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March 1st, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Silver:

The quotations from Churchill's latest speech published in the New York Herald-Tribune February 23rd are as follows:

"....The sanest and safest course for us to follow is to judge all parties and factions dispassionately by the test of their readiness and ability to fight the Germans and thus lighten the burden of Allied troops....."

"Our feelings here and elsewhere follow the principle of keeping good faith with those who have kept good faith with us and of striving without prejudice or regard for political affections to aid those who strike for freedom against the Nazi rule and inflict the greatest injury upon the enemy."

I think they can be used very effectively in your talk at the American Palestine Committee dinner in Washington.

Tomorrow I am writing you a memorandum on my ideas of the propaganda line to be used in the present situation.

Ever best,

Marvin

Marvin Lowenthal

ML:SH

389 Bleecker St.,
New York, N. Y.
March 5, 1944.

Dear Silver:

The following information, very important if true, has been given me by my friend Bernard Gittelson - an economist and statistician. Mr. Gittelson has worked for the FEPC in Washington and is now working with the Committee on Discrimination in Employment of the New York State War Council.

Mr. Gittelson - so he told me - has a friend high up in the State Department, a man often seen in the company of Hull, a man incidentally (for I have no way of identifying him) who likes to play chess. This State Dept. official will not allow Gittelson to use his name, but he has not bound him over to silence in the following matter:

Two months ago this State Dept. official told Giteelson that the U.S. had made an oil agreement with Saudi Arabia; and, so it seemed to this official, a part of this agreement was the promise to Saudi Arabia that "Palestine would never become solely a Jewish State and that the U.S. Government would never comment officially on the White Paper." The State Dept. felt itself unable to favor or endorse the White Paper because of Jewish sentiment in the U.S.; but its silence would at least give tacit consent. This promise was not made in writing but was given verbally. However, it is of a ~~starex~~ nature that, like other similar verbal agreements, it will be transmitted as U.S. government policy to anyone succeeding the present Secretary of State.

Russia - the same State Dept. official told Gittelson - is in the affair. Her Caucasian oil fields are badly shattered. She needs more oil than Iran can now supply, and she will get a share of the Arabian oil. But Russia cannot deal directly with Saudi Arabia as Ibn Saud feels that the American tacit support of the White Paper is more important than anything Russia could give him at present.

The agreement and promises made with Saudi Arabia are intended to be permanent. The U.S. government foresees an honorably peace with Germany and in all likelihood a strong Germany arising from the present defeat, and a new war in perhaps forty or fifty years. As a measure in preparing for this future war the U.S. must have and keep Arabian oil.

I am sending you this information for what it is worth - and how much that means neither I nor Gittelson can know.

Ever

Marvin Lowenthal

MEMORANDUM

To Harry L. Shapiro

Date March 6, 1944

From Marvin Lowenthal

Although I am going to write you a detailed account of my interviews with various persons, I wish to report briefly as of date that I have talked with the following:

IN NEW YORK

Fulton Oursler
Quincy Howe
Lewis Gannett
George Grant and Kenneth Payne (Readers Digest)
P. E. Daker (March of Time)

IN WASHINGTON

Raymond Swing
Drew Pearson
Leon Pearson
Ernest K. Lindley
Theodore Granik
William Hillman (Colliers and N. B. C. Broadcasting)
Marquis Childs
David Lawrence
Burt Garnett (Editorial Service Reports)
Edward Weintal (Palestine expert on Newsweek)
Col. J. Noel Macy (Chief of the Press Section of the
Board of Public Relations of the
War Department)

and in addition, Eugene Meyer; Judge Henry W. Edgerton of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals; Herman Klotz (whose wife is one of the guiding lights of the War Refugee Board); Lt. Col. Frank Monaghan (Bureau of Public Relations in the War Department).

Among the commentators and columnists I have already met, only David Lawrence has directly said that he would be of no help to us. All the others listened carefully to what I had to say and discussed the whole question with me, and showed by their discussion that they were, on the whole, favorably disposed. However, you must understand that it is impossible to tell or order these people to do something. They will talk about Palestine only when it breaks in the news and they find it fit or worthwhile to say something. All I can do is bring the matter to their minds and furnish them a background and in discussion answer any difficulties or objections they may have in mind. I am continuing to keep in touch with them by mail, sending them material etc., whenever I feel I can do so without making a nuisance of myself.

