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Huntsberg, Ohio, 1927.

HUNTSBURG, OHIO.
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DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER,
MY DEAR RABBI:

THE WRITER OF THIS LETTER IS THE YOUNG MAN, PASTOR
OF THE HUNTSBURG CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WHO CALLED ON YOU SEVERAL
WEEKS AGO. AT THAT TIME, THO I DISTURBED YOU AT A CHESS GAME, YOU
CONSENTED TO COME TO HUNTSBURG AND GIVE YOUR TALK ON "YOUR IMPRESSIONS
ON RUSSIA". YOU RECALL, I AM SURE, THE FACT THAT I MENTIONED THE
PECULIAR RACIAL MAKE-UP OF OUR COMMUNITY, MOSTLY RUSSIAN OF THE
GREEK ORTHODOX FAITH. ALSO, THAT THE WORK I AM ENGAGED IN IS SOMEWHAT
OF AN AMERICANIZATION KIND.

AT THE TIME OF MY VISIT WITH YOU, YOU INFORMED ME THAT
YOUR WORK HAS MOSTLY BEEN IN LARGE CITIES AND THAT YOU WOULD RELISH
AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INTO CLOSE CONTACT WITH A REAL RURAL CONDITION.
I ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL BE ENTERTAINED AS ROYALLY AS OHIO RURALS
ARE ABLE TO DO SO.

THRU PROPER ADVERTISING AMONG THE ADJACENT COMMUNITIES
I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO OVERTAX THE SEATING CAPACITY OF OUR CHURCH,
WHICH IS TYPICALLY NEW ENGLAND RURAL STYLE.

YOU TOLD ME TO WRITE YOU SO THAT A DATE COULD BE AGREED
UPON. YOU SUGGESTED THE SECOND OR THIRD WEEK IN DECEMBER. THE WEEK OF
THE 12th WOULD PLEASE ME EXCEEDINGLY WELL. HOWEVER, YOUR OWN CONVENI-
ENCE. I WOULD BE WILLING TO CALL FOR YOU AND WHOEVER YOU WISH TO
ACCOMPANY YOU, AND ALSO TO TAKE YOU BACK TO THE CITY. IT WILL BE FOR
YOU NOT ONLY A GREAT ADVENTURE BUT ALSO A GREAT SERVICE.

MAY I HEAR FROM YOU SOON,
YOURS TRULY,

Warren Rechtold
Box 36
Huntsburg, Ohio.