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August 12, 1947

Mr. Leo R. Sack  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
1706 G Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Leo:

This will reply to your letter of August 4th.

I am glad to see Dr. Silver's statement.

I have also found your note about Dr. Silver's presence in Washington last Friday. I have been away for about 10 days. I am very sorry to have missed him.

I am off for Rio on Wednesday morning.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially and faithfully,

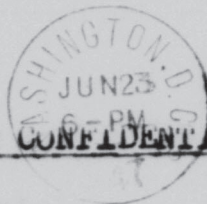
/s/ A. H. Vandenberg



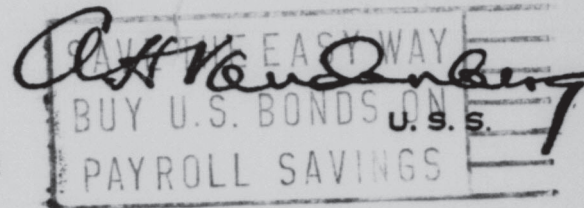
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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

September 9, 1947.

### PERSONAL

Mr. Leo R. Sack,  
American Zionist Emergency Council,  
1706 G Street, N. W.,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Leo:

Thanks for your note of September 4th.

I am glad to have this additional information.  
I think I find myself in agreement with your  
quotation from Dr. Silver.

You will forgive the necessary haste of this acknowledgment.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially and faithfully,

*Arthur H. Vandenberg*



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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Grand Rapids, Michigan  
September 17, 1947

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Dr. Silver:

This will reply to your letter of September 12th.

I deeply hope that the majority report of the UN Palestine Commission may point the way to a successful settlement of this tragic conundrum. I have made it completely plain to our own Government that I think the majority report offers the only hope of settlement. As you know, I have repeatedly said the same thing upon previous occasions because of my long-time belief that "viable partition" is the only answer. I agree with you that the United States Government should take a firm position in seeking to get agreement. It will do no one (including the Jews themselves) any good to order a decision (in the absence of agreement) which merely precipitates armed ~~welfare~~ <sup>conflict</sup> with the Moslem world. This would simply substitute one tragedy for another and expand disaster into even wider areas. Therefore, my whole emphasis is upon agreement; and it seems obvious to me that the influence of the United States must be vigorously used if rival partisans are to be adequately impressed with the necessity of "agreement."

I am not advised as to the precise procedure which the Secretary of State intends to pursue at New York. Obviously he confronts a difficult task - even if he pursues the viewpoint I have expressed. Before making a final decision as to whether I should make a public statement on the subject, I think I should confer with him again with this specific objective in mind. I would not want unwittingly to do more harm than good. Therefore, I will pursue the following course. I am temporarily "interned" here at Grand Rapids because Mrs. Vandenberg is to have a gall bladder operation the latter part of this week; and I am also moving into the hospital for a check-up which seems to be a necessity. I hope to be a "free agent" in ten days or two weeks. I shall immediately go to New York. I will talk this out with the Secretary and I will advise you of the result.

I want to add one very earnest thought. Despite all the anti-Zionist attitudes chargeable to the British, and despite all the retaliations which are perfectly natural as a result, I think the Terrorist activities of the Jewish Extremists (culminating in the recent Paris disclosures) are doing



A. H. Silver

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almost irreparable damage to the Zionist cause. I know how vigorously you have denounced these Terrorist activities. I know they represent an utter minimum of Jewish sympathy. Nevertheless, they invite a rampant prejudice which is doing the cause great harm both at home and abroad. I fervently hope that there may be no untoward incident at this critical moment to completely nullify our aspirations.

As usual, I have spoken with complete frankness to you on the basis of our usual personal and confidential discussions.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially and faithfully,

WRHS  
AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES  
Handwritten signature: A. H. Silver



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SEPTEMBER 29, 1947

SENATOR ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG  
SENATE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

I AM  
FROM MANY SOURCES ~~WE ARE~~ RELIABLY INFORMED THAT OUR SITUATION HAS GREATLY  
DETERIORATED WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS AND THAT THE POSITION OF OUR GOVERNMENT IN  
RELATION TO THE MAJORITY REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS BECOME  
VACILLATING AND EQUIVOCAL. THIS IS CREATING CONFUSION IN THE RANKS OF OUR FRIENDS  
AMONG THE UNITED NATIONS DELEGATIONS AND IF THIS IMPRESSION IS NOT QUICKLY CORRECTED,  
IT IS LIKELY TO LEAD TO A DISASTROUS STALEMATE WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY DO IRREPARABLE  
~~HARM~~ <sup>HARM</sup> TO OUR CAUSE BUT WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE THE PRESTIGE AND AUTHORITY OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS. ARAB THREATS AND THE EVIL MACHINATIONS OF BITTER ENEMIES OF OUR  
CUASE, LIKE GEORGE WADSWORTH, HAVE SEEMINGLY BROUGHT ABOUT A CHANGE <sup>IN</sup> ~~OF~~ THE FORTHRIGHT  
AND HEARTENING POSITION WHICH WAS TAKEN BY SECRETARY MARSHALL AT THE ASSEMBLY TEN  
DAYS AGO. IN THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE, I APPEAL TO YOU TO USE YOUR GREAT INFLUENCE  
WITH OUR GOVERNMENT TO STAND SQUARELY BEHIND THE COMPROMISE SOLUTION OF THE MAJORITY  
REPORT WHICH HAS BEEN YOUR OWN STRONG CONVICTION FOR A LONG TIME. IN ~~YOUR~~ <sup>THE</sup>  
CONVERSATION WITH MR. MARSHALL, WHICH YOU INTEND TO HAVE, I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL  
EMPHASIZE THAT ARAB THREATS AND UNWARRANTED ECONOMIC PRESSURES SHOULD NOT BE  
PERMITTED TO AFFECT THE SOUND AND MORAL JUDGMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT. I SHALL BE  
MOST EAGER TO HEAR FROM YOU. I SHALL BE AT THE COMMODORE HOTEL, NEWYORKCITY, FOR  
THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WARMEST REGARDS AND ALL GOOD WISHES.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:RB



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JOSEPH L. EGAN  
PRESIDENT

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DR ABBA HILLEL SILVER=

COMMODORE HOTEL=

HOPE TO BE IN NEW YORK BY MIDDLE OF WEEK. SUGGEST YOU  
CONTACT ME AT BALTIMORE HOTEL THINGS MAY NOT BE AS BAD  
AS THEY SEEM=

SENATOR A H VANDENBERG.



SENATOR ARTHUR H. VANDENBURG  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

TELEGRAM SENT TO SENATOR VANDENBURG ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 1947  
COPY ALSO SENT TO SENATORS BREWSTER AND TAFT TO BOTH OF WHOM I  
SPOKE ABOUT THIS MATTER

GREATLY ENJOYED OUR CONVERSATION AND WAS HELPED BY IT. AGREE  
WITH YOU THAT OUR GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ACCEPT SOLE RESPONSIBILITY  
AND THAT TIMING MAY BE TACTICALLY IMPORTANT. HOWEVER NO SOLUTION  
WILL BE POSSIBLE UNLESS OUR GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS ITS PROPER SHARE  
FOR IMPLEMENTING IT BY MEANS OF A SMALL INTERNATIONAL POLICE  
FORCE UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH WILL USE  
PRINCIPALLY THE MAN POWER AVAILABLE IN PALESTINE WHICH WILL BE  
READILY OFFERED TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER.  
THE CONTINGENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE COMPOSED ENTIRELY  
OF VOLUNTEERS. THIS IS A SOUND AND WORKABLE FORMULA WHICH YOU  
MIGHT WELL ADVANCE AND WOULD AFFORD YOU OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR  
POSITION KNOWN. I SEND YOU AND MRS. VANDENBURG ALL MY GOOD  
WISHES.


ABBA HILLEL SILVER





Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg -  
Grand Rapids - Michigan

Senator Robert A. Taft  
~~1688~~ Cincinnati

Greatly enjoyed our conversation & was helped by it.  
Agree with you that our government should not accept  
sole responsibility & that timing <sup>may be</sup> tactically important.  
However no solution will be possible unless our government  
accepts its proper share for implementing <sup>it</sup> ~~the~~ solution  
by means of a small international police force under  
supervision of the United Nations which will use  
principally the manpower available in Palestine.  
~~and~~ which will be <sup>readily</sup> ~~referred~~ to the United Nations  
to maintain law & order -  A contingent of two  
United States should be composed entirely of volunteers.  
This is a sound & workable formula - which you  
might well advance - and would afford you  
opportunity to make your position known -  
I send you & Mrs Vandenberg all my good wishes.

Abba Hallel Seligson

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copy to  
Ralph C.  
Senator Brewster  
Waldorf Astor  
Day letter  
Vandenberg quote -

This is copy of tel. which I sent today to Senator  
End of quote - Kindest regards.



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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

November 24, 1947.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
American Zionist Emergency Council,  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Silver:

I apologize for not having sooner answered your letter of November 14th. Our telephone conversation last week end explained the delay.

By the time this letter reaches you, the U.N. vote will have been taken. I have done everything within my power to help make it "favorable".

Good luck!

With warm personal regards and best wishes,

Cordially and faithfully,

*Arthur H. Vandenberg*