Mr. Swing however, was very miffed at being nagged and bullied into doing something by the Peter Bergson crowd.

I was glad I had the chance to make clear to him that this outfit has nothing to do with the Zionist organization...In a later report however, I will go into details concerning each matter.

MEMORANDUM

To

Date

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I now have appointments in New York to talk with William Shirer; Caesar Searchinger; John Vandercook; and George Sokolsky.

Meanwhile, I have placed the Frankenstein book with the Dial Press.

Readers Digest will consult me on an article on Henrietta Szold and another article on Palestine which they have commissioned their correspondent in the Near East to write. I have cabled Gershon Agronsky to be nice to him.

I am helping secure reviews and blurbs for the Lowdermilk book and have already written to

Stuart Chase
Louis Adamic
Hendrik Willem van Loon
Harry Scherman
Lewis Mumford
Professor Richard McKeon (Dean of Humanities, University
of Chicago)
Waldo Frank

and have phoned Belle Rosenbaum, Editor of the Herald Tribune Weekly Book Section and to Lewis Gannett. I shall make further contacts in this connection.

I am trying to get an agency to handle the article by Professor Friedrich of Harvard.

I spent an entire afternoon at Columbia Broadcasting System discussing the Palestine debate to be staged on their program "The People's Platform". I believe I have succeeded in keeping off the air any representative of the American Jewish Committee or the Council of American Judaism. I am taking lunch with Leon Levine, the Educational Director of C. E. S. this Thursday and I will know if my arguments have stuck.

Marvin Lowenthal

ML:SK

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 17, 1944

From Mr. Marvin Lowenthal

Since my report of March 6 you may note the following contacts with columnists and radio commentators. I spent an evening--till two in the morning--with George Sokolsky and four days later he ran a column on oil and pointed out that a Jewish Palestine may be sacrificed to our new imperialism: - and
could mention today, March 17.

Lewis Gannett ran a full column review of Lowdermilk's book. I had lunch with William L. Shirer and Jay Allen. Shirer is sympathetic but he needs further education. We are to see each other again shortly. Jay Allen is an ardent Zionist and in a position to help us greatly through his intimate contacts with other commentators and columnists. I am taking drinks with him next week.

I have not yet been able to make the kind of contact I want with John Vandercook; but his buddy and my old friend John Gunther, who ought to be here any day soon now that he has won his divorce, will provide the good conditions necessary to meet Mr. Vandercook.

Tomorrow night I am speaking on the radio together with Kaltenborn in a memorial program for Hendrik Willem van Loon and I shall cultivate his acquaintance.

I have received a letter from Sumner Welles, who is in Florida, and was therefore absent when I visited Washington; Mr. Welles writes me that he will be delighted to see me any time after April 10 for as he says: "I am particularly interested in the matter you want to talk with me about."

With regard to the People's Platform program of the Columbia Broadcasting System devoted to a discussion of Palestine, I succeeded in having the title so worded that we were able to keep representatives of the American Jewish Committee and the Council for American Judaism off the air. I think the debate went off very well.

Irita Van Doren, editor of the book section of the Herald Tribune, was induced to invite Dr. Lowdermilk to speak before the Book and Authors Lunch on April 11. Usually 1500 persons attend this luncheon and it is the best advertising a book or an author can get in New York City.

I spent an evening with Mr. Strelsin, the ex-sugar daddy for the "Emergency Committee to Save the Jews"; he is an ardent Zionist but a peculiar type and one who should be used and we should find the way to do it.

I just learned through my friend, Rubin, that Sam Spewack is willing to do something for us--here too ways and means must be found.

I have been able to get inside information--for whatever it is worth--from two other men who could be of great use to us.

In sum, I am trying to think out a method whereby we could keep in close touch and utilize persons who either because of their own peculiar characters or because of their peculiar situation would not work at all with our regular set-up, that is to say, by becoming members of the emergency committee or any other of our organizations. For example, I am thinking of George Sokolsky, Strelsin, Spewack and the two others who I won't name as yet. There must be many more like them, both here and in Washington. It would be bad to let their prejudices, or ours, to prevent a full use of them.

