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Gromyko, Andre (Russian ambassador), 1943.

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Report on conversation with the Russian Ambassador, Mr. Andre Gromyko,

Friday, September 23, 1943

at 12:30 p.m.

Present: Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Mr. Andre Gromyko.

I told the Ambassador that the purpose of my visit was not to discuss any concrete matters with him but to establish contact. I told him of the various conversations with his predecessor, Mr. Litvinoff, who had seen also Dr. Weizmann, Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Shertok.

I told the Ambassador that we all feel that Soviet Russia cannot remain indifferent to the problem of Palestine and the problem of the Jews of Europe. As one of the great powers Soviet Russia will have to take an attitude concerning the solution of the Jewish problem and the settlement of the Palestine question.

I said that we all understand that the Soviet Government will not fix its attitude concerning these questions now ~~during~~ during hostilities, but we feel that the Government should be kept informed by us of developments so that they should have our view point in mind when the time comes for them to determine their policy. For that reason I had kept Mr. Litvinoff informed of developments in the Palestine situation and I would like to have the opportunity to do the same thing with Mr. Gromyko.

He replied that he agreed with me, that the Soviet Government would have to take an interest in these matters and that he would be very glad to see me whenever I felt that I had information to convey to him. He also said that he would be glad to receive any written or printed material I would like to submit to him and that he would see to it that the Soviet Government received such material. (I sent him the text of my address at the American Jewish Conference and the resolution of the Conference.)

He then discussed with me the visit of Prof. Michoels and Lt.-Col. Feffer to this country and enquired as to the attitude of the State Department concerning Palestine.

The new Ambassador is a youngish, quiet man, very careful but sympathetic.

Nahum Goldmann
September 24, 1943

