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Ben-Horin, Eliahu, 1948.

(COPY OF CABLE FROM ELIAHU BEN-HORIN APRIL 3, 1948)

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FROM NEUMANN FOR SILVER STOP MAPAI MAKING AGREEMENT WITH ACHDUT STIPULATING TWO
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REGARDS

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
342 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date May 14, 1948

From Eliahu Ben-Horin

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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This morning I suggested to Mr. Thackrey of the New York Post that he send a cable to George Fielding Elliot, which would provoke a telegraphic statement from him refuting the British announcement that the Arab Legion is no longer under British command. Mr. Thackrey agreed to do so and asked me to prepare a draft of the cable to Elliot, a copy of which I enclose for your information.

Best regards.

E. B. H.
JB

EBH/lb

Encl

May 14, 1948

Draft of Cable T.O. Thackrey to George Fielding Elliot

TODAYS PRESS CARRIES REPORT QUOTE SENIOR BRITISH STAFF OFFICER IN JERUSALEM INFORMED JEWISH AGENCY THAT ARAB LEGION WAS NO LONGER UNDER BRITISH COMMAND UNQUOTE ALSO THAT WHILE BRIGADIER GLUBE QUOTE STILL HAD SOME LINKS WITH COLONIAL OFFICE UNQUOTE MOST BRITISH OFFICERS IN TOP COMMAND SERVE IN PRIVATE CAPACITY STOP THIS STATEMENT INTENDED PAVING THE WAY FOR EXONERATION BRITAIN FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR ABDULLAH'S INVASION BLATANTLY CONTRADICTS CADOGAN'S APRIL 16TH STATEMENT SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH REAFFIRMED THAT ARAB LEGIONS UNIT IN PALESTINE WILL BE WITHDRAWN BEFORE MANDATE ENDS STOP IT ALSO CONTRADICTS WELL KNOWN FACT OF ACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRITISH OFFICERS IN LEGIONS COMMAND AND BRITISH WAR OFFICE STOP CONSIDER IT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE IF YOU ON STRENGTH RECENT FIRSTHAND OBSERVATIONS WOULD CABLE US YOUR STATEMENT OF ACTUAL FACTS SITUATION. REGARDS.

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MEMORANDUM

mail to Dr. Silver, Cleveland
Eto

TO: Dr. Emanuel Neumann

DATE: May 25, 1948

FROM: Eliahu Ben-Horin

C O N F I D E N T I A L

In Mapai's "Iggereth L'shlikhim" dated May 13, 1948, a copy of which has fallen into my hands, I read an item which may interest you.

Discussing the "hesder" between the Haganah and the Irgun, the Iggereth says "Despite the fact that Haoved Hazoni was bound by the decisions of the Histadruth's executive opposing the Haganah-Irgun agreement, the Haoved Hazoni gave in to the pressure of the General Zionist Party and voted for the agreement. This proves the absolute dependence of the Haoved Hazoni on the Silver-Neumann crowd."

I am sending you this communication on my personal stationery, and please keep it confidential.

Best regards.

EBH/lb

E. B. H.
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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver

Date June 24, 1948

From Elishu Ben-Horin

As you are very much concerned with the oil situation in Haifa, I enclose a copy of a telegram which Sidney Herold received from Standard Oil of New Jersey, as well as a copy of my letter to Sidney Herold sent yesterday, on this subject.

If you have any suggestions to make, kindly let me have them so that I can communicate them to Sidney Herold.

Kindest regards.

