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**memo
from**


DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

November 9, 1949

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Dr. Neumann asked me to enclose draft copy of letter to the Times. He expects to revise it somewhat.

Dr. Margoshes had a very good article in the Day, today, that you no doubt will have seen, by the time you receive this.


Blanche Wiseman

Secretary to Dr. Neumann

EMANUEL NEUMANN

521 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MURRAY HILL 7-6237

November 9, 1949

Editor of the New York Times
New York Times
229 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

It is with regret that I must call attention to an unfortunate piece of reporting in the New York Times, of November 6. I am referring to an item ~~headlined with the~~ *sensational headlines:*

"Ben-Gurion Warns Foreign Zionists - Assails Leaders Abroad Who Try to Sway Israel Policy - Silver Held Target"

The item was
~~and~~ published conspicuously on the front page.

The dispatch itself contains *only one brief* ~~no direct~~ quotation from Ben-Gurion's speech, but your correspondent tells us that "Listeners felt that his finger was pointed at Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and other leaders of the Zionist Organization of America", and he adds the information that these leaders "are in conflict with Israel leaders over functions and authority of the Zionist Organization".

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The ~~uninformed~~ reader cannot fail to get the *wholly false* impression that there is a continuing struggle between American Zionism and the Government of Israel, resulting from the attempt of "foreign Zionists" to bring pressure on the Israeli Government through "their control of Zionist funds or organizations". It is rather a pity that your correspondent cabled ~~what is evidently an~~ *interpretative* *various* and impressionistic account rather than a fair and balanced summary of Mr. Ben-Gurion's address. Versions of that speech from other sources convey a considerably different impression. It appears that Ben-Gurion ~~warned~~ *cautioned* against two errors:

First, the notion that ~~with~~ the creation of the State of Israel, ~~it~~ has disposed of the need for the Zionist Movement and Zionist Funds; and secondly, the notion that the Zionist Movement could continue to operate in the same manner as in the past, prior to the formation of the State of Israel.

According to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency ~~dispatch~~ *for instance*, Mr. Ben-Gurion added that any attempt to pressure the Israel *1*

Government through Zionist Funds or Organizations, "would be interpreted as a disavowal of the State of Israel." I believe there is no American Zionist who would dissent from these statements although many consider it unfortunate that the Prime Minister referred even in the form in which he did, to the idea of "pressuring" the Israel Government.

So far as I know there has been not a single instance of attempted pressure on the Government of Israel by any responsible Zionist group or Zionist leaders, either in the United States or anywhere else in the world. So far as American Zionists are concerned, we were the first to proclaim, immediately following the establishment of the State of Israel, that the conduct of its affairs must be left entirely to its citizens and that we, as American citizens, must scrupulously avoid intervening in its domestic problems or the conduct of its foreign relations.

Dr. Silver, as the outstanding figure in American Zionism, himself set the example of a most rigorous adherence to this principle. Mr. Ben-Gurion's reference could therefore not have been to Dr. Silver or other American Zionist leaders, though it is not ^{quite} clear to whom he was referring. A clue may be found in the only direct quote in the dispatch of your correspondent, who reports Mr. Ben-Gurion as saying that Israel would not tolerate a "State within a State, or a Government within a Government". He was evidently referring to the Jewish Agency which continues to exercise ^{important} functions in the fields of immigration and colonization. Dr. Silver resigned as Chairman and Member of the Jewish Agency Executive, last February, and subsequently withdrew from other positions of active responsibility in the Movement. It is ^{therefore} nothing short of astonishing that your correspondent and headline writers should feature Ben-Gurion's remarks as an attack on Dr. Silver and evidence of renewed conflict within the Zionist Movement.

The controversy which took place last winter had nothing to do with the question touched upon by Mr. Ben-Gurion in his speech last week. That controversy arose in this country, over the conduct of fund-raising activities in the United States and the intervention of Israeli leaders, in local administrative problems, arising on the American scene. In our view, Israeli leaders should refrain from intervening in such matters, arising on the American scene, as scrupulously as American Zionists refrain from intervening in the affairs of the Government of Israel.

It has been our position that

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The complex of questions involved, is an important and delicate one. Much harm can be done by ill-considered statements, inaccurate reporting, and a misstatement of the issues.