Next week I am meeting Corwin, the radio playwright.

Incidentally, I have occupied myself with writing memos, strategy, resolutions to be passed at mass meetings, etc.

I have still to find time to write up a full report of the commentators and columnists I have talked with.

ML:MN



MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 29, 1944

From: Marvin Lowenthal

I took up the matter of the Cairo broadcast with Columbia Broadcasting System.

The News Editor, Mr. White, was away - (getting a divorce) and I spoke with his Assistant, Mr. Woodiat.

The latter agreed with me that the Arnim Meyer reports were not mere news reporting, but anti-Zionist propaganda.

He gave me what he called his "personal assurance" that Columbia would take the matter up with Mr. Meyer. Incidentally, he told me that Mr. Meyer is not their regular correspondent but was taken in an emergency from the O. W. I. (that is very interesting).

In a week or so, I will speak to Columbia again and ask them what they have done.

ML:BI

Copy to Mr. Manson
" " Mr. Shapiro

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date March 31, 1944

From Mr. Marvin Lowenthal

Following are the developments in the last two weeks:

George Sokolsky introduced a second mention of Palestine into his columns, and afterwards gave a full dress column to the subject. I am seeing Sokolsky this weekend to discuss with him the Republican Party.

Thanks to Quincy Howe, I have received a letter from John Vandercook who asked me to call him up and arrange a luncheon engagement with him next week.

I took up the matter of the Arnim Meyer broadcasts from Cairo with Columbia Broadcasting System, and I was assured by the assistant news editor, Mr. Woodiat, that the matter would be taken care of. Mr. Woodiat agreed that Meyer's broadcasts were not news, but propaganda. Next week I shall check up with him to see what was done.

Two weeks ago, I spoke for the Hendrik Willem van Loon memorial program on W.E.V.D. and met Kaltenborn, (at whose home we were entertained) Fanny Hurst and Ben Grauer. Since then, I sent Kaltenborn a copy of one of my books and he returned the favor, and wrote he hopes to see me soon.

I helped draft the resolution for the Madison Square Garden mass meeting.

At the suggestion of Mr. Lourie, I am having a friend of mine try to discover in Washington where the terminal of the Arabian pipe line will be.

Three days ago, I had cocktails with J. Allen and William Shirer. I am especially interested in cultivating Mr. Allen for reasons I will tell if I can succeed in carrying out my plan for him.

I reported before that I had interested Belle Rosenbaum, the virtual editor of the Herald Tribune Weekly Book Review, in Lowdermilk's book. This coming Sunday the Herald Tribune Book Section carries a splendid review of this book on page one. Moreover, Miss Rosenbaum has arranged that Lowdermilk shall speak at the Book and Theatre luncheon at Hotel Astor, April 4th. There are usually from 1,000 to 1,500 persons who attend this luncheon. They furnish the best book publicity in New York City.

I may be wasting my time, as many good men have done before me, but I am fooling with Warner Brothers on the matter of a Palestine film. Details later, if anything comes of it.

Tonight I take dinner with Keith Hutchinson of the Nation.

M. L.

ML:BB

cc: Mr. Harry L. Shapiro



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April 7th, 1944

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear
~~My dear~~ Silver:

Please be sure to have the committee that you are going to appoint to arrange for planks in the Republican and Democratic platforms get in touch with me immediately upon its appointment -- so that we do not work at cross-purposes and I can keep them guided by what I know and have done. When you are in town Sunday you can reach me if necessary at 389 Bleecker Street -- telephone: WAtkins 9-4192.

I told GS you will withhold acceptance until arrangements are secured for a Zionist Rabbi to pray for the Democrats.

It's set for you to take lunch with GS and myself Monday noon, April 17th. Please put it on your calendar. We will make it at the Biltmore.

Ever,
Marvin

ML:SH

Marvin Lowenthal

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Silver

Date April 17, 1944

From Marvin Lowenthal

Mr. Nat W. who is cooperating as a listening-post for us in Washington tells me that he cannot learn as yet where the terminal of the Arabian pipe-line is to be - Alexandria, Haifa, or elsewhere - because, he is convinced, no one knows. His best and highest informants assure him that no decision has been made on that point.

