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RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER
Room 1426 342 Madison Ave.

DUE TO THE FACT THAT YOUR TELEGRAM OF MARCH 2nd WAS SENT TO ME IN
CARE OF THE RED PATH BUREAU WITH WHICH I HAD NO CONNECTION I HAVE
ONLY RECEIVED IT TODAY. WISH PARTICULARLY I COULD ACCEPT YOUR
INVITATION TO SPEAK AT RALLY IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN AND THEREBY
INDICATE MY DEEP INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER. UNFORTUNATELY WRITING WHICH
AM NOW COMPLETING COMPELS ME TO STAY IN FLORIDA UNTIL LATE IN APRIL
FOR THIS REASON AM OBLIGED TO REFUSE ALL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE
TIME BEING. KINDEST REGARDS.

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SUMNER WELLES

"Oxon Hill Manor"
Oxon Hill, Md.

October 25, 1943

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your very kind letter of October 20th.

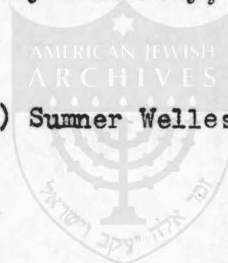
I shall, of course, be most happy to see you when you are in Washington this week. I am sorry to say, however, that I shall not be in the City that day and that the only way in which I could have the opportunity of talking with you would be if it were possible for you to visit me at my house, which is approximately thirty minutes by automobile from the center of Washington. Should this arrangement be possible for you and if you will call my house on the telephone (which is listed in the Washington directory) on the morning of the day of your arrival, I shall be more than glad to fix some time which may be convenient for you.

With my kindest regards, believe me

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Sumner Welles

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
Chairman, Executive Committee
American Zionist Emergency Council
41 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N.Y.



SUMNER WELLES

"Oxon Hill Manor"
Oxon Hill, Md.

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November 9, 1943.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

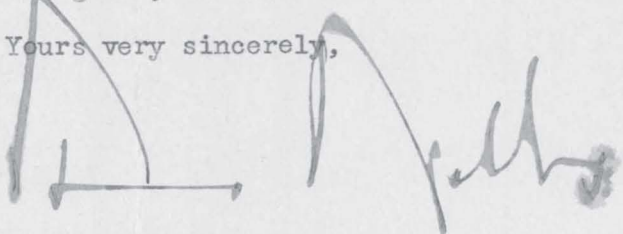
I had last week the conversation which I told you when I had the pleasure of talking with you here I expected to have, and I discussed at some length the suggestions which I had made to you. I am glad to let you know that the suggestions were warmly approved and if you will be kind enough to send me the names of those persons whom you would recommend as members of the group which we had under consideration, I shall be happy to submit them for approval. I think that you and I both agree that the number of members of this group should be limited to not more than five.

I am leaving for Florida this week and my address there will be 250 Via Bellaria, Palm Beach, Florida. I shall remain in Florida during the winter months except for brief visits to Washington every month or so. On my first return visit in December, I shall be glad to take up again the question under reference if you are able before that time to let me have your suggestions as to the proper persons to assume the responsibilities involved.

May I say what a real pleasure it was to me to have the opportunity of meeting you and of talking with you the other day.

With my kind regards, believe me

Yours very sincerely,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
19,810 Shaker Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

November 26, 1943

Mr. Sumner Welles
250 Via Bellaria
Palm Beach, Florida

My dear Mr. Welles:

I was very happy to receive your letter and to learn that you had the conversation which we discussed. I am particularly gratified that the suggestions were warmly approved.

I have discussed with some of our friends the composition of the small group which we considered. It was their considered judgment that the group should comprise Dr. Stephen S. Wise, Mr. Henry Monsky, and myself. Mr. Monsky, as you probably know, is co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference as well as president of the largest lay Jewish organization in the United States, the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith. Dr. Wise you of course know very well. He is president of the American Jewish Congress and also co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference. My own position is that of chairman of the executive of the American Zionist Emergency Council, which represents all the organized Zionist groups and parties in the United States. I believe that this committee of three would be effective in accomplishing what we had in mind.