Very truly yours,

EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann



EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
MURRAY HILL 7-6237

November 25, 1949

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

My letter to the Times was not published, as you know, and finally my secretary contacted the editorial offices where they said it was too long, etc., and they wanted to cut it. Not wishing to depend upon their cutting, I revised the letter myself and sent it in again. It ought to appear in the course of the next two or three days.

Thanks a lot for the beautiful picture and the generous inscription. I would have acknowledged it sooner but for the fact that I was out of town for a few days. The picture is being framed and will adorn my little office. It will be cherished among my most highly prized possessions - few as they are.

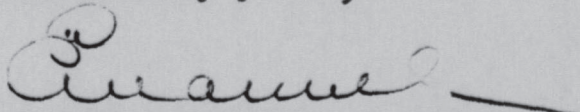
There is much I would tell you but since you will be here early next week I would rather do so orally.

Your address at the dinner has created considerable interest and will undoubtedly be fully reported - provided the reporters can get advance material in time. Schulson who was in to see me the other day thought you ought to deliver a strong political address, while Jacques thinks it would be well to deal with ZOA matters. Personally I am inclined to Schulson's views - at least so far as the material for the general press is concerned. Many of our friends will be glad to have an opportunity to see you privately and perhaps a group should be called together. But this plan too, can be left for discussion when you arrive.

With warmest regards,

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

Zionist Organization of America

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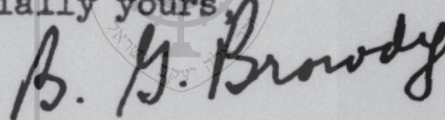
January 13, 1950

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

The enclosed copy of Mr. Frisch's address to the Executive Committee on December 11th, 1949 should, I believe, interest you. It shows that Mr. Frisch did consult the Executive Committee on the U.P.A. matter.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "B. G. Browdy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "G".

Benjamin G. Browdy
Acting-President

Encl.

January 16, 1950

Mr. B. G. Browdy, Acting-President
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street, New York City

Dear Mr. Browdy:

I have your note with excerpts of Frisch's remarks of the meeting of the National Executive Committee of December 11th.

I am well aware that Mr. Frisch referred to the question of the composition of the UPA Board at that meeting and if you will consult the stenographer's notes of the meeting of the Inner Committee meeting the other day, you will find that I made reference to Mr. Frisch's remarks at the meeting of the National Executive Committee. In my remarks I referred to the fact that Mr. Frisch had said, "We are about to straighten out this matter but it is not straightened out yet". Subsequently I heard various rumors about some agreement on this subject. I was without authentic information whether the ZOA had been committed to any other scheme of representation than the one arrived at last year; just what the new scheme of representation actually was; and by whom and on whose authority the ZOA was committed! I got no answers to these questions at the meeting of the Inner Committee and am without that information to the present moment.

I believe we are all entitled to this information and I hope that you, as Acting President and Vice-Chairman of the Inner Committee, are in a position to supply it. I for one, would appreciate having it.

As ever,

Cordially yours,

LEON:

J.O:

EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

MEMORANDUM

THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

SECRETARY GENERAL

EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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MURRAY HILL 7-6237

January 17, 1950

Dear Abba:

I have given further thought to the subject of the telephone conversation the other day - the internal situation in the ZOA, and I would like to add these observations:

It would not be realistic to expect to come to the next meeting of the National Executive or Administrative Council and through one concerted action there bring about a repudiation and resignation. Nobody is prepared for that, ideologically and politically. Thus far there has been virtually no public criticism of any kind. Our best friends are not organized or prepared. Some of them have been eliminated from the governing bodies; some have been made to feel frightened; and a few have been cajoled or bribed. They could be organized of course, and become again a very potential force, but who is to organize and lead them, unless the initiative and active leadership comes from you?

As between us I know you will not take it amiss if I point out that our most loyal friends were all, without a single exception, opposed to Frisch for president and felt not only unhappy but rather shattered and demoralized when his election went through and when he proceeded without challenge, to take all power into his hands. They did not want to appear as soreheads or saboteurs of the new administration but followed your lead and mine, in giving it a free hand and acting loyally towards it.

On top of everything else, Frisch has been threatening and intimidating people, making each one feel that if he did not play along, the powers concentrated in the administration would be used against him; and nobody likes to be an outcast or even in the "dog-house".

The feeling among our people therefore has been and is: that it will be folly on their part to start a revolt unless you took the lead, prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee, at the meeting and after the meeting. They followed your leadership however reluctantly, in endorsing Frisch for the presidency, and they are, I believe, prepared to follow your lead now, in the admittedly unpleasant task of opposing him. But as I look around me I do not see one who would want to put himself forward as the head and front of the "opposition". They feel that Frisch is "selling you out", but that only confirms the suspicions and even convictions they had about him last Spring.

I appreciate the force of your point that if you met with a group now, it would be interpreted as the beginning of an action - and all that - but I am not sure that there is much to lose. Either Frisch has definitely made up his mind to turn his back on you (and it does look that way), or he wants to retain your support. In the first place, what is to be lost by beginning promptly to organize your faithful followers and act before he goes much further than he has gone? In the second place, if he doesn't want to break with you, then he may be induced to revise his policy and seek your friendship again if he finds that he is running into a squall in the form of an organized "opposition". On the other hand if you do not organize your followers, he will only interpret it as a sign of weakness or your definite withdrawal from the arena.

I do not deny that if you proceed to organize, he may in turn organize the strongest combination he can, to defeat you in the ZOA. He may rally "progressives", inject Nachum Goldman as an active factor (he has already become a life member of the ZOA according to an official announcement), and will also rally his personal following consisting of individuals in various parts of the country whom he has cultivated and attached to himself in one way or another. He may thus give battle and seek a showdown, counting also on the moral backing of Mapai and Government of Israel. In that event it will not be all smooth sailing. But I believe you would carry the majority with you, though not as overwhelming a majority as you had behind you last May, because Frisch now controls the machinery of the organization, and in the fight would use it to the limit.

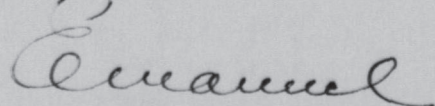
I have tried to take as realistic a view as I can. The organization is suffering and declining and will continue to decline under the present administration. But I do not think Frisch is too much worried about that, as long as he can use it for a year or two to serve his ends. Shrinking as it is, it is still big enough for him to climb on its back into the Agency Executive or wherever else it is that he wants to go. The only way a change can be effected is by your taking a strong position and rallying your followers.

We can of course talk with the people in Israel. I wish I could have gone there earlier as I planned to do, but to be frank, having to watch my pennies, I was waiting for certain things to happen which would relieve me of the necessity of shouldering the expense of the trip. If I go now, I will of course be ready to undertake certain conversations. But my guess is that I would be helped if the people in Israel realize that Frisch does not have the ZOA in his pocket, but that there is a strong movement here, which may result in his repudiation.

With best regards to the family,

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

P.S. Dictated but not signed by E.N.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

41 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

TELEPHONE: MURRAY HILL 2-3203

DANIEL FRISCH
PRESIDENT

January 19, 1950

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Neumann:

This is to acknowledge your letter of January 16th. Mr. Frisch will be back at his desk the coming week, January 25th or 26th, the latest. As soon as he does reach his desk I will bring this letter to his attention and I am sure that he will give you a satisfactory answer.

Sincerely yours,

Ben

Benjamin G. Browdy
Acting President

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EMANUEL NEUMANN
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MURRAY HILL 7-6237

Thurs. Feb 2

January 19, 1950

Dear Abba,

I am enclosing copy of a handwritten letter I just received from Aubrey Eban, which speaks for itself.

I notice that since my article in the New Palestine and my more direct attack on the Emergency Council in my address last week, Lipsky has suddenly taken a new line and blossomed out as a critic of the State Department instead of an apologist for it.

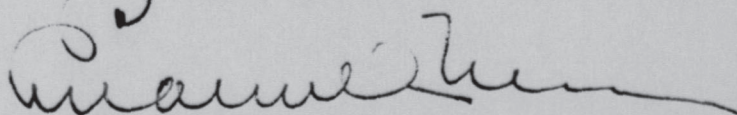
Meantime however, they have dismissed as you know, three more of the last remaining officials of the Council which will soon be a "morgue". In Washington they have not yet appointed anyone in place of Schulson, so there is only a stenographer there representing American Zionism.

I have had another talk with Manson and we are agreed that it would be most advisable for you to have at least a little private conference with a few close friends without delay, in order to at least crystallize our thinking on the possible courses of action.