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ELIAHU BEN-HORIN -

AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL 342 MADISON AVENUE

I AM JUST IN RECEIPT OF FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM H W PAGE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF JERSEY COMPANY QUOTE IN MR HOLMANS ABSENCE I AM REPLYING TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF JUNE 18 TO GIVE YOU OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION. WE HAVE ONLY INDIRECT INFORMATION AS THIS COMPANY HAS NO OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF THE CONSOLIDATED REFINERY AT HAIFA. OUR ONLY CONNECTION WITH THIS REFINERY IS A PROCESSING CONTRACT FOR CONVERTING OUR SHARE OF IRAQ CRUDE INTO PRODUCTS WHICH WHILE THE REFINERY WAS OPERATING WE MOVED TO EUROPEAN MARKETS. THE BEST INFORMATION WE HAVE ON THE SUBJECT OF YOUR TELEGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT REPORTS OF DRAINING PRODUCT TANKS AT THE HAIFA REFINERY FOR DIVERSION OF PRODUCT TO ARAB COUNTRIES ARE COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS. THE REFINERY HAS BEEN SHUTDOWN FOR SOME TIME. UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT CRUDE OIL FROM ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD BE PERMITTED BY THEM TO MOVE INTO HAIFA FOR REFINING. SINCE THE REFINERY SHUTDOWN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CRUDE HAS MOVED THROUGH THE PIPELINE FOR DIRECT LOADING INTO TANKERS FOR SHUTTLEING TO TRIPOLI, LEBANON FOR MEASUREMENT AND TRANSHIPMENT FOR EXPORT. THIS MOVEMENT HAS NO EFFECT WHATEVER ON PRODUCT SUPPLIES AVAILABLE IN LEBANON OR ANY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY AS CRUDE RECEIPTS BY PIPELINE DIRECT FROM KIRKUK TO TRIPOLI ARE FAR IN EXCESS OF THE SMALL REFINING CAPACITY AT TRIPOLI. YOUR TELEGRAM AND THIS REPLY WILL BE BROUGHT TO MR HOLMAN'S ATTENTION UPON HIS RETURN. END QUOTE.

SIDNEY L. HEROLD -

American Zionist Emergency Council

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Zionist Organization of America

342 MADISON AVENUE
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June 23, 1948

Mr. Sidney L. Herold
Slattery Bldg, P.O. Box 1467
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dear Sidney,

Thanks for sending me a copy of H. W. Page's telegram to you. Obviously, Page's reply does not take care of the situation at all. What we are concerned with is the draining of oil from Haifa and with the fact that the Haifa Refinery is idle. He admits both facts, but he assures you that the oil taken from Haifa to Tripoli is not being refined there for the benefit of the Arab States but is being transshipped there in crude form to Europe. This may well be so, but it does in no way answer our criticism and demands.

May I suggest that you wire to Mr. Holmen or to Mr. Page along the following lines:

"You admit that Haifa oil is being drained, also that Haifa Consolidated Refinery is idle and imply that it may remain idle for indefinite period. While oil transshipped from Haifa to Tripoli is or is not refined for benefit Arab States, the fact remains that Israel being starved for petroleum and petroleum products. Furthermore, foregoing use Haifa refinery's great capacity must affect most unfavorably supplies for ERP. Fully aware that your company neither own nor controls Haifa Refinery. However, cannot assume that Standard Oil both on account of its share in Iraq Petroleum Company and its general standing is completely powerless in face of this British intrigue to force Israel to its knees by oil starvation. Therefore, most earnestly appeal to you and your company to exert all its influence in order to assure oil supplies to Israel."

Have you heard from Levi? We cannot afford to let this matter slide. The question of oil is of vital importance to

Israel, and I feel that it is up to us and especially up to you and your good connections with the oil men to bring about a favorable change in the situation. Please give them no rest and do your utmost. I shall eagerly await news from you.

Sincerely,

EBH/lb



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June 24, 1948

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Silver:

Recent developments in our work with American Lebanese should prove to us a source of considerable satisfaction. I honestly believe that the Emergency Council as a whole, and especially Sulamith Schwartz and Mr. Albert Ghosn, who has been working so ardently in the past few months, deserve congratulations on a piece of excellent work done over a period of many months. Writing to you, I do not have to say that our efforts in this field have not always found the necessary understanding and encouragement in certain spheres. The more credit is due to us for persevering in this line of work under unfavorable circumstances.

Father Joseph Awad of Waterville, Maine is now back from his trip to Lebanon. Father Awad's report, written on ship-board, appeared in the June 16th issue of Al-Hoda. It is excellent and a most vigorous and telling attack on the present Lebanese Government and policy (the translation is attached). What is almost more important, Al-Hoda editorially backed the report completely and went so far as to say: "Some may say that the publication of such news in the present circumstances will dampen the zeal of American Lebanese to contribute for the Arab cause in Palestine. What can we do? We cannot help this. What we print here is not imaginary; these are facts and if newspapers do not state events as they are, they become guilty of the crime of misleading the public." (The complete editorial is here attached.)

Will be sent to you later. C.B.H.

