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Dear Abba,

I hear that you  
may be in N.Y. on Monday.

Unfortunately I'll be  
away till Tuesday night.

If you should be here  
and if people should  
try to sound you regarding  
your intentions regarding  
the leadership, I would  
suggest that you do not  
give the impression that you  
are "not interested." We're working.

As ever, yours,

Emanuel



MORRIS MARGULIES  
HOTEL GREYSTONE  
NEW YORK CTY

May 5, 1943.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

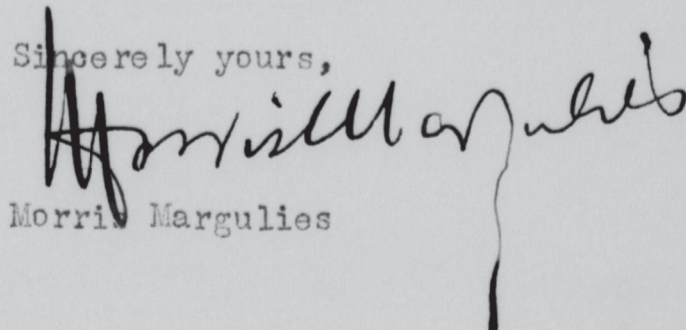
Owing to illness, I was prevented from going to Philadelphia this past weekend and therefore was not privileged to hear your address, which is generally regarded as one of your most inspiring utterances.

May I therefore take this means of telling you that in my judgment, you rendered the movement an inestimable service--indeed a service which is certain to become historic. I feel that the time has come when the Zionist leadership must speak out as you did last Saturday evening. From what I heard since, I know that some Zionist leaders are not in accord with the sentiments you expressed, but as I told one of them, you spoke the right word at the right time.

In connection with the work I am doing now, I have had many occasions to visit Washington--in fact, I have been there almost every week--and I can tell you from personal observation that if we have so far failed in our political efforts, it is due to the meek, uncertain policy we have pursued. Our only hope of preventing catastrophic failure is by adopting the attitude you so courageously proposed. Would to God you had spoken months ago as you did now. You may remember that when we traveled together from Cleveland to Buffalo, I urged you to come forward and rescue the movement from the appeasement and laissez-faire policy in which it is now bogged down.

With warm personal regards and heartfelt good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
Morris Margulies

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EMANUEL NEUMANN  
749 WEST END AVENUE  
NEW YORK

May 10, 1943

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Abba:

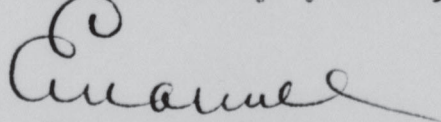
I attended the U.P.A. conference in Philadelphia last Sunday. I could not get to see you because I left that evening for Washington, nor did I hear you speak on Saturday night; but I did hear a great deal about your speech, from others and I have since read some excerpts. By all accounts and criteria, it was superb. Perhaps, eventually, the Zionists may learn to support a leader when they see one. Maybe - who knows?

Jacob Billikopf spoke to me in the lobby of the hotel and asked me to tell you that he was there, but missed seeing you. He was going that day or the next to the hospital for a minor operation. He was, in fact, in pain when he was speaking with me. I promised him faithfully to convey his message to you.

For the rest, not much news. It is now just about half a year since I advised our friends in the Emergency Committee that I was leaving. To the present day, no successor has been appointed, and in fact not a single person has been engaged, either in Washington or in New York. The only "constructive" action taken was to fire one man, Israel Goldberg, who had been working with us for about two years on a half time basis on publicity and literary work. C'est tout...

With best regards to Virginia and the boys, I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

  
Emanuel Neumann

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May 18, 1943

Mr. Morris Margulies  
Hotel Greystone  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Margulies:

Please pardon the delay in answering your kind letter. I have been away from the city a good deal of the time.

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me about the Philadelphia meeting. It was a very great and inspiring gathering and I hope that some good will flow from it. I share with you the concern about the appeasement element in our movement, and a hope that some day a solution will be found.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK



May 18, 1943

Mr. Emanuel Neumann  
749 West End Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Emanuel:

I am sorry that I did not get to see you in Philadelphia. I inquired about you Sunday evening, but was told that you had been at the Conference, but had left.

I trust that you and your family are well, particularly your boy.

I shall be in New York within the next few weeks and I hope that we will be able to find a little time to spend together.

The Zionist mess is messier than ever, isn't it?

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK