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October 9, 1946

Mr. Louis Lipsky
Chairman Executive Committee
American Jewish Conference
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lipsky:

Mr. Barbarash has told me of the article which you submitted for publication in "The News Reporter" on the criticism made by the ZOA and "The New Palestine" of the action of the Executive of the Jewish Agency on partition and the manner in which it was carried out. Your statement will, of course, be published, for the columns of The New Palestine must always remain open to a free and fair exchange of points of views on the vital Zionist matters.

I question, however, the wisdom of calling your article "A Statement on behalf of the Jewish Agency". I am not aware that the members of the Jewish Agency have read your article and have approved of it. But more important, I question the wisdom of bringing the Jewish Agency officially into controversy with a position taken by a Zionist party on the subject of partition. You know of course that other Zionist parties have criticised partition and the action of the Executive, especially Zionist parties in Palestine. In no instance has the Jewish Agency, as such, issued a statement answering such criticism directed to a given party. It would be interpreted as unwarranted interference on the part of the Executive of the Jewish Agency with the right of Zionist political parties to discuss any action of the Executive and freely to criticize it.

If the Executive of the Jewish Agency wishes to issue a statement addressed to all Zionist parties or to the Jewish people, explaining and justifying its position, it has of course that right, and if such a statement is issued I am sure that it will be given the fullest publicity.

I think it would be much wiser if your statement is printed as coming from you, a member of the Jewish Agency, and not as being written in behalf of the Jewish Agency.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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AND OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED THAT YOU EXTEND AN INVITATION
TO DR GOLDMAN AS A MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE TO GIVE A REPORT OF
RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND OF THE INFORMAL
CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON WITH GOVERNMENT BEFORE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE OF CONVENTION AND IF NECESSARY TO TAKE PART IN
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