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St. Lawrence Seaway, 1959.

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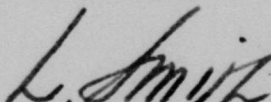
Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Ansel Road and East 105th Street  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

In recognition and in celebration of the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, a number of ships of the U. S. Navy will visit the City of Cleveland for the period 16 through 27 July 1959. This will be the first time in modern history that combatant vessels of the U. S. fleet will have sailed the waters of our inland seas. To honor this occasion, plans are now being made for a number of civic and social functions.

✓ As the Navy's Project Officer for the City of Cleveland and in arranging for the visit of more than 7,500 U. S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel, it is my privilege to ask you to be a member of an Honorary Committee which will be chaired by the Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze. In appreciation of your busy schedules, I am asking only for the support of your name and a minimal backing. If you feel you can serve on this committee, I will be deeply honored. An early acknowledgement of your acceptance is desired.

Sincerely,



L. SMITH  
Captain, SC, USN  
Project Officer

June 3, 1959

Captain L. Smith, SC  
United States Navy  
U.S. Navy Finance Center  
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Captain Smith:

Thank you for your letter of May 22nd. I shall be happy to serve as a member of the Honorary Committee in celebration of the St. Lawrence Seaway which is to be held on the 16 through 27 July 1959.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 1, 1959

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:

The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce joins with this Committee in extending an invitation to you to be our guest at a civic luncheon in recognition of the U. S. Navy Fleet participating in "Operation Inland Seas" on its visit to Cleveland.

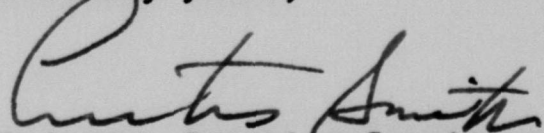
The luncheon will be held in the Main Dining Room of the Mid-Day Club, Friday noon, July 17.

Among the guests invited to attend the luncheon are some 150 Navy and Marine Corps officers of the Fleet, including Rear Admiral E. P. Holmes, Commander Cruiser Division FOUR, aboard the USS MACON, Rear Admiral W. K. Romoser, Commander Amphibious Training Command, and Major General Joseph C. Burger, Commanding General of the SECOND Marine Division.

May we also express our appreciation for your co-operation and support of the fine program which has been planned for members of the Fleet on their week-long stay here.

We hope you can arrange to be with us at the luncheon and ask that you let us have your acceptance at an early date, so that we may complete arrangements for the event. ✓

Sincerely yours,

  
Chairman, Steering Committee

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July 2, 1959

My dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 1st and for your invitation to attend the luncheon on Friday, July 17th in recognition of the U. S. Navy Fleet participating in "Operation Inland Seas". I shall be very happy to attend.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Dear Member:

You and a guest are cordially invited to  
attend the amphibious landing to take place at  
Edgewater Beach at 12:30 Saturday, 18 July 1959

Special seating arrangements have been made  
for individuals possessing the enclosed card.

Sincerely yours,

*L. Smith*  
L. SMITH  
Captain, SC, USN

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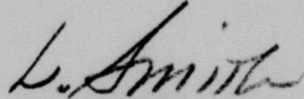
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Dear Member:

You and your guest are cordially invited to attend a cocktail party given in honor of the visit of the Operation Inland Seas fleet to Cleveland.

Time: 7:00 P.M. 22 July 1959  
Place: Coast Guard Moorings -  
Foot of East Ninth Street

Sincerely yours,



L. SMITH  
Captain, SC, USN  
Project Officer



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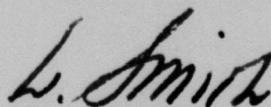
My dear Rabbi Silver:

As Port Project Officer for Operation Inland Seas, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for serving as a member of the Committee for the Welcome of the Navy Fleet to Cleveland. The events sponsored by the committee helped to make the Navy and Marine Corps stay in Cleveland a most memorable one.

The success of the operation both from the Navy and civic viewpoint is a tribute to all of those participating. Over 350,000 Clevelanders visited the Navy ships and an estimated 400,000 watched the amphibious exercise at Edgewater Beach, thereby indicating the interest that the people of Cleveland have in our Armed Forces. The social events for the officers, midshipmen and enlisted personnel were highly successful and brought many words of praise.

For myself and on behalf of the 7,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel who participated in the operation, please accept our thanks for your interest and support in this worthwhile project.

Sincerely yours,



L. SMITH  
Captain, SC, USN