He likewise brought me back the following "dope": Representatives of the English oil interests in the Arabian field will shortly come to America and confer with the American interests. It will then be published that on the main issues full agreement was reached. No details will be announced. The English will return home - with actual control in their pocket. (We will, in other words, trade our "say" in Arabian oil for a larger "say" in the Caribbean and Venezuelan fields.) Mr. W. you understand, is merely reporting to me the best information available on the subject he could find in Washington.

If the real control of Arabian fields goes to Britain, I think this augurs badly for us. The U.S. is learning - as we are learning - that since the sun never sets on the British Empire, it doesn't matter how early you get up in the morning you can't beat them.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date April 18, 1944

From Marvin Lowenthal

The following is an abstract of our talk with George Sokolsky on April 17.

1. G. S. outlined the procedure to be followed in order to have a plank on Palestine included in the G.O.P. platform.

2. He likewise outlined the procedure for getting the Palestine resolutions acted upon before the elections.

3. He outlined his ideas on public relations work to be engaged in by the Zionist Emergency Council.

(a) He proposed that we secure a first-rate public relations man, giving him a title in the organization such as vice president, so that he has efficient standing, and have him devote himself almost exclusively to our contacts with the non-Jewish public. He pointed out, for example, that while the Hearst press has been uniformly pro-Jewish for years upon years, we nevertheless have no contact with this press, or with the many Jews who are in editorial positions on the various Hearst papers. Again, we have no contacts with the Scripps-Howard press. This public relations man should be of such character due to his work, authority, and person that the press will turn to him for consultation and advice on not only Zionist but general Jewish affairs. (Right now, for example, we learned that Life is planning some sort of an article on Jews or on Palestine. We have no contacts with them. And it will be a matter of chance whether the article is well informed or favorable).

This same public relations man, or another if necessary, should engage in making contacts with all the women's clubs of the country, as well as the Rotary Clubs, Lions, etc. Speakers on Palestine should be sent to these organizations either directly or through a lecture agency. For the women's clubs, Mrs. Lowdermilk, among others, might be used. A man like Ben Horin should be used.

(b) As another item in our public relations program, we should consciously build up three or four spokesmen--officials of the organization--throughout the country, so that when the AP or the other press associations have to turn for opinion on Jewish matters they become accustomed to turn to one of these three or four men. Once they can be trained to do this--it

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will merely take conscious work on our part to bring this about--we will be in a much better position to deal with the various political parties in America. There will be an end to our present state of anarchy in which a Republican or a Democratic leader can give a swell statement on Palestine one day and then get kicked in the pants by some Zionist leader who belongs to an opposition party the next day. Politicians now have great difficulty in doing anything for the Jews because we are unable to deliver not merely votes but even the courtesy of silence.

4. G. S. would like us to send him a written outline of the present set-up of our organization. When he gets that he will undertake to give us his advice as to how it can be improved. He did this recently for the N.A.M. with gratifying results. Incidentally, he charged them a fat fee, and would, of course, charge us nothing.

5. His main point is as follows: We have among the entire non-Jewish American public practically no opposition. The only non-Jews of any consequence who are opposed to us owe their opposition to the influence not of their own ideas but of the ideas pumped into them by anti-Zionist Jews. In other words, our only active opponents are some of our own Jews. Therefore, we could get virtually Zionized America if we used the right means on the right scale. We have, for example, a much easier selling job than the N.A.M., or indeed any other American group. While we are not able to command a budget equal to that of a big corporation, we can, on the other hand, enlist a great deal of valuable service on a volunteer basis. The extent to which we can be successful will, however, be limited by the amount of intelligent discipline we can inculcate in our leaders and in our press. We have got to make at least every Zionist leader understand that in American politics we are absolutely non-partisan, but as Zionists we are concerned only with Palestine and not with local American issues. We must not make unnecessary enemies and count on everyone as being some day a potential friend. G. S. gave a number of illuminating examples of the needless injury our Jewish leaders and press have inflicted on political figures who are not opponents of the Jews but merely political opponents in other fields.

