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American Zionist Emergency Council vs. Jewish Agency Bureau,
partition, 1946.

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BARTLEY C. CRUM

Via Air Mail

August 27, 1946

Dr. Nahum Goldman
Zionist Emergency Council
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Nahum:

I think I should bring you up to date on developments after you left for Paris.

Bob Hannigan, the Postmaster General, gave a dinner party at which I was fortunate enough to sit next to the President. I talked with him for about two hours on the Palestine situation; also with Secretary Wallace and Attorney General Tom Clark. The following day I had a long visit with Secretary of the Treasury Snyder on the same subject.

There can be no doubt about the fact that the President and the members of the Cabinet were equally impressed with what you had to say. There is, however, one phase of the matter which disturbed me. All of them asked me if, in my opinion, the proposal of the Jewish Agency met with the approval of the leaders of American Jewry. They wondered why Dr. Silver was not with you when you talked.

I told them that I believed that the Palestinian Jewry's wishes would be respected by the leaders of American Jewry and did my best to get out of their minds any thought that there might be division within the ranks of world-wide Jewry on the subject of Palestine.

Later on, I had a luncheon with the entire editorial staff of the New York Herald-Tribune and again I ran into the question of what was the position of American Jewry in relation to the proposal you made. One of the editors of the Herald-Tribune said that he was confused because all of the propaganda groups in America were against partition; whereas the proposal as reported in the Press seemed to indicate that the Jewish Agency now favored partition.

The job of interpreting whatever comes out of discussions and negotiations to American Jewry will fall, in major degree, upon the leaders of American Jewry, and therefore it does seem to me to be of extreme importance that Dr. Silver should be brought publicly into the picture so that the American Government will know that if it adopts a given course of action, it will have the backing of the American Jewish citizens.

Warm personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

BCC: Jh

Bartley C. Crum

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YOUR CABLE 28/8 RECEIVED CONSIDERED MEETING EXECUTIVE UNDER WEIZMANN'S CHAIRMANSHIP TODAY STOP YOUR OBJECTIONS SEEM DUE MISUNDERSTANDINGS-ONE-DECISION DOES NOT IMPLY TRANSFERENCE ALL EMERGENCY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON TO AGENCY OFFICE THERE STOP ALL ACTIVITIES EMERGENCY COUNCIL ACTING BEHALF AMERICAN ZIONISTS ONLY WILL AS HERETOFORE BE CONDUCTED BY EMERGENCY COUNCIL STOP IF SPECIFIC ACTION BY COUNCIL AS INTRODUCING RESOLUTION NECESSITATES SPECIAL OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON THIS WOULD BE DONE AS MADE CLEAR IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU HERE SAME APPLIES OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES EMERGENCY COUNCIL-TWO-UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THREE AMERICAN MEMBERS ADDED TO EXECUTIVE AND AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF EIGHT IS TO CONDUCT POLITICAL WORK BEHALF AGENCY IN WASHINGTON AND DIRECT ACTIVITIES AGENCY'S OFFICE THERE STILL LESS GROUND EXISTS FOR ANY OBJECTIONS TO STRENGTHENING AGENCY OFFICE OR FOR ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN AGENCY ACTING BEHALF ENTIRE MOVEMENT AND EMERGENCY COUNCIL ACTING BEHALF AMERICAN ZIONISTS STOP-THREE-DECISIONS TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE AS COMMUNICATED TO YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY FULL DISCUSSED WITH YOU AND OTHER AMERICAN MEMBERS EXECUTIVE AND NO OBJECTIONS RAISED BY ANY OF YOU STOP UNFORTUNATELY YOU COULD NOT ACCEDE OUR REQUEST STAY HERE FEW MORE DAYS AND WERE NOT PRESENT FULL MEETING EXECUTIVE AT WHICH DECISIONS HAD TO BE TAKEN BUT ALL OTHER AMERICAN MEMBERS EXECUTIVE WISE LIPSKY GOLDMANN TOOK PART AND DECISIONS HAD THEIR FULL SUPPORT-FOUR-YOUR PERSONAL DEMUR SUCH DECISIONS BEING TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING YOU THEREFORE UNJUSTIFIED-FIVE-BELIEVE THAT ON FULLER INFORMATION FROM AMERICAN MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART IN DECISION WRONG IMPRESSION CREATED AT PLENUM EMERGENCY COUNCIL WILL BE DISPELLED-SIX-AFTER FULLY CONSIDERING YOUR OBJECTIONS EXECUTIVE MAINTAINS ITS DECISION AND APPEALS TO YOU AND ALL OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS TO WORK IN HARMONY AT THIS CRUCIAL AND MOST CRITICAL HOUR

ZIONIST EXECUTIVE

COPY OF CABLE TO LOUIS LIPSKY

LOUIS LIPSKY
HOTEL ROYAL MONCEAU
PARIS, FRANCE

AT MEETING EMERGENCY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE WEDNESDAY NIGHT, GOLDMANN PRESENTED
POLITICAL RESOLUTION ADOPTED PARIS STOP SILVER SUGGESTED INTERPRETATION PARA -
GRAPH 2 TO MEAN WE SHOULDN'T OFFER PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT CIRCLES WHICH WOULD
BE GRAVE ERROR BUT, IF SUCH PROPOSAL EMERGES FROM DISCUSSIONS AND PUT TO US, WE
SHOULD THEN INDICATE WILLINGNESS CONSIDER IT STOP THIS MET WITH UNANIMOUS
APPROVAL AND GOLDMANN AGREED THIS PROCEDURE STOP HAVE LEARNED FROM UNIMPEACHABLE
SOURCES GOLDMANN HAD ALREADY PRESSED PROPOSAL ON ACHESON AND SNYDER AND IS
ADDRESSING LETTER TO CHIEF STOP HAD DONE THIS WHILE TELLING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
HE ACCEPTS ITS VIEWS AS TO PROCEDURE AND WHILE ASSURING COUNCIL HE HAS NOT AND
WILL NOT APPROACH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH SILVER
STOP HE HAS CREATED ANOTHER INTOLERABLE SITUATION STOP APART FROM INFORMING
SILVER ~~XX~~ OF EXECUTIVE'S ACTION, GOLDMANN HASN'T REQUESTED COOPERATION OR
APPRISED OF ACTIONS TAKEN STOP MUST KNOW IMMEDIATELY WHETHER EXECUTIVE AGREES
OUR INTERPRETATION AND ITS PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS TO GOLDMANN REGARDING TACTICAL
PROCEDURE STOP ZIONISTS HERE INCREASINGLY RESENTFUL OF EXECUTIVE'S STUDIED
INSULTS TO SILVER BY APPARENT AUTHORIZATION GOLDMANN TO REPRESENT IT ALONE STOP
PLEASE WIRE IMMEDIATELY ALSO FULL PARTICULARS REGARDING FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE
STOP REQUEST YOU SHOW THIS CABLE TO GOLDSTEIN AND OTHER FRIENDS.

NEUMANN
HOTEL STATLER