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Lubin, Isidore, 1943.

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Conversation with Mr. Isidore Lubin
Washington, D. C.
October 28, 1943.

Present: Mr. Lubin, Dr. Goldmann

Dr. Goldmann told Mr. Lubin about the rumors of a deal which was being arranged with Saudi Arabia on the part of large oil interests, for which a quid pro quo would be that the American government should come out in favor of an Arab Federation. Mr. Davis, the man who is negotiating for Standard Oil, is ready to sell Palestine.

Mr. Lubin advised that BVC be asked to speak to Secretary Ickes about this and that Abe Fortes, Under-Secretary of the Interior, be seen about it. (Dr. Goldmann subsequently asked Mr. Joel Wolfson to arrange for an appointment with Mr. Fortes).

Dr. Goldmann then discussed the campaign against the White Paper. He advised very blunt talk to the effect that unless there is assurance within a very short time that Palestine will be kept open to Jewish immigration, there will have to be an open fight against the White Paper.

In discussing the American Palestine Institute, Mr. Lubin stressed the necessity for keeping this an independent body, not tied up with any official Zionist Organization, nor should it become a formal part of the Emergency Committee's post-war planning Committee.

Mr. Lubin said that there was a chance that Robert Nathan might undertake to work for the American Palestine Institute, which would be excellent, but that Nathan would certainly not work for an official Zionist group.

Dr. Goldmann said he understood the point, but that on the other hand, coordination between the Institute and the post-war planning committees of the Emergency Committee was essential, so that there could be a mutual exchange of ideas and studies. Mr. Lubin agreed to this.

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