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Neumann, Emanuel, 1933-1934.

Weissmann

Paris, Oct. 26, 1933.

Dear Abba:

I have just read a Palestinian paper in which a correspondent gives your views on current questions, including the Congress, the boycott, etc. The statement made a strong impression not only on me but on others.

I wonder how you have been, and Virginia and the children?

I have stayed on in Europe in connection with my own plans for the organisation of a Palestinian financial organisation, which I am glad to say are developing nicely. I have found so much interest in the matter here, in Europe, that I have delayed my return to America. In fact, I may sail next week to Palestine for a short visit in order to complete certain arrangements there and then return to America in December. I am more convinced than ever that there is a great field for the kind of institution I have in mind and that this is the right moment to launch it. I am sending you a copy of a Memorandum on the subject, which speaks for itself (*The latter is highly confidential*)

I am also interested in the plans for the formation of a first-class Jewish and Palestinian insurance company and am also sending you a confidential Memorandum on that.

Upon my return to America I expect to organise also an American Palestine investment trust, which will give an opportunity to people of large and small means to participate in a variety of sound Palestine enterprises.

Perhaps you will find time to write me a little about yourself, your activities, etc.

With kind regards, as ever

Yours,

Emanuel

Address: American Express, Paris.

P.O.B. 325,
Jerusalem.

April 24th,
1934.

Rabbi Abba Hilel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland.

Dear Abba:

As you see, I am back in Palestine - and at work. I am sorry we did not see each other in America. When I got your telegram, I replied to it, but I am not sure whether my telegram reached you, since I heard nothing from you. I am enclosing copy of the telegram which I sent you from Cedarhurst.

Economic conditions in Palestine continue to be good. There are, of course, the attendant evils of speculation, etc., but no one seems to know how to prevent it adequately. A blessing for the country is the influx of thousands of people with means. There is tremendous activity. The expansion in the field of small industries is especially gratifying. It would seem that not a stone is left unturned in order to manufacture in Palestine any of the articles which are needed for consumption which can be manufactured in the country.

The internal political situation is very bad. There is no question in my mind that the great need of the moment is the organisation of a strong central liberal party which will be neither Socialistic nor Fascistic and which will be strong enough to hold the balance and to impose restraint upon all extreme groups in the interest of the general public and the community at large. I am sure that if such a strong group were organised with party discipline, it would command wide support in the Diaspora.

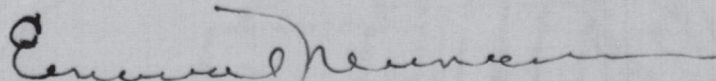
The General Zionists, as a group, seem at the moment doomed to extinction, as any group would be which is unorganised and not bound by party discipline. We General Zionists are simply atoms instead of being an organised force. Something will have to be done about this in the near future.

My Company has been finally registered and we are about to commence business.

I hope to bring my family over shortly. When will you be visiting Palestine again? How is your family? I saw your father the other day in the synagogue. He seems to be in good health. Let me hear from you from time to time.

With kindest personal regards, I am

As ever, sincerely yours,



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