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Naval Conference, 1930.

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RABBI HILLEL SILVER

EAST 105 AND ANSEL RD CLEVELAND OHIO

NEWS REPORTS CONFIRMED BY PRIVATE INFORMATION INDICATE
LONDON CONFERENCE FACES GRAVE CRISIS ARE YOU WILLING JOIN
LARGE IMPORTANT GROUP SIGNING FOLLOWING CABLE TO AMERICAN
DELEGATION LONDON PLEASE TELEGRAPH REPLY TO RAYMOND FOSDICK
SIXTY ONE BROADWAY NEWYORK TEXT FOLLOWS FIRST UPON THE
RECONVENING OF THE NAVAL CONFERENCE WE THE UNDERSIGNED
REITERATE THE HOPE THAT THE REMAINING NEGOTIATIONS BE
CONDUCTED IN FULL REMEMBRANCE OF THE FACT THAT ALL OF THE
POWERS AT LONDON HAVE AGREED IN THE PACT OF PARIS TO
RENOUNCE WAR IN FAVOR OF SETTLING DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL
MEANS SECOND WE BASE OUR EXPECTATIONS UPON PRESIDENT
HOOVER'S ARMISTICE DAY SPEECH IN WHICH HE DECLARED QUOTE WE
WILL REDUCE OUR NAVAL STRENGTH IN PROPORTION TO ANY OTHER
HAVING SAID THAT IT ONLY REMAINS FOR THE OTHERS TO SAY HOW
LOW THEY WILL GO IT CANNOT BE TOO LOW FOR US UNQUOTE

Feb. 26th, 1930

Answer

You may use my name in connection with proposed cable to
London.

Abba Hillel Silver

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THIS POLICY OF REDUCTION HAS HAD AND CONTINUES TO HAVE THE OVERWHELMING ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE PROTEST AGAINST ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THIS POLICY OF REDUCTION MAY BE ABANDONED THIRD AS A FUNDAMENTAL BASIS FOR THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. WE URGE THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING STEPS AT THE LONDON CONFERENCE TO UTILIZE THE PRINCIPLE OF JOINT CONFERENCE IN THE CAUSE OF DISPUTES WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT LEAD TO WAR. FOURTH WE PLEDGE TO THE PRESIDENT AND AMERICAN DELEGATION OUR ACTIVE AND CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CONCLUSION OF SUCH AGREEMENTS AS EMBODY THE PRINCIPLES OF REDUCTION AND CONFERENCE AND AT THE SAME TIME MEET THE JUSTLY AROUSED EXPECTATIONS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. WE CANNOT IMPRESS TOO STRONGLY UPON THE AMERICAN DELEGATION THE CALAMITOUS EFFECT WHICH THE FAILURE OF THE LONDON CONFERENCE TO ACHIEVE THESE PRINCIPLES WOULD HAVE UPON AMERICAN OPINION.

SIGNED RAYMOND B FOSDICK JAMES T SHOTWELL MRS CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT JAMES G MCDONALD.

UNSIGNED.

4:00AM 26.