If the next meeting of the Administrative Council is not used for the purpose of at least voicing strong criticism, thereby laying the groundwork for future action, then I think it will be too late to accomplish anything at the next Convention. The meeting will take place early in February; more than eight months will have passed since the last Convention - ~~the~~ better part of a year. If nothing is said, I think we may be morally estopped from doing anything later on the ground that we have, by our silence, given tacit assent to the policies of the administration.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,



EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

January 20, 1950

Mr. Benjamin G. Browdy, Acting President
Zionist Organization of America
41 East 42nd Street, New York City

Dear Ben:

I acknowledge your letter of the 19th in which you point out that Mr. Frisch will be back at his desk by the end of next week and that you will bring my letter of the 16th to his attention.

May I point out again that there is to be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the UPA on Sunday afternoon, the 29th. As I stated at the meeting of the Inner Committee, I find it most difficult to attend important meetings of that kind as a representative of the ZOA without being adequately informed and oriented in advance. Mr. Frisch may not be back before the end of the week and may not immediately upon his return, find time to discuss these matters with me, prior to the meeting of the 29th.

I would therefore appreciate it if you would enlighten me now. Surely you as Acting President, Vice-Chairman of the Inner Committee and President of the K-H, must be in possession of the information I seek. If you are, then you would be acting only in accordance with your plain duty if you shared the information with me. Indeed you will forgive me if I point out that you would be contrary to your duty if you withheld it. If on the other hand you cannot give me the information because you do not possess it, then things are much worse than I thought.

I am sure you will not misunderstand my attitude. The matter itself may not be of overwhelming importance but the implications are far-reaching. As a present officer and former president of the Organization, I am entitled to the information I have repeatedly requested and I must insist upon a more satisfactory answer than I have yet received.

As ever,

Cordially yours,

EN:BW

Emanuel Neumann

Please return to Dr. Neumann
after reading.

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EMANUEL NEUMANN
521 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MURRAY HILL 7-6237

January 23, 1950

Dear Abba:

I have been in consultation with Manson, Shapiro and Torczyner regarding the meeting to be held on February 2. We are going ahead.

Among other things I am inviting certain people to see me privately to find out how they stand and how their constituents feel.

Yesterday I addressed a luncheon of Canadian Zionists repeating substantially many of the things I have been writing and speaking about, here. The day before, Jacques Torczyner was out there and as I learned from my Canadian friends he made quite a hit. There was a contest for the presidency between Ed Gelber and Mr. Schweisberg and the issue was uncertain when I left. I think they are somewhat closer to our position than they were formerly.

Manson and Shapiro seem to feel that it would be preferable to have our little meeting not in my home but in the home of someone who has not been so prominently involved in past controversies like Krumbein or Milton Lukashok. Do you feel that way and have you any preferences?

In the JTA I read that Morgenthau made a speech at Herzlia advocating a Middle East Alliance similar to the North Atlantic Pact and describes such a move as a coalition against aggression by Russia. I wonder whether the speech by the chairman of the UJA is a trial balloon reflecting Mapai policy or is his own wisdom?

Following a skirmish I had at a meeting of the Inner Committee recently, there was an exchange of letters between Browdy and myself on the subject of the UPA. I wanted to know whether the ZOA was committed to a further reduction of representation by the Zionist parties, from 60% to 55 or 50% in order to make room for the thirteen VIPs, but have been unable to get an answer. I thought you might be interested to see the correspondence. Please return it.

With kind regards,

Yours,

Emanuel

Emanuel Neumann

per B.W.

EN:BW

(Dictated but not signed by EN)

January 24, 1950

Dr. Emanuel Neumann
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Emanuel:

In checking over my calendar, I found that it would be more convenient for me to come to New York on Wednesday. We are opening at The Temple Friday morning an important series of Friday morning lectures in February under the auspices of our Women's Association. They have been counting upon my presence at the opening meeting.

My plan is to spend Wednesday and Thursday in New York and to return to Cleveland. If necessary, I could come back for a meeting Saturday night or Sunday.

With all good wishes, I remain

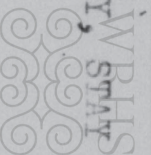
As ever yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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TELEGRAM

BELIEVE WEDNESDAY GENERALLY O.K. THOUGH PERHAPS
GREENLEAF UNABLE ATTEND. MANSON THOUGHT YOU
COMING THURSDAY, STAY WEEKEND. COUNCIL. PLEASE
ADVISE.



