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June 29, 1961

Mr. Georgi M. Kornienko
Charge d'Affaires
U.S.S.R. Embassy
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Kornienko:

My friend, Mr. Cyrus Eaton, has suggested that I send the enclosed passports directly to you. I wish to obtain a visa to visit the U.S.S.R., for a period of about three weeks beginning around the tenth of July. Mrs. Silver will be accompanying me. We plan to visit Moscow, Leningrad, and perhaps two or three other of the principal cities of the Soviet Union.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesies,
I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 6, 1961

Dear Dr. Silver:

Here are copies of letters I have sent to the following people in Moscow.

Mr. George A. Zhukov, Chairman of the State Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries. Mr. Zhukov is extremely active in working for better relations between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. He was our host when Mrs. Eaton and I were in Moscow last December. Madam Nina V. Popova, Chairman of the Presidium of the Alliance of Soviet Societies for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

Mr. A. F. Dobrinin, Head of the American Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Academician V. S. Yemelyanov, Director of State Committee for Peaceful Uses for Atomic Energy. Mr. Yemelyanov is a noted scientist and is associated with the disarmament negotiations. He is a close friend of Father Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame University. I have asked Father Hesburgh to drop a line to Yemelyanov about your visit. Academician A. V. Topchiev, Vice President of the Academy of Sciences. Academician N. N. Bogolubov of the Steklof Mathematical Institute. Bogolubov is one of the world's leading mathematicians. All three of these scientists have been participants in our Pugwash Conferences.

Mr. Boris N. Polevoy, a prominent Soviet author. Mr. Stanislav M. Menshikov of the New Times Magazine, and the son of Ambassador Menshikov.

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Also enclosed are letters to some people in Leningrad: Mr. Alexander Semenov, Director of the Lomonosov State Farm, and Mr. A. V. Mozalevsky, Director of the Electropower Factory. *Leningrad*

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street and Silver Park
Cleveland 6, Ohio

P.S. I have gone through regular diplomatic channels for meetings with Foreign Minister Gromyko and Chairman Khrushchev.

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Sincerely yours,

Mr. Alexander Semenov
Director
State Farm Lomonosov
Leningrad, U.S.S.R.

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Mr. A. V. Mozalevsky
Director of the Factory
Electropower
Leningrad, U.S.S.R.

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Ul. Kalinina 16
Moscow, U. S. S. R.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Director of State Committee for
Peaceful Uses for Atomic Energy
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

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Sincerely yours,

Academician A. V. Topchiev
Vice President
Academy of Sciences
Leninskiy prospect 14
Moscow, U. S. S. R.

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Sincerely yours,

Academician N. N. Bogolubov
Steklof Mathematical Institute
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

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Mr. Boris N. Polevoy
Pravda
Moscow, U.S.S.R.

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Sincerely yours,

Mr. Stanislav M. Menshikov
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Moscow, U.S.S.R.

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Dr. A. H. Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Shaker Heights 22, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Confirming our telephone conversation this afternoon, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith round-trip tickets from Cleveland to Moscow and Leningrad for yourself and Mrs. Silver and Exchange Order #30110 covering intourist arrangements from arrival Moscow July 11th to departure from Kiev on July 28th; additional vouchers covering transfers on arrival and departure Vienna and Geneva; hotel accommodations in Vienna and at the Hotel Splendide in Aix les Bains.

There is also a voucher enclosed drawn on our Geneva office to cover the cost of round-trip first class rail tickets for yourself and Mrs. Silver from Geneva to Aix les Bains - which will be delivered to you by our representative on your arrival at Geneva Airport.

I have also included three copies of your flight schedule, together with suggested train timings between Geneva and Aix les Bains. The detailed arrangements as covered by the deluxe services provided by intourist will be furnished you by the intourist representative who will meet you upon arrival in Moscow - at the airport there on July 11th.

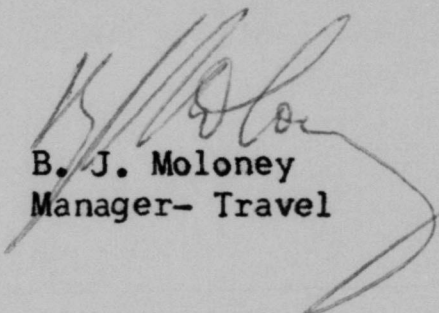
You will note that the Vienna hotel voucher was originally noted "Reservation requested but not confirmed". Since talking to you we have received a cable confirmation from Vienna of this reservation.

I am also enclosing some exchange converters, baggage tags, and a statement showing in detail the amount due the American Express Company for the various services provided.