Father Awad is now writing further and more detailed articles and we trust that he will continue to carry Al-Hoda's editor with him. We will then be a long step forward in our attempt to correlate the policy of the American Lebanese with that of the Maronite community in the Lebanon. Mr. Moukarzel has already listened with some sympathy to Father Awad's oral recommendations that financial aid be given the Lebanese Christian movement and that the representatives of the Lebanese

Government in this country be boycotted by American Lebanese -- a course of action which could not fail to have effect upon the Lebanese Government.

With the aid of Phoenicia Press' publications and communications to a steadily growing list of dependable American Maronites, Father Awad should be in a position to build up a militantly Christian Lebanese movement here. He will be aided by the visit this summer of four representatives of Al-Kataeb, the semi-military Christian youth organization of the Lebanon.

Father Awad has also brought back some information of particular interest to us. He confirms the existence of a fervent pro-Jewish State attitude on the part of the Maronite majority of the Lebanon: "Everyone, from the Patriarch down to the parish priests and laity." This attitude is so widespread and so strong that despite his usual weakness, the Christian puppet President, Bishara el Khoury, stood up against the usually dominant Moslem Premier and refused to have the Lebanese Army fight in Palestine. Actually, it has merely been stationed on the border. Father Awad cautions us, however, against believing that a separate peace between the Lebanon and Israel or any rapprochement is possible until Riad as-Solh, the Premier, is removed and the whole character of the Government changed.

This amounts to little short of a revolution. The Maronites know that they are psychologically prepared for it but completely unequipped otherwise. The president of Al-Kataeb pointed out to Father Awad that the dispatch of the army to the frontier was, he knew, a golden opportunity for an uprising in Beirut, but the Christians have no arms. The arms in all the Christian centers of population were systematically collected by the British during the war, and as soon as the present Government was set up, Riad as-Solh armed the Moslem minority. Furthermore, the Christians need not only arms but money if they are effectively to take over Lebanon.

Arms for the Lebanese Christians could be delivered through minor harbors controlled by them. This could be arranged. The French Minister in Beirut and various key people in the Levant divisions of the French Foreign Office were spoken to frankly by Father Awad and clearly indicated French readiness to help with supplying arms. This aspect of the matter, if prosecuted, will of course need very careful handling. Fortunately, the French Legation in Beirut has made it possible for Father Awad to communicate with his friends in the Lebanon through the French diplomatic pouch. The French Consulate in New York has confirmed this and Father Awad is already using its facilities. He will receive mail from the Lebanon similarly -- thus circumventing the strict if undeclared censorship imposed on the Christian leaders' mail. Father Awad will be glad to send any communications the Zionist leadership wishes to dispatch to the Lebanon.

Father Awad is to see Cardinal Spellman shortly, armed

with an introduction and support for his position, from Cardinal Tabouni. The results of this and other developments will, of course, be communicated to you.

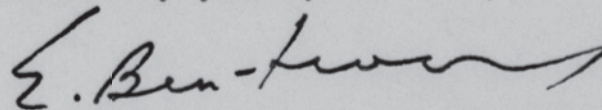
The Maronite diaspora here is deeply concerned with preserving the unique and Christian nature of the Lebanon. Unfortunately, however, they are leaderless and politically immature. Arab Office propaganda and the pressure of the pro-Arab representatives of the Lebanese Government are so strong that during this year tens of thousands of dollars have been contributed by American Lebanese for the Arab cause in Palestine -- a striking contrast to the almost obviously pro-Jewish stand on the Palestine war taken by their kin in the Lebanon.

Father Awad's special merit in this complex, is that he is an accepted leader of the American Maronites, famous and beloved among them for his outspokenly anti-Moslem League, anti-present Lebanese Government, pro-Moubarak stand, as expressed in articles in Al-Hoda. By the way, there is a strong possibility that Father Awad will be appointed Maronite Bishop in the United States.

I am sure you will agree with me that Father Awad's trip to the Lebanon more than justified our expectations. First-- he did produce a report on the realities in the Middle East situation. Second --by publishing his report in the Al-Hoda, the story will reach practically the entire quarter of a million Maronite community here. Third--his articles on the present situation in the Lebanon have already influenced the editorial policy of Al-Hoda, which in recent years has been greatly influenced by the Arab League line of propaganda in the United States. Fourth, it will probably prove a decisive factor in the congregation of all the forces of Lebanese resistance in the United States to the present Pan-Arabic regime in Lebanon.