NEUMANN

C O P Y

ISRAELI CONSULATE

11 East 70th Street

New York 21, New York

January 16, 1950

My dear Emanuel,

I have just read your article in the January issue of New Palestine and would like to express appreciation of its central message. How the crucial "Partnership" is to be revived is another matter. The best hope would have been in the immediate impact of the shock of December 9. With the Resolution visibly corroding in the Trusteeship Council itself and the United States ostensibly correct, I can feel the old complacency coming back. It remains a fact that American Zionism has evidently drawn no conclusions from December 9th. The old order changeth not.

I hope we may meet when I have overcome the throes of expectant fatherhood!

Yours ever

Aubrey S. Eban

EMANUEL NEUMANN
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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
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MURRAY HILL 7-6237

January 26, 1950

Dear Abba:

I received your letter and am calling the meeting at my home on Wednesday evening February 1, at 8:15. I hope we will have an opportunity to talk during the day, prior to the meeting.

All those I have spoken to thus far, feel strongly that you should attend the forthcoming meeting of the Administrative Council; and in my private conversations I found at least two good friends who were doubtful about attending a private meeting unless they are sure that you will attend the meeting of the Administrative Council and will move forward. Naturally I will not have at the meeting anyone who is in the least doubtful.

Louis Falk of Jersey City and Judge Klau of Hartford tell me that New Jersey and Connecticut would be overwhelmingly behind us and I am sound out other situations.

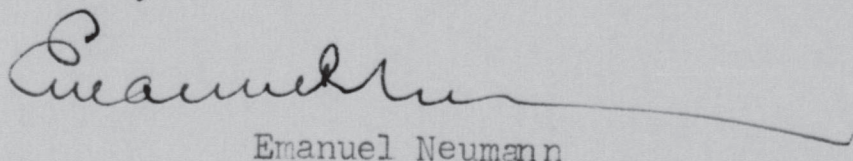
Yesterday Frisch made another of his pronouncements with the usual result. This time his suggestion for a conference of the parties has been promptly repudiated by the official spokesmen of the different parties. What a statesmanlike procedure!

I must add that one or two of our friends came up with the idea that we should hold the little meeting we contemplate but invite Frisch to it and have it out with him; because then we could at least say that we tried to have an understanding with him.

I am enclosing a letter I received from Mortimer May which I would like returned when you are through with it.

As ever,

Yours,


Emanuel Neumann

EN:BW

P.S. Arranged reservation at Plaza for you commencing Feb. 1st instead of 2nd.

B. N.

EMANUEL NEUMANN
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NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

March 21, 1950

Dear Abba:

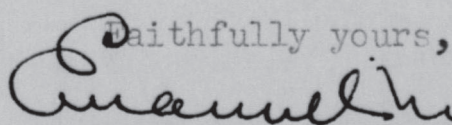
There is not too much to report about the meeting of the Administrative Council on Sunday. It went pretty much as I expected it to go. Mr. Browdy's acceptance speech contained some fine references to you, including certain phrases which I had insisted upon. On the other hand, a paragraph which I had proposed, which referred to the resolutions of the last Convention and the line I laid down therein, was not included. When I spoke to Margoshes this morning he said he had included it in the text and did not know how and why it was omitted. The answer is obvious. After I saw the text, Mr. Browdy must have shown it to someone else - probably Lipsky, who advised not to include that paragraph. There was nothing we could do in the matter of the naming of the ZOA House nor as Browdy agreed to constitute an informal committee as we had understood, on the ground that to do so would create immediate friction and reaction. How Browdy will conduct himself is anyone's guess. Personally I am not too hopeful but we shall see!

We are all set to leave Thursday the 23rd on the Queen Mary and plan to fly from Europe to Israel, arriving there either Erev Pesach or Chal Hanukh. I will lose no time in getting in touch with the leaders. To facilitate communications, I have made up a code. If I have to cable, I will cable to my office and Mrs. Wiseman will either relay the message to you or de-code it first. A copy of the code will be sent to you in any case.

I had lunch today with Ed Gelber of Canada. He does not understand why the Actions Committee meeting should be held in the midst of the UJA campaign rather than a couple of months later and he says that the UJA people are quite upset over it because it will mean the absence of a number of people they are using as speakers, etc., but I don't expect that to make any difference - and the AC meeting will probably take place as scheduled. What the ZOA representatives will do at the meeting, God knows - I don't!