Dr. A. H. Silver
July 7, 1961
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I sincerely trust that you will have a very pleasant journey and should you at any time require the services of any of our offices enroute please do not hesitate to call on the local managers concerned, who I am sure will be happy to extend you every possible assistance.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Moloney
Manager- Travel

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P.S.:

I am also enclosing letters of introduction to our Managers in Moscow, Vienna, and Geneva in the event that you may have occasion to call on these gentlemen for any specific assistance.



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Dear Rabbi Silver:

May I take this means of letting you know how very much I enjoyed reading the article in today's Plain Dealer entitled RABBI SILVER REPORTS ON RUSSIAN ADVANCES.

Believe me, my dear Rabbi, this article was most refreshing and gave me the feeling that perhaps there is some hopes for the survival of humanity. So many letters and editorials are so filled with hate that I have shuddered after reading them. In view of this, your article was like a voice crying in the wilderness.

I am most grateful to you for sharing your views with all of us.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bernice Oliphant

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Ellen J. Lohr
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Vincent H. Percy
Organist and Choirmaster

Dear Rabbi Silver:

8/10/61

I cannot refrain
from sending you a line of sincere
appreciation for the clear, wise
statement of yours in the morning
paper today. Of its accuracy I have
no doubt, and of its value I

Can only say, Thank you.

Cordially

Ferd Q. Blanchard



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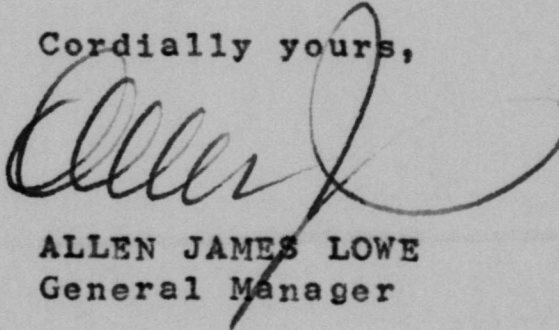
August 10, 1961

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

Welcome home to you and Mrs. Silver!
You are the greatest emissaries Cleve-
land has ever produced.

Cordially yours,



ALLEN JAMES LOWE
General Manager

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CYRUS S. EATON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

August 11, 1961

At Deep Cove Farms
Hubbards, R. R. 1
Halifax County
Nova Scotia

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Your message in yesterday's Plain Dealer is wise, statesmanlike and splendidly expressed. I earnestly hope you will speak and write constantly in the same tone. If our politicians and journalists can be persuaded to accept your appraisal of conditions in the Soviet Union, a compromise will be reached and the final catastrophe averted.

I look forward to seeing you immediately on my return to Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
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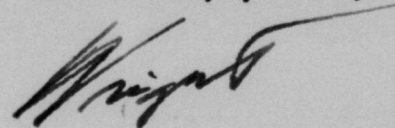
Dr. Abra Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Ansel Road and East 105th Street,
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am most grateful, as are my associates at the Plain Dealer, for the fine article by you which appeared on our front page yesterday.

Welcome home! I hope I may have the pleasure of seeing you soon.
Warmest regards!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wright Bryan", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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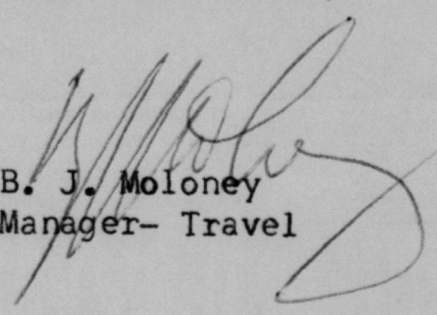
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This will acknowledge receipt of unused flight coupons for Mrs. Silver and yourself from New York to Cleveland which we are presently processing for refund.

As soon as a check is received from the airline we will be happy to forward it to you.

I am very glad to know that the arrangements we made on your behalf worked out satisfactorily and I trust that sometime again in the future I may have the privilege of assisting you in your travel requirements.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Moloney
Manager-Travel

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Senator Frank J. Lausche

Religious Editor Time Magazine - N.Y.

Alexander Semenov - U.S.S.R.

Lened M. Zamiatin - U.S.S.R.

September 30, 1963

My dear friend:

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the very attractive book on "The City of Ashkelon" which I have begun reading and I find it fascinating.

I trust that you are well and I send you all my good wishes for the New Year. I hope to be in Israel again before very long and shall give myself the pleasure of calling on you.

With warmest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Mr. A. Tager
Mayor
Ashkelon, Israel

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