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Willkie, Wendell, 1943-1944.

September 8, 1943

Mr. Wendell W. Willkie
15 Broad Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Willkie:

I felt very unhappy that I was compelled twice to deny myself the pleasure of a chat with you on September 1. I am sure that your secretary must have conveyed to you my deep sense of disappointment. I tried to extricate myself from the work of the American Jewish Conference long enough to keep my appointment but I was not permitted to do so. I was chairman of the Palestine Committee and its deliberations were of a character which necessitated my presence right through the sessions. I hope that I did not inconvenience you too much.

I am eager for an opportunity to talk to you, especially now that I have taken over the political work of our movement as chairman of the Executive of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs. The overwhelming endorsement which the Zionist program received at this democratically elected conference, representing every section of American Jewry, has heartened us greatly. I shall deeply appreciate your counsel and guidance.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

WENDELL L. WILLKIE
15 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

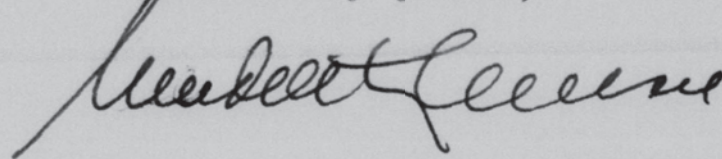
September 10th, 1943

My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of September eighth. I too, was disappointed that I did not have a chance to have a talk with you when you were last here. If you intend to be in New York Thursday, September sixteenth I should be happy to see you at eleven o'clock. Will you be good enough to let me know?

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wendell L. Willkie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
East 105th Street & Ansel Road
Cleveland, Ohio

September 14, 1943

Mr. Wendell L. Willkie
15 Broad Street
New York, N.Y.

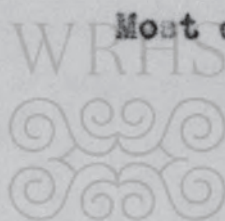
My dear Mr. Willkie:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 10 and your kind offer to see me on the morning of September 16. I do not plan to be in New York on that day, but I will be there on Tuesday, September 21. Will you be in the city then, and can you see me at any time during that day?

With all good wishes, I
remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:RK



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MR. WILLKIE REGRETS MUCH MUST LEAVE CITY MONDAY. SUGGESTS IF YOU EXPECT TO BE HERE AROUND MIDDLE OF OCTOBER YOU LET HIM KNOW. HE SENDS HIS REGARDS:

HELEN TUCKER SECRETARY TO MR WILLKIE.

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WENDELL L. WILLKIE
15 BROAD STREET
NEW YORK

April 26, 1944

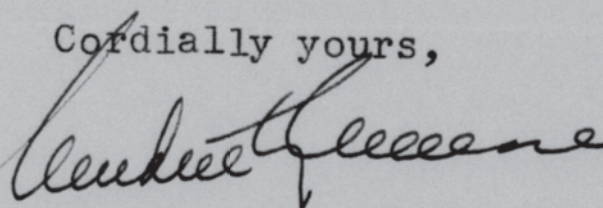
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Many thanks for your letter of April eleventh. It was certainly kind of you to write me at this time, and I much appreciate your words of encouragement.

Although I have withdrawn from the presidential race, I am as firmly convinced as ever of the rightness of the principles for which I fought and intend to continue my work to see them realized.

Kindest regards.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wendell L. Willkie", written in a cursive style.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

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Mrs. Wendell Willkie
1010 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY PROFOUNDEST SYMPATHIES AT THE PASSING OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED

HUSBAND. HE WAS A NOBLE HUMAN BEING A GREAT AMERICAN AND ^{an} INSPIRING CITIZEN OF THE WORLD. IN AN AGE WHEN THE HEARTS OF MEN ~~CREW~~ SMALLER AND THEIR VISIONS NARROWER ~~YOUR DISTINGUISHED HUSBAND~~ REMAINED THE SYMBOL OF GREAT GENEROSITY OF HEART AND A WORLD-WIDE ENCOMPASSING SYMPATHY. HE CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF ALL MINORITIES AND MORE ESPECIALLY THE JEWISH MINORITY WHICH MORE THAN ANY OTHER GROUP HAD SUFFERED SO GRIEVOUSLY. HE DEFENDED THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES AND ALSO THE RIGHTS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO REBUILD ITS NATIONAL LIFE IN PALESTINE, FOR ALL OF WHICH HE WILL BE REMEMBERED BY GRATEFUL HEARTS WITH PROFOUND GRATITUDE.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

[October 1944]

Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie

Lieutenant Philip H. Willkie, U.S.N.R.

deeply appreciate your kind

thought and expression of sympathy