6. When I left you I took a half-hour walk with George in which he produced a very valuable idea for Emanuel Neumann in his present affair with the Hearst press. George suggested that Neumann--now that Hearst is a bit obligated to him and apologetic--offer to write a whole series of articles on Palestine and the Near East for the Hearst press. I think this is the most valuable thing Neumann can do at the present time.

7. Shapiro and Feuer tell me that they are looking for just such a public relations man as George has described and want me to ask George for suggestions as to names. I think the wisest thing to do is first to send George the outline of our organization set-up, thereby as it were showing that we have confidence in him; and then a day or two later ask him if he has any names to suggest for such a public relations job.

ML:LF

Dictated but not read.

April 20, 1944

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal,
American Zionist Emergency Council,
342 Madison Avenue,
New York 17, N. Y.

My dear Marvin:

Thank you for your kind note of April 18th, giving an abstract of our talk with Sokolsky. I would suggest that you and Shapiro get together and draft an outline of our organizational set-up for Sokolsky, giving him an idea of the various committees through which we are functioning, the scope of each committee, the professional set-up, our Washington Office, etc. It should also be indicated, in a general way, what has been done in each respective field and what is being contemplated.

With reference to his suggestion for more intensive cultivation of the women's clubs, I have already spoken to Mr. Shapiro about it. It is our plan to convert the office of Miss Shepard from what it is now to the specific job of reaching the non-Jewish women's organizations of America and sending speakers to them.

I am delighted that you are staying on and that we will have your very valuable help in the coming months.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:NEK

Abba Hillel Silver

389 Bleecker St.,
New York 14, N. Y.
April 21, 1944

Dear Abba:

I have your letter of yesterday and I am answering it from home.

As you will learn from a report I just dictacted to you, Shapiro is preparing the outline which Sokolsky wanted us to submit to him. And Shapiro tells me that ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Shepard is already on the new job.

I read your suggesting with regard to my contacting Pegler. He is, as you may know, an arch S.O.B. - aber echt - and I doubt if any of my friends are on speaking terms with him. However, it takes an S.O.B. to catch an S.O.B. and as soon as Shapiro sends in the outline to Sokolsky I'll ask the latter if he can put me in touch with Pegler. Then we'll really know how low G.S. can sink.

With best regards

Marion



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April 21, 1944

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver:

The following are the developments since March 31:

I have spoken with Don Levine but I doubt if he can be interested.

Eighteen hundred women (all of them Helen Hokinsons) attended the Book and Authors luncheon at the Hotel Astor on April 4 and heard Lowdermilk talk about Palestine. His sincerity made a very good impression. I have since spent an evening at the home of Belle Rosenbaum, who arranges these luncheons.

At the request of Mr. Manson, I learned from Jacob Wilk of Warner Brothers that the nibble which Charles Rollo received from Warner Brothers to put "Burma Raiders" on the screen was not serious.

I dined again with Jerome Frank, and I still have good hopes.

Through a friend of mine I was asked to write to Cecil Brown for an interview--but I have not yet heard from him.

I had a long talk with John Vandercook, and I will take luncheon with him shortly. He is not anti-Jewish but appears to be one of those liberals whose solution to the Jewish problem lies in the disappearance of the Jew. He will merit further working upon.

I had dinner with my Wall Street friend, N. W., last Sunday, and as I already have told you, received a prognostication on what would happen on the oil deal. We will see how far the events bear out my friend.

I had dinner Sunday night with Sam Spewack. So far he acts very noncommittal and talks like the mouthpiece of the CWI.

I dined with Jay Allen. He will be of unlimited service to us. He is ready to help in any way he can by bringing me in contact with everyone he knows. I discussed the matter of asking Gervasi to do an article deflating the Arabs. It is Allen's opinion that Gervasi has a very unpredictable character; moreover, Mr. Shapiro thinks it may be wiser to leave Gervasi alone since if he would do an article on the Arabs it may begin to look as though he were writing at Zionist dictation.

I had dinner with Jacob Wilk. Something is cooking in the way

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of a movie on Palestine, but it is foolish to predict or count on anything that Hollywood might do until there is actual "tachlis" to report. This week-end or early next week Mr. Wilk and I will have some drinks with Harry Warner.