I will try to keep you informed to the best of my ability. Fan joins me in sending affectionate regards to yourself and Virginia and our best wishes for a very happy Pesach.

As ever,

Faithfully yours,


P.S. I was greatly shocked and grieved over the death of our good friend Milton Steinberg, one of the finest spirits of our generation.

EN:BW

EMANUEL NEUMANN
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March 23, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

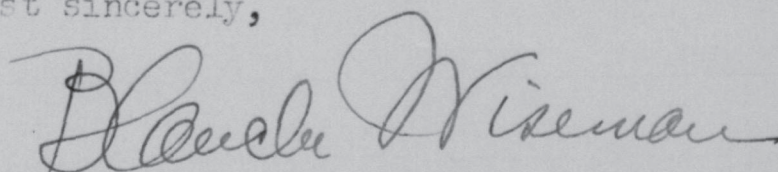
I am attaching herewith copy of the Code
Words that Dr. Neumann mentioned to you in his letter of
March 21.

Needless to add, I will advise you immediately
upon receipt of any cables.

Dr. and Mrs. Neumann left this morning on
the Queen Mary for that much needed trip, as both of them
had reached the point of exhaustion. I do hope they will
manage to get some rest.

My kind personal regards to Mrs. Silver
and yourself.

Most sincerely,



Secretary to Dr. Neumann

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For Dr. Silver

CODE WORDS

Shareholder.....Member of Actions Committee

Shareholders' Meeting...AC Meeting

Board.....Agency Executive

Board Member.....Member of Executive

Syndicate.....Mapai

Corporation.....ZOA

Group
~~Independents~~.....Mapam

Independents
~~Next~~.....Revisionists

Beder
~~Benchley~~.....Mizrachi

Weber.....Hadassah

Jung.....Hapoel Mizrachi

Partners.....General Zionist Party in Israel

Associates.....Progressive Party in Israel

Contractors.....Hapoel Hatzioni

Outsiders.....Herut

Participants *Leaders*

NAMES:

Silver.....Koenigsberg

Neumann.....Epstein

Goldman.....Traub

Goldstein.....Trebush

Rose Halperin.....Kleinman

Zukerman.....Gross



Every cable meant
for Dr. Silver will
start with the word
"Following"

Cables for Jacques
start with "advise"

CODE WORDS

Locker.....Friedman
Eshkol.....Gendler
Gold.....Hochberg
Kol.....Goodman
Zvi Herrman.....Hausman
Woffel.....Heyman
Shragai.....Jacobi
Gruenbaum.....Javorsky
Granovsky.....Sultani
Meier Grossman...Karnilow
Ben Gurion.....Karish
Sharett.....Karawan
Kaplan.....Lampert
Remez.....Laboska
Moshe Shapiro....Kuttner
Rabbi Maimon.....Shimshoni
Bernard Joseph....Lebowitz
Lubianeker.....Leisner
Sprinzak.....Levenson
Fritz Bernstein....Lupo
Rokach.....Mandel
Serlin.....Minoker
Sneh.....Mittelman
Ben Aharon.....Gavrieli
Beigam.....Uzieli
Browdy.....Carmeli
Frish.....Bendov
Torczyner.....Tuvim
Irving Miller...Shmueli
Lebenstein.....Kanfer



EMANUEL NEUMANN
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MURRAY HILL 7-6237

April 10, 1950

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am attaching herewith a new copy of code words and names as Dr. Neumann made several corrections that he relayed to me from abroad.

Although I have not yet received direct word from Israel, they should have arrived last Thursday. In the last letter received from Nice, Dr. Neumann definitely stated that they were planning to take the flight I had arranged for them that would get them to Lydda by Thursday. Of course I've checked with Air France and that flight left and arrived on schedule, thank God!

My kindest regards to Mrs. Silver and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche Wiseman

Secretary to Dr. Neumann

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CODE WORDS

(Every cable meant for Dr.Silver will start with the word "Following")

(Cable for Jacques, will start with "Advise")

Member of Actions Committee.....	Shareholder
AC Meeting.....	Shareholders' Meeting
Agency Executive.....	Board
Member of Executive.....	Board Member
Mapai.....	Syndicate
ZOA.....	Corporation
Mapam.....	Group
Revisionists.....	Independents
Mizrachi.....	Klaus
Hadassah.....	Weber
Hapoel Mizrachi.....	Jung
General Zionist Party in Israel.....	Partners
Progressive Party in Israel.....	Associates
Haoved Hatzioni.....	Contractors
Herut.....	Outsiders
Leaders.....	Participants

