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Re: Senator Barkley

I finally reached Senator Barkley. You were mistaken in thinking he already inserted the editorial of the Washington Post in the Congressional Record. He wanted to do it but the Senate adjourned. I have never spoken so earnestly as I did to him a few minutes ago, when I apprized him of the situation in which we find ourselves. The urgency of the hour is so great that I pleaded with him to do everything possible to help meet the emergency.

Specifically, I suggested that he should speak to the President. He was not aware of the fact that martial law may be proclaimed. He assured me in no uncertain terms that he would talk to the President just as soon as he possibly can. Whether he will do it today or tomorrow I cannot say, but from the tone of his remarks, I have reason to believe that Senator Barkley will not fail us. If there is anything further you want me to do, let me know.

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Hon. Alben W. Barkley,
U. S. Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Barkley:

It was good talking to you on the long distance telephone last Friday.

It is quite true that martial law has not been proclaimed in Palestine, but the situation remains very tense because of the uncertainty. I want you to know how deeply we all appreciate your interest in our problem and your wish to be helpful at all times.

Secretary Marshall is expected to appear before the Foreign Relations Committee to discuss the U. S. Foreign Policy. This would be an excellent opportunity to ask the Secretary of State one or two questions, which would be very helpful in clarifying the U. S. attitude on Palestine.

You read the British proposals which appeared in the New York Times. These proposals are much worse than the original Morrison-Grady Plan. This is after the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry.

It would be well to ask the Secretary of State whether the U. S. Government was consulted on the new plan. If Secretary Marshall should answer we were consulted, it would be of great help to call attention to the joint resolution adopted by both the House and the Senate in support of our Cause. You can be tremendously helpful, and I am sure you will be, in interpolating the new Secretary of State, who, I know, is very sympathetic to our Cause.

You have won a place in the hearts of your fellow men and certainly in the hearts of the American Jewish community by your espousal of our Cause. It is tragic to think that after all the effort we have made the British Government remains stubborn and is unwilling to make any concessions.

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I hope Mrs. Barkley is feeling much better. I look forward to seeing you in Washington one of these days.

With affectionate greetings and warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mendel N. Fisher.

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