Yourself and I had lunch together with George Sokolsky. I already have submitted an abstract of the suggestions offered by G. S. At Mr. Sokolsky's request, Mr. Shapiro is sending him a memorandum describing our entire organizational set-up. As soon as Mr. Sokolsky receives this and therefore feels that we are acting seriously with him and are taking him into our confidence, I will call on him to do further things for us that I have in mind: such as asking him for suggestions for a public relations man for the American Palestine Committee, and asking him if he can put me in touch with Pegler.

Ben Stolberg called on me to consult me with regard to a book he is writing on the Jewish problem; I hope I can be of help to set him right and keep him straight.

WRHS
Sincerely yours,

Marvin Lowenthal

Marvin Lowenthal

ML:LF

April 23, 1944

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Marvin:

Whatever happened to our project to have a letter signed by English writers on the White Paper? If it is still obtainable, with the adequate signatures, we might use it on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the issuance of the White Paper.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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April 24, 1944.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Abba:

Nothing has happened to the project of having a letter signed by English writers since I received the imperfect text from R. Ellis Roberts. I have been in touch with Margaret Webster who might be of help in securing signatures.

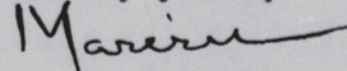
To bring the project into effect I will have to reword the resolution and then submit it to Roberts in California, and will likewise have to get Miss Webster and others to secure an adequate number of signatures.

All this will take too much time to enable us to use the letter as early as May 24th, which is I believe the date of the issuance of the White Paper. The earliest possible occasion on which we could use the letter is, so far as I know, the anniversary of the issuance of the Balfour Declaration in November.

Can you think of an earlier occasion -- or what do you say to my going ahead with the idea of getting the letter done and signed as soon as possible and then trusting to something turning up that will enable us to use it?

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



ML:BI

Marvin Lowenthal

April 27, 1944

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

My dear Marvin:

In reply to your letter of April 24 -- I think that you ought to go ahead with the letter, get it signed by as many people as possible, and we will find a proper occasion to use it. We need not wait until next November.

The Literary Digest article is a hard blow. It will not do merely to shower the editors with protests. We must persuade them to permit a rejoinder in the columns of the Digest since the article was an expression of opinion. I suggest that you talk over with a few of our people the best way of approaching the editors. I note that Mr. Neumann has already written a letter to Mr. William Hard. You might talk to him about it. Do I understand correctly that Life Magazine (or is it Time, or Fortune) has an article in preparation on Palestine? Have you found out the nature of it? It is important that it should be done. We might prevent serious damage.

We have failed, so far, to have outright pro-Zionist articles published in any important American magazine--as pro-Zionist as the Literary Digest article is anti. We have had a number of articles published in various magazines speaking of Jewish achievements in Palestine -- which nobody controverts, which even our enemies acknowledge, and which help very little in refuting the real anti-Zionist arguments and in preparing our case fully. We have discussed this before, you will recall. I regard this the most serious weakness in our educational campaign. We are prepared to pay considerable money to get such articles written, but evidently we have as yet failed to get the writers, or to persuade magazines to accept such articles. Here is the field in which I believe you ought to concentrate most of your efforts from now on.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 17, 1944

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal
389 Bleecker Street
New York, N.Y.

My dear Marvin:

I am sorry that I did not see you in New York early this week. I wanted to talk to you about a few matters.

Mr. Shapiro mentioned to me once or twice the importance of organizing an writers and artists committee to tap the good will of that large group and also to keep them from falling into the hands of the political adventurers of the League for a Free Palestine. It might be advisable, if you are prepared to do so, to go to Hollywood for three or four weeks and build up an impressive organization there. You can do it. We have some contacts there of which Mr. Shapiro can apprise you. Please let me know of your decision.

The enclosed letter of Louis Adamic addressed to you, which you have probably seen, seems to indicate that Mr. Adamic is a convert to our cause. Why don't you contact him, if you have not done so already, and ask him to write one or two articles for us? They would be tremendously helpful. You would provide him with the material which he would require and of course we would want to compensate him for his services.

I should be very happy to hear from you of progress in other directions. With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS:BK

May 29, 1944

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Marvin:

What about George Sokolsky? He was to give us some ideas on how to improve our public relations work. He was also to keep us informed about the Republican Convention, etc. Have you heard from him?

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK