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My dear Rabbi:

We have in this community what is known as a Woodrow Wilson Birthday Club, the principal function of which is to hold a banquet annually on December 28th or as near that date as possible to commemorate the birthday of the late President. This affair has been given annually for a number of years, and is usually attended by 400 or 500 people from St. Joseph and Northwest Missouri.

At this banquet, some outstanding speaker is secured to make the principal address. In previous years, we have had such outstanding men as Professor William E. Dodd, now Ambassador to Germany, Manley O. Hudson, Professor Irving Fisher, Ex-Governor Brough of Arkansas, and others.

This year, I suggested to some members of the committee on arrangements, that if you could be secured to make this address, that a noteworthy event could be made of it. I am apprised of your faith in the ideals of Woodrow Wilson, and of the fact that you have done some writing on the subject.

In view of the foregoing, would you please be good enough to advise me whether it would be possible for you to make this address on that date for this club, being understood of course, an honorarium would be paid if it was not more than the funds of the club could undertake. If December 28th could not be arranged, then I would like to be advised if another date close to that time, would be satisfactory.

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With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Louis Krametz
First Vice-President- District No.2



October 27, 1933.

Mr. Louis Kranitz, First Vice-President,
District Grand Lodge No. 2,
B'nai B'rith,
St. Joseph, Mo.

My dear Mr. Kranitz:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of October 18th. I wish I were free to come to St. Joseph, Missouri for the Woodrow Wilson Birthday Club. Unfortunately I am so crowded with lecture engagements this season and particularly with activities in connection with the German-Jewish situation that I cannot accept any more. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:EK