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September 23, 1941

Mr. Emanuel Neumann
Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs
41 East 42nd St.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

A Mr. Raoul Aglion is being offered by a Lecture Bureau in New York for appearances at Zionist meetings. I don't know Mr. Aglion. The Lecture Bureau writes that he is an Egyptian Jew and a Zionist, and is the Secretary General of the Free French Delegation in the United States. Do you know anything about him? If he is satisfactory I would invite him to address the Cleveland Zionist Society.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs

41 EAST 42nd STREET
ROOM 1121
NEW YORK CITY

September 25, 1941

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

I had known Raoul Aglion abroad before he came to America. He is now connected with the Free French Delegation. He has considerable knowledge of Near Eastern affairs and has written and lectured on the subject in this country. I doubt whether one could call him a Zionist, but I am maintaining close relations with him and he is being helpful, particularly so, since he has accepted my point of view that the interests of the Free French and the Zionists, in the Near East, are more or less parallel at the moment.

I believe he will have many interesting things to tell and, on the whole, I would recommend your inviting him to lecture. Incidentally he is not advertising the fact that he is a Jew, particularly, since he is acting as liaison man between the Free French and other groups, such as ~~American~~ Lebanese in this country. I know his relatives quite well, some of them having been interested in my companies in Palestine.

While I am at it I should like to remind you about Willkie. I would like him to address the Balfour Day meeting at Carnegie Hall, Saturday evening November 1st and I would arrange to have it broadcast. In the event that he declines to speak, I should like to get from him at least a statement or a message to be read at the meeting or published separately. In communicating with him it would be well, I think, to point out that the President has sent a message of encouragement and support to the Zionist Convention.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Abraham

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Emanuel Neumann

41 E. 42nd St. WRHS

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What is last word on Aglion. Please
wire. Kindest Regards

Silver