CODE

Names of Individuals

Silver.....Koenigsberg
Neumann.....Epstein
Goldman.....Traub
Goldstein.....Trebush
Rose Halperin.....Kleinman
Zukerman.....Gross
Locker.....Friedman
Eshkol.....Gendler
Gold.....Eisenberg
Kol.....Shaffer
Zvi Hermann.....Hausman
Werfel.....Heyman
Shragai.....Jacobi
Gruenbaum.....Javorsky
Granovsky.....Sultani
Meier Grossman.....Karnilow
Ben Gurion.....Feldman
Sharett.....Hochberg
Kaplan.....Lampert
Remez.....Goodman
Moshe Shapiro.....Kuttner
Rabbi Maimon.....Shimshoni
Bernard Joseph.....Griller
Lubianeker.....Leisner
Sprinzak.....Levenson
Fritz Bernstein.....Posner
Rokach.....Mandel
Serlin.....Minoker
Sneh.....Mittelman

Name of Individuals

Ben Aharon.....Gavrieli
Beigin.....Uzieli
Browdy.....Carmeli
Frisch.....Bendov
Torczyner.....Tuvim
Irving Miller.....Shmueli
Lebenstein.....Kanfer
Felix Rosenbluth.....Witkin



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Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

I know that you have already been advised of the contents of a cable received from Dr. Neumann, but just to keep the record straight, am quoting it exactly:

"JERUSALEM -- FOLLOWING SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS NOTHING DEFINITE TO REPORT REGARDS -- EMANUEL"

Should any further cables or mail reach me, please rest assured that I will relay same promptly.

I attended the celebration of the Second Anniversary last night sponsored by the Council, but must say that it was one of the most uninspiring meetings it has ever been my misfortune to attend. Many of us are eagerly awaiting a more profitably spent evening in May, on the occasion of the presentation of a plaque in your honor.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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June 5, 1950

Dear Abba:

It was a great pleasure to address the Cleveland Zionist Society under your chairmanship and of course I need not tell you how much I enjoyed our own little conference.

Since my return I have given a great deal of further thought to the ZOA situation and have heard from a good many people. There is no doubt that Browdy can be put across by a large majority, if not unanimously, with your active support and backing. It is equally clear that there is widespread dissatisfaction with his candidacy, a good deal of resentment and an almost universal feeling that at best Browdy would provide very weak leadership at a difficult time for the Movement. Assuming that he is to be elected, the least that should be done to reassure our constituents is to make it clear that there will be other effective leadership than just his.

It is of course no less essential that we make it as certain as it is humanly possible that Browdy, once elected, will not be tempted to alter the course of the ZOA. General promises and even some specific promises are not enough.

I have thought of a series of things to be understood and so far as possible, definitely arranged in advance of the Convention, and I am willing to discuss them with Browdy as you suggested. But in order that I may be in a position to be effective, it is necessary that you advise him directly, preferably by phone, that you and I have discussed a number of matters relating to the future and would wish him to talk over these matters with me. Unless that is done, he may not take me as seriously as he should, since he now feels he has your endorsement and would regard it as very unlikely that I would do anything contrary to your line. He feels he can take my support or consent for granted. I need not labor this point. I am sure you grasp the situation here fully, without being on the spot.

If you call him, as I hope you do, please put it to him fairly strongly so he will take the time and above all listen to me. My relations with him are quite pleasant and cordial and I don't intend to hector him. But I do want him to feel that my suggestions are more than mere suggestions and that above all, you are standing with me and behind me.

I have already reached an understanding with him about having a small group meet on the 15th. I intend to make definite arrangements

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on that when I return to the city on Wednesday, as I am now leaving for Ithaca to see Gabriel. I think that Thursday the 15th around noontime will be a good time to meet with them since Browdy is occupied in the evening.

With warmest regards to Virginia and yourself,

As ever,

Yours,

Emanuel
per B.W.

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Emanuel Neumann

P.S. I am enclosing a clipping of an article by B.Z. Goldberg that I think is worth reading.

(Dictated but not signed by E.N.)