With my very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Eliahu Ben-Horin

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P. S. Sulamith Schwartz has brought Father Awad together with Gideon Ruffer, to whom Father Awad gave a comprehensive report.

THE LEBANON TODAY

AL-HODA JUNE 16, 1948 EDITORIAL

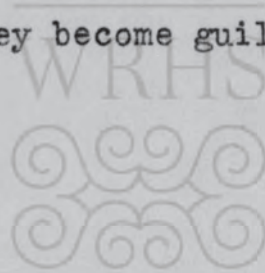
When we learnt some three months ago that Father Joseph Awad intended to go on a visit to the Lebanon, we felt sure that he would bring us the truth about what is going on in our beloved country. Father Awad has just returned and indeed he justifies the trust we placed in him. In his first article, published in today's issue of Al-Hoda, he tells us what all Lebanese immigrants in America are anxious to know. He gives his report in his characteristically vigorous and forthright way, describing facts and events as they are, caring only to tell the truth.

We feel that we shall serve our fatherland best by presenting to our brother immigrants the true state of affairs within its borders today. Providence itself ordained this visit to Lebanon by Father Awad, the fearless and fighting reformer: he has been enabled to see all and to analyze what he saw with his clear living conscience. His excellent and comprehensive contacts with Lebanese higher religious and political circles, gave him the opportunity to study the situation thoroughly. His report may not satisfy some among us, but it will satisfy the truth.

In our own editorial of yesterday we defined the duty of a good journalist as that of relating the events, and we stated that newspapers are historical records and that a true historian must be truthful in writing history. If our reports from Lebanon at the present time are bad, we have had nothing to do with making them so; we should be much happier to be able to present a more pleasant picture. We can only hope for reforms which will make it possible to present more palatable news.

Our readers should, incidentally, note the standing complaints in the press of Egypt and Lebanon about the large group of Palestinian Arabs who are living in pleasurable ease and security in the countries where they took refuge. They enjoy their leisure there, although they are ^{quite} able to participate in the present effort to deliver their own country from the Zionists for which cause their neighbors are now fighting. (Father Awad's report confirms these complaints about the Palestinian Arabs.)

Some may say that the publication of such news in the present circumstances will dampen the zeal of American Lebanese to contribute for the Arab cause in Palestine. What can we do? We cannot help this. What we print here is not imaginary; these are facts and if newspapers do not state events as they are, they become guilty of the crime of misleading the public.



AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Date July 12, 1948

From Eliahu Ben-Horin

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I know that you are no great "admirer" of Dr. Tareknath Das. Still, you might be interested to know that from time to time, he renders us some good services. Working through him, we have now got the Nation Associates memorandum on the Arab League into one of the most important monthlies of India called Eur-Asia. The Nation memorandum was favorably presented by this influential magazine.

Best regards.

E. B-H

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MEMORANDUM

To Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland

Date July 15, 1948

From Eliahu Ben-Horin

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of my today's letter to Msgr. McMahon. We are following up this matter in all its other aspects as well.

Today a strictly confidential memorandum, addressed to you from Joseph Thon of the ZOA, has reached this office. I enclose a copy of this memorandum and I will try to meet Mr. Thon and talk over this matter with him. If I learn anything additional of interest, I shall let you know. I am also sending a copy of the Thon memorandum to Mr. Gideon Ruffer.

Best regards.

E. B-H

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American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

C O P Y

July 15, 1948

Magr. Thomas J. McMahon
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
480 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Monsignor McMahon:

As promised, I enclose a copy of the summary of Reverend Francis W. Anderson's talk on the Palestine problem at the May meeting of the Cardinal's Coordinating Committee. I feel sure that, upon perusal of this piece, you will agree that we did not exaggerate the extent of Father Anderson's bias nor of the harm which he has caused. The suggestion made by Rabbi Lander during our conference the other day that it would be highly desirable, if it could be arranged, to have the Cardinal's Coordinating Committee hear a different evaluation of the Palestine situation, seems to me therefore very much in order.

I also enclose three copies of a memorandum presenting the facts with regard to the destruction and desecration of holy places in Palestine, which I feel certain you will be interested to read. As you will notice -- and this was not done unintentionally -- the memorandum contains no interpretations of any kind but gives merely a summary of facts as reported by impartial observers and eye-witnesses.

