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1210 18th Street, N.W.
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April 26, 1947

Dear Mr. Akzin:

I have just received your special delivery letter dated April 23rd. It was addressed to our old home address in Virginia. Our new home address is: 1545 -- 3 5th Street, N.W., Washington.

The idea put forth in your memorandum of April 22nd is very interesting and a good one. To my mind, you may want to sharpen up the following observations:

(a) The United Nations should draw a clear line of demarcation between the short-range and long-range problems involved in the case of Palestine. The immediate and emergency issue of immigration into Palestine is clear and can be determined without awaiting a final decision on the so-called constitutional questions.

We know that for thirty years now under Britain's mandate, the constitutional issue has not been solved. Whether there should be partition, a bi-national state or some other solution of the problems in Palestine has not been answered during the last thirty years during which Britain had the mandate. It is not likely that the United Nations will be able to answer these kind of long-range questions for many years. Therefore, it should pass on such questions as the immigration issue first even though the other questions are left in suspense until an adequate determination can be made on them.

(b) In connection with the long-range solution, the legal case under the mandate is directly relevant in terms of reaching a fair and equitable solution, even though it be a political one. Therefore, for the United Nations to make an adequate final determination, it would be highly desirable for it to have an advisory opinion on the legal case from the International Court of Justice. If the advisory legal opinion

is tied directly to the long-range solution, it may be that delays in passing on the short-range and immediate problems can be avoided to some extent.

If I can be of any further assistance on this matter, do let me know.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd)

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June 26, 1947

Dear Dr. Silver:

Because General M. has been in and out of town and I have been in and out, we have missed each other on the point that you asked me to take up with him.

Unfortunately, I am leaving for Europe today and will not be back for about a month.

When I am abroad, particularly in England, I will try to take on the almost impossible job of trying to break down the attitudes of some of the key people over there.

I am still not too sure that it would be a good idea, even if I could have connected with General M., to ask him what you had in mind. My feeling is that it might be better for ZOA, in a semi-formal letter, not even signed by you, to invite the General to give the speech pointing out the opportunity that the occasion affords. I think in this way he will feel less embarrassed if he has to say no, or feels that he has to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Oscar Cox

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