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June 23, 1950

Dear Abba,

Among the letters you handed me when I was in Cleveland was one from Ben Gordon of Teaneck, New Jersey. I contacted him and let him talk. He had an enlightening, though not so edifying story to tell. Briefly it is as follows:

Having been approached by Frisch quite early, he was one of the original Frisch group and helped to line up New Jersey. At first he had discouraged Frisch on the ground that he was not of the caliber to make a ZOA president, but eventually agreed to support him, provided he got your approval and mine. He stipulated that Frisch must be guided by you and Frisch replied that "next to God, Silver was his guide and conscience". About a week after his election at the Convention, in connection with some question which arose, Ben Gordon urged Frisch to consult you, whereupon Frisch gave a curt refusal adding, "You must understand that Silver is a dead-duck." This shocked and disgusted Gordon and he soured on Frisch from then on. Gordon insists that the organization has declined seriously; that attendance at the district meetings has fallen off appallingly and there is no spirit. After Frisch died, Martin Adolf, as regional president, arranged for a public memorial meeting in a hall with a seating capacity of seven hundred. Only six persons turned up for that meeting. Gordon feels that only strong leadership wielded by an outstanding personality at the head of the Organization, can meet the situation. For that reason he is disheartened about Browdy. He concedes that Browdy is much better than Frisch in certain ways but that he is so mediocre that he is totally inadequate. Gordon is now the new president of the region. They had endorsed Browdy at their conference but they had to answer a lot of questions of various delegates, who wanted to know: who is Browdy - what and why! If and when they see and hear him they will certainly be disappointed.

So much for Gordon. His attitude is of course fairly typical of a large part of our constituents. They will vote for Browdy if they must, but they do so half-heartedly or even reluctantly.

This being the situation, I am more convinced than ever that it is entirely in our hands to at least get the kind of set-up and composition of the various bodies ~~and~~ committees that will provide the maximum guarantee of "good conduct". We cannot remake the man, but we can re-shape the Administration so thoroughly that he will not be tempted to stray. As Gordon pointed out, "Lipsky is around

and so is Nachum Goldman and others, and they will ~~assert~~^{exert} pressure on Browdy right along."

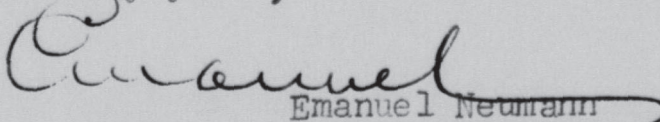
Now I had a talk with Browdy about ten days ago - a very friendly talk, which ranged over quite a number of subjects. On some he appeared to be in agreement. On others he did not seem prepared to express himself. I must admit that I got on the whole, a rather favorable impression. He spoke as if he meant to go straight and not "zigzag", as he put it. But just the same we cannot, in my opinion, be too cautious in entrusting the Organization in his hands. After all he was a "Frisch man", stuck to him, was made by him and has at least this much in common: that being the President and "going places" is probably more important to him than all other considerations. If he accepts advice and guidance with regard to the composition of the Executive Committee and Inner Committee, the setting up of a proper Policy Committee (preferably with yourself as chairman), also with regard to crucial Committee Chairmanships, then the situation may be fairly safe. I believe we can get virtually everything if he understands that we are firm about it and that it is the price he ~~has~~^{has} to pay.

Following your advice I have not pressed him on anything but I must say that I was astonished by the question you asked me on the telephone: "What can we do if he refuses to comply with our suggestions or conditions?" My answer is that with all the half-hearted endorsements he has been able to get, his position is most insecure and he is fully aware of that fact. Another candidate, whether Miller, May or almost anyone else could be put over virtually at the last moment if we willed it. Out of deference to your views, I am not pressing him or presenting him with any demands. On the other hand I don't feel that I can go along with a Browdy Administration, no matter what its texture and complexion. If for instance the composition of the Inner Committee remains substantially unchanged, I will not serve upon it, and if the whole picture appears unsatisfactory, I will have nothing further to do with ZOA affairs through the coming year. I have sat through one very unpleasant and depressing year and that will be enough for me. Meantime I am cooperating and will see what transpires further.

I understand from Manson that you are planning to go with Virginia to Norway and plan to leave Chicago before the Convention is over. If so I would strongly advise that you leave a couple of days later. The Convention is too important for you to leave while it is in full swing, with the Goldmans, Lipskys and the Goldsteins there in full force. Your early departure would also be exploited for unfavorable comment. Won't you think it over?

As ever,

Faithfully yours,


Emanuel Neumann

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