I trust that you are enjoying a much needed rest in Florida and that the health of Mrs. Welles

November 26, 1943

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has been fully restored. With all good wishes,
and in profound appreciation for the personal
interest which you have consistently evidenced
in our work, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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November 28, 1943



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250 Via Bellaria,
Palm Beach, Fla.

November 30, 1943.

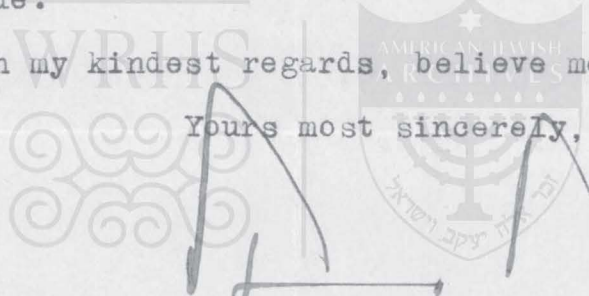
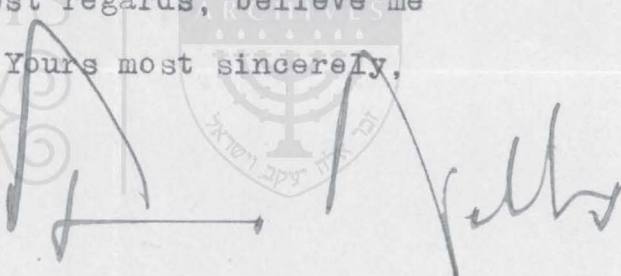
My dear Rabbi Silver:

Thank you for your letter of November 26 and
for the very practical and valuable suggestions which
it contains.

As you undoubtedly know, it is impossible for
me for the moment to take this matter up, but just as
soon as conditions make it possible for me to do so
I shall be most happy to have a further conversation
and in its course to take up the specific suggestions
you have made.

With my kindest regards, believe me

Yours most sincerely,



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
Cleveland, Ohio.

December 20, 1943

Mr. Sumner Welles
250 Via Bellaria
Palm Beach, Florida

My dear Mr. Welles:

May I take this occasion to send you
Holiday greetings and all good wishes. May
the coming year bring peace and healing to our
tired world.

We were all delighted to learn of the safe
return of our friend. I am under the impression
that on his visit he discussed the matter which
is of interest to all of us with some of his
friends. It would help us much if we could
receive some guidance, and I am sure that as
soon as conditions make it possible for you,
you will pursue the matter which you have so
helpfully undertaken further.

With all good wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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SUMNER WELLES

250 Via Bellaria
Palm Beach, Fla.

December 26, 1943

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I deeply appreciate your message of December 20 and I send you in return every good wish for the New Year for you and yours.

I am sorry to say that owing to my wife's illness, it is impossible for me as yet to make any definite plans for a visit to Washington. I am obliged, therefore, to limit myself to saying that the matter in which you and I are both so deeply interested is uppermost in my mind and that I shall take it up again the very first chance that I have.

With my kindest regards, believe me

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Sumner Welles

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver
19810 Shaker Road
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 26, 1943.

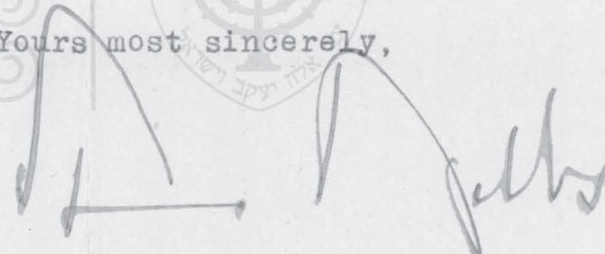
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