May I take this opportunity to express my great appreciation of the kindness and understanding which we found with you and Monsignor Griffiths when we discussed the Palestine problem with you the other day. I am sure that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Lander fully share these sentiments.

Sincerely yours,

MB-H:AF
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Elishu Ben-Horin
Adviser on Middle Eastern Affairs

P.S. You may be interested in the enclosed reprint of my article on "Oil Diplomacy in Zion" from the current issue of Plain Talk.

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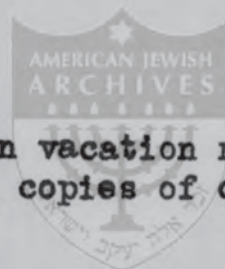
To Dr. Silver

Date July 22, 1948

From Anna Fein, Secretary

Mr. Ben-Horin, who is on vacation now, asked me to forward to you the enclosed copies of correspondence with Msgr. McMahon.

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CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION

July 17, 1948

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

I appreciate very much your gracious communication of July 15th and the pleasure of the meeting with you. Thank you for the summary of Father Anderson's talk. I shall pursue this matter further. The memorandums are deeply appreciated for I have been studying this matter very intensively. A copy of Plain Talk will also prove helpful.

May we have the pleasure of meeting again. Monsignor Griffiths and Father O'Connor join with me in sending kind regards to yourself, Rabbi Lander and Rabbi Silver.

Cordially yours,

Thomas McMahon (signed)

National Secretary

TJM:MD

American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

C O P Y

July 20, 1948

Magr. Thomas J. McMahon
Catholic Near East Welfare Association
480 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Monsignor McMahon:

I thank you for your kind note of July 17 and am glad to know that you found the enclosed memoranda of interest. I am particularly happy to hear that you are pursuing further the matter of Father Anderson's recent lecture.

Since our meeting of last week, another editorial in a prominent Catholic publication has come to my attention which distressed us greatly because of the extremely partisan view which it took as between the Jewish and the Arab claims in Palestine. I refer to "Recognition of Israel," published as editorial comment in the July issue of the CATHOLIC WORLD. I recall when we discussed a similar editorial outburst in THE SIGN, the organ of the Passionist Mission, you explained it as a free expression of editorial opinion. But now that I find a similar viewpoint taken editorially by the organ of the Paulist Fathers the very same month, I cannot help feeling, and I wonder whether you will not agree with me, that this repeated expression of one-sided sympathies on the part of important Catholic publications is hardly consistent with the official attitude of the Church as defined so clearly by you and Monsignor Griffiths in the course of our conversation. These editorials, coming as they do after Father Anderson's lecture, delivered under the auspices of the Cardinal's Coordinating Committee, show that important Catholic circles seem to be unaware of the Church's position on the Palestine problem.

In the circumstances, a mere succession of letters to the editors by me or someone else, as suggested by you, would hardly be of sufficient weight to counterbalance expressions of opinion by Catholic priests and editors. I fear that a more authoritative voice will have to make itself heard.

It was kind of you to suggest that we meet again, and I shall look forward to such a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

EB-H:AF

Eliahu Ben-Horin

July 26, 1948

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

I am enclosing two letters which I have received commenting on the address of the Reverend Father Anderson before the Cardinals' Coordinating Committee. Evidently the American Jewish Congress has sent out a confidential report on the matter. You might wish to bring the fact that such letters criticizing Father Anderson and the Cardinals' Coordinating Committee to the attention of Monseigneur McMahon.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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July 26, 1948

Mr. M. M. Feld
Lone Star Bag Bagging Co.
P.O. Box 276
Houston 1, Texas

My dear Mr. Feld:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 22nd. The matter to which you refer I have taken up personally with the Catholic authorities, and I believe that proper action will be taken to clear the situation.

