: I wrote to Mr. Clement Alexandre of the Macmillan Company and told him that it would be mutually advantageous to the two of you to meet. If you do not hear from him within the next few days, please telephone him. With all good wishes, I remain As ever yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm Mr. Harold Manson 115 East 92nd Street New York 28, New York

Please note:
Correct home
address

320 Central Park West
New York 25, N.Y.
January 22, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Sunday's birthday celebration was pure joy.

I have been reading "In the Time of Harvest" (essays other than my own, that is) and find the volume truly impressive. Daniel did a superba job in selecting and editing the "Gleanings."

I have just seen today's JTA Bulletin. The story of the birthday celebration is, to my biased mind, inadequate. For example, they completely missed -- or ignored -- the significance of the Ben-Gurion message which I had quoted in my dispatch. I am sending -- for your files and Daniel's -- a photocopy of the story which I wired from the dinner.

My love to Mrs. Silver and the entire family.

Ever best,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:scf enc.

cc: Rabbi Daniel J. Silver

January 28, 1963 My dear Harold: Glad to have received your note. I was very happy that you could be with me on my anniversary celebration. The report from the JTA is an adequate one when one bears in mind that the JTA has not been very generous in reporting events connected with me. The reasons are not far to seek. What final decision have you made on the matter that you spoke about in connection with the book? As ever yours, ABBA HILLEL SILVER AHS:bfm Mr. Harold Manson 320 Central Park West New York 25, New York

320 Central Park West New York 25, N.Y. January 31, 1963

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
University Circle at Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was glad to receive your letter of January 28.

I intend to do the book. It could be completed in about six months of concentrated work. I will not achieve this on my present job (and if this is deemed a shortcoming on my part, it is nevertheless a fact). I am therefore trying to work out a plan along the lines I indicated to you.

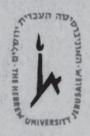
If I am successful in obtaining an advance against royalties and/or a grant which would carry me into the fall, I would not hesitate to leave my job as soon as possible and try to reestablish myself in another position beginning in the fall, by which time the book should be done. (You will gather from this that I have no great expectations in connection with my work under this administration of the American Friends. But this is a subject on which I shall not dwell here.)

If another job offer -- either the position that Leon Feuer has been discussing with me or something else -- should be consummated in the near future, I will try to have it begin in the fall, which would leave me a number of months to devote myself exclusively to the book.

Ever best.

Harold P. Manson

HPM:scf



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April 17, 1963

Rabbi Daniel J. Silver
The Temple
University Circle and Silver Park
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dan:

I finally received from Dr. Chernowitz the galley proofs of the translation of my article which he plans to publish in BITZARON.

I find it difficult to recognize my work in this version. The language is stiff and the translation sometimes inaccurate. The deletions alter the character of the original article and reflect the translator's lack of understanding of underlying issues.

I am enclosing the galley proofs so that you and Dr. Silver may make your own estimates. For myself, I regard this translation as irreparable and am reluctant to have my name attached to it. However, I am at a loss to know how to proceed with Dr. Chernowitz, since he did receive a copy of my manuscript for translation and publication in his projected "Silver Issue."

If Dr. Silver and you share my opinion that this version does no great service to the subject and is a disservice to the author, I believe that Dr. Chernowitz should be advised from Cleveland not to proceed with it publication.

I expect that Dr. Chernowitz will be phoning me within the next feww days regarding the galley proofs. I shall advise him that I do not wish to have my name attached to the article in its present form, and that I have sent the galley proofs to Cleveland, since the copy of the manuscript had been provided to him from there.

Please let me hear from you on this.

Warmest regards to the entire family.

HPM:scf

Ever best,

Dr. Abbe Hillel Silver April 22, 1963 Dr. Maurice Chernowitz BITZARON 1141 Broadway New York, N.Y. Dear Dr. Chernowitz: I have read the galley proofs of the translation of my article.

I have not attempted to revise this translation apart from one important factual change which you will find on galley 7.

The end result differs from the original in too many essential respects. I will agree to its publication in BITZARON only if the following words follow the title:

> "Based on an essay by H. P. Manson in "In the Time of Harvest" (Macmillan, 1963), Translated and edited by

The same wording should appear on the covers.

Sincerely yours,

Harold P. Manson

HPM:scf enc.

For your World

Dr-Abbakillel Silver 320 Central Park West New York 25, N.Y. May 3, 1963 Mr. Haym Leaf BITZARON 1141 Broadway New York, N.Y. Dear Mr. Leaf: Thank you for sending me the revised galley proofs of your translation of my article. I agree that the revisions and the incorporation of some of the previously deleted material have improved the translation. While I no longer insist that the wording I transmitted to Dr. Chernowitz should follow the title or appear on the covers, this wording should appear as a footnote. It will also provide an acknowledgment to the Macmillan Company. With kind regards, I am Sincerely yours, Harold P. Manson HPM:scf cc: Dr. Maurice Chernowitz