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Weisgal, Meyer, 1944.

January 5, 1944 Mr. Meyer Weisgal 41 East 42nd St. New York, N.Y. My dear Mr. Weisgal: I heard that you were ill and I hope that by the time this reaches you, you will have recovered. I am sorry that you could not attend the meetings of the Emergency Council last Monday. With all good wishes, I remain OCO Very cordielly yours, AHS: BK Enc.

hour hypsky MEYER W. WEISGAL February 1, 1944 Dr. Abba Hillel Silver The Temple N. 105th Street & Ansel Road Cleveland, Ohio My dear Dr. Silver: I am enclosing a copy of the cablegram which I showed you yesterday from Dr. Weizmann regarding Mr. Lipksy's coming to London. This is the third or fourth inquiry by cable from Dr. Weizmann regarding this matter. I have talked to Lipsky about it a number of times, pointing out to him that as a member of the Executive, he is under moral obligation to attend the meetings, which seem to be of such momentous importance. Not until several days ago was I able to establish the reason why Lipsky has not gone to London and refuses to make plans to go. As he indicated to me, although discussion has been going on in the mergency Council for months regarding the meeting in London, at no time did you or any member of the Emergency Council indicate the desirability of Mr. Lipsky's presence in London, both as an American representative on the Executive Committee and as an American Zionist. Although, as he stated to me, he would be wholly within his prerogatives in accepting the invitation as a member of the Executive, he feels that no good purpose would be served if he did not actually represent American Zionists or at least have an expression of their desire that he go to London. The failure of the Emergency Council to associate him with the meeting in London, he has interpreted as a continuance of the practice of excluding him from participation in the central undertakings of the Zionist movement. He feels deeply hurt about the matter, although he is reluctant to speak about it. I am giving you this information because I feel that it is my duty to apprise you of the facts. With kindest personal regards. Very sincerely yours, Men mww:ea

Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

- 1) Pursuant to our several conversations last week I have undertaken various steps in connection with the proposed petition. (As you know, a majority of the Interim Committee voted in its favor.) I have prepared a preliminary outline of the operation; its final form should be ready by Monday or Tuesday. As I am sure you realize, it is an enormous operation and time is of the essence. It is therefore essential, before we get too deep into the business, that a quick decision be made by the Executive Committee of the Emergency Council. That decision is necessary because of the enormous expense involved. A preliminary estimate indicates approximately \$75,000. Therefore, if at all possible, there should be a meeting of the Executive Committee sometime next week.
- 2) I talked to Van Paassen and subsequently with Joe Brainin. The result is the enclosed letter which speaks for itself. If there are certain things in it that are not clear to you I should be happy to discuss them with you either here or in Washington.
- 3) I talked to Steele. He is ready to do the things we discussed except the ten speaking engagements for approximately half the original figure. Can I proceed to close the deal?
- 4) I was very much worried about the story in the Morning Journal today, about the report of the conversation between Weizmann and Churchill. I am afraid these "revelations" may cause considerable embarassment. I presume you must have spoken "off the record."

With best wishes, as always

Sincerely yours,

Meyer W. Weiggal V.

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Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Office of the Jewish Agency, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Meyer:

I am enclosing, herewith, a letter for Dr. Weigmann. I hope that it will get off right soon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

AHS: NEK

Abba Hillel Silver