With all good wishes, I remain

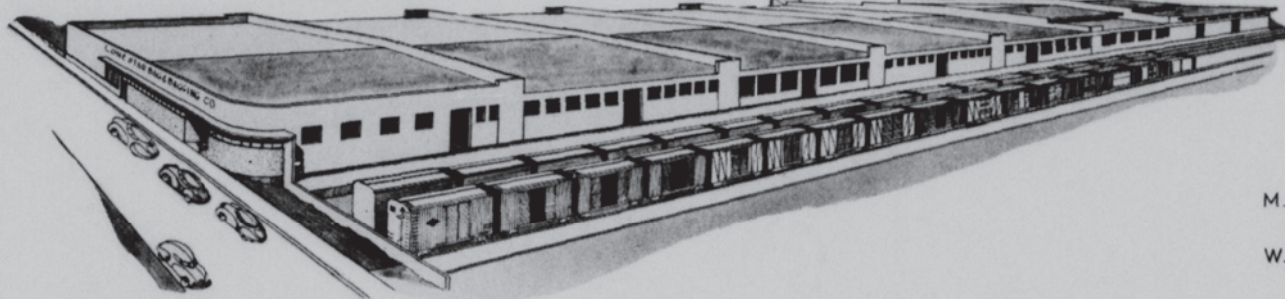
Most cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I have just received the enclosed in the mail and it is difficult for me to believe this statement. I would like for you to check into this and let me know if you think it is a true statement of facts.

I am also sending copy of this to Dr. Clinchy in New York.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Feld.

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August 5, 1948

AIR MAIL

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
Hotel George V
Paris, France

Dear Dr. Silver:

Here is the copy of Msgr. McMahon's letter which you wanted to have with you.

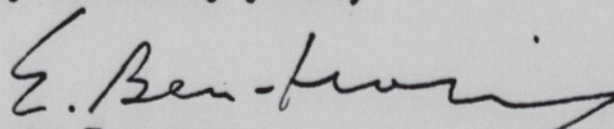
In the meantime, we received a very interesting item of information yesterday. Archbishop Moubarak, who was in Paris and on his way to Lebanon, wanted to be received by the Pope in Rome. Despite the support which he had of one of the leading French cardinals, he could not obtain an audience with the Pope because of the intrigues of the Papal Nuncio in the Lebanon who works hand in glove with the Pan-Arabic government of the Lebanon. In desperation, Moubarak wrote to Father Awad asking him whether he could move Cardinal Spellman to write to Rome in support of an audience for him. Father Awad did that, Spellman followed suit and Moubarak was received by the Pope.

This, of course, is very encouraging, as it shows that the Lebanese proposition has gained considerably in importance with Spellman and the Catholic hierarchy in America, if Spellman found it possible and necessary to intervene in the matter of the Moubarak interview.

I am sure that you will be interested in this piece of news, and I would appreciate your communicating it also to Mr. Shertok when you see him.

Hoping that you and Mrs. Silver have enjoyed your sea voyage,
I am

Very sincerely yours,


Eliahu Ben-Horin

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CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION

July 22, 1948

Mr. Eliahu Ben-Horin
American Zionist Emergency Council
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Ben-Horin:

I have your letter of July 20th, in which you indicate an additional point of view, as expressed by the Catholic World. I still feel that it is a free expression of editorial opinion and, like our secular press, it should be answered by the interested parties, and there is nothing to prevent you or any other representative to write to the Editors of these organs and to give objective evidence contrary to their points of view.

You will understand from our conversation that Cardinal Spellman, as the President of our Association, made very clear the fact that the Church was interested in obtaining freedom for religious minorities and protection of the Holy Places in Palestine, prescinding from the regime that will be set up there by the United Nations.

We have maintained this stand and when we were asked to criticize the actions of Count Bernadotte, our answer was that such criticism would be political. Now, should individual Catholics or writers essay to show displeasure with the political regime set up, this I regard as beyond the aims we have pursued and expressions of their individual opinions.

I do not agree that an authoritative action should be taken. Rather, this debatable question should arouse an exchange of views. Our neutrality has been sane because Palestine is now divided between Arabs and Jews. The Christian minority must live in that World and no one could say our protests in their behalf is one sided. All other expressions of opinions still remain individual expressions and I repeat that any objective answers to such individual expressions should be welcomed by the Editors concerned.

You may be sure that the attitude of Monsignor Griffiths and myself, as expressed to you at our meeting, continues to be the same and that we shall welcome these exchanges of views as one who is intimately dealing with the tragedy of Palestine. I am devoted to any whole souled group anxious to see peace and harmony reign in the Land of Judaism and Christianity.

With kindest personal regards and the hope that we may not only write one another, but also speak often of these things, I am

Cordially yours,

(Thomas McMahon)

National Secretary

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