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INTERIOR, Secretary of  
Jan. 13, 1943.

Writes the President that Rabbi Wise has written in regard to the suggestion that the Jewish refugees be temporarily settled in the Virgin Islands and returned to their own countries after the war. Sec. Ickes said he had replied to Rabbi Wise that in view of the depressed economic condition of the islands, and the difficulties of supply arising out of the shipping shortage that this does not appear to be an opportune time to renew the proposal.

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DELMAN, J. David — Pres.  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUNG ISRAEL  
New York, N.Y.  
Jan. 28, 1943. Askd. 2/1/43.

Let. to the President, embodying birthday wishes in behalf of the above organization.

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WISE, Dr. Stephen S.,  
American Jewish Congress,  
New York, N.Y.  
March 4, 1943

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Writes to the President re tragic fate which has overtaken the Jewish people in Nazi-occupied Europe. Encloses copy of "Resolution Adopted at 'Stop Hitler Now' Demonstration, Madison Square Garden, March 1, 1943".--On 3/8/43 the President transmitted the above by memo to the Under Secretary of State for preparation of reply.--On 3/22/43 Mr. Welles wrote to the President, submitting the requested draft of reply, and in this connection enclosing a copy of the State Department's press release of March 3, 1943, quoting the text of a note delivered to the British Government by the Secretary of State on Feb. 25, 1943.--On March 23, 1943 the President wrote to Dr. Wise re above. He acknowledged receipt of Dr. Wise's letter advising of the recent meeting in New York and of the proposals there formulated as to action which may still be undertaken by the United Nations to rescue the Jewish people remaining in Nazi-occupied Europe. The President stated, in effect, that the whole history of our country in extending refuge and offering succor to suffering peoples is substantial testimony to the spirit of humanity prevailing among our citizens. He adds that in that tradition this Government has moved and continues to move, so far as the burden of war permits, to help the victims of the Nazi doctrines of racial, religious and political oppression.

See P.P.F.5029

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HULL, Hon. Cordell  
SECRETARY OF STATE,  
3-23-43

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Wrote to the President saying that one of the very important matters engaging the attention of the State Dept. is that of the refugees in Europe. Referred to large meeting held in New York recently under auspices of the World Jewish Congress, and to feeling of the Jewish element and other elements of our population. The British Government is also interested in the problem and there has recently been an exchange of notes between the American and British Governments re discussion of the matter between ourselves to ascertain possible ways and means which might be recommended to the Executive Committee of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. The meeting may be held in Bermuda, but not in either Washington or London. It will be proper to designate representatives on the part of the United States to meet with the British and to consider the recommendations which will be made to the Executive Committee of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees. Suggested for the President's consideration to represent the United States: Mr. Justice Roberts as head of the American delegation, to be supported by Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois and Mr. (Cong.) Sol Bloom of New York. Mr. Robert Borden Reams, a Foreign Service officer presently acting as Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees is indicated as Secretary of the Delegation. Suggested the President might like to name one or more additional delegates. Said he had hoped to suggest the name of Mr. Myron Taylor, but he is so engaged in other matters of great importance in connection with the post-war work and with some other important matters that it hardly seems practical for him to be absent from the scene of his present duties. --- Original returned with notation "C H OK F D R March 25, 1943"; copy retained.

SEE 3186

INVITATION

Filed 3-31-43

Formal invitation to Mr. Forster from Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, and Mr. Peter H. Bergson, to attend a "Memorial Pageant" on April 12th entitled "We Will Never Die", dedicated to the two million Jewish dead of Europe.

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FORMAL INVITATION  
Filed 4-5-43

Formal invitation to the President from Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, and Mr. Peter H. Bergson, to attend the performance of "We Will Never Die", a memorial to the two million Jewish dead of Europe to be held on the evening of April 12th, at Constitution Hall, Wash., D.C.

Memo from Gen. Watson to Mr. Tolley 4-1-43, requesting he send formal regrets to invitation for the President to attend above performance.

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FLYNN, Hon. Edward J.,  
New York, N.Y.  
March 25, 1943

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Writes to the President enclosing memo from Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, President of the Palestine Foundation Fund, who is going to London to launch the Palestine Foundation Fund in Great Britain. Judge Rosenblatt would like to have some word from the President approving the movement in this country. Mr. Flynn asks that such a message be forwarded to him for Judge Rosenblatt.--On 3/27/43 Mr. Hassett transmitted the above by memo to the Department of State for preparation of a letter for the President's signature, if such a letter is approved.--In accordance with requested draft of letter, submitted on 4/8/43 by Mr. Welles, the President, on 4/9/43 wrote to Mr. Flynn re above. The President stated, in part: "I think you will agree that it would appear inadvisable for me to make the statement requested in view of the military situation in the Near East. However, you may be assured that this Government has been and is actually now taking every possible step of a practical nature to find a safe and proper refuge for these refugees."

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SCHWAGER, Mr. Charles  
New York, N.Y.  
May 7, 1943. Ackd. 5/10/43.

Let. to the President, enclosing newspaper clipping re making Palestine  
the home of Jewish refugees. Asks Presidential comment.

SEE: 3186

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HULL, Hon. Cordell  
SECRETARY OF STATE,  
5-7-43

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Wrote to President with reference to President's insistence last October that an American mission should go to the Near East to assist the cause of the United Nations by taking advantage of the goodwill that exists for the United States in that area. The final agreement with the British was for Lt. Col. Harold B. Hoskins, U.S.A., and one officer to make a survey trip. Col. Hoskins has now returned after three and one-half months in which he visited all of the Near East and North Africa, and Sec. Hull enclosed copy of the Colonel's report. Mr. Hull said he trusts he may have the President's approval for further efforts along the lines indicated and for the wording of proposed United Nations' declaration attached, which, if the President concurs, they could first discuss with the British and subsequently with other United Nations. -- The report refers to the Arabs and Jews in Palestine, proposed Jewish State and Jewish Army in Palestine, and to political Zionism, also to procedure in arriving at a post-war settlement of Palestine. ---- Original letter returned with notation: "CH OK F D R 5-10-43"; copy of letter retained, with attachments.

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HULL, Hon. Cordell,  
The Secretary of State  
May 7, 1943

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Writes at length to the President re the recent Bermuda Conference on Refugees, and in this connection encloses a copy of a summary or outline of the recommendations, which have been unanimously made by the American and British Delegates. The Secretary points out that the recommendations fall within two general and distinct categories; (a) those requiring action by the American and British Governments, and (b) those requiring action by all governments through the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which was organized at Evian, France in 1938. With reference to the first category the most urgent and important of the items recommended at Bermuda concerns the evacuation of some 5,000 persons from Bulgaria via Turkey to Palestine; another important recommendation requiring action by the U.S. Government as well as by the British Government relates to the movement of some 20,000 refugees from Spain to North Africa, "not only to relieve the Spanish authorities of the present burden, but also to make it possible for Spain to receive more and more refugees who in turn may be evacuated to North Africa." In reference to the second category of recommendations, Sec'y. Hull encloses a draft of a suggested cable gram to be sent to our Embassy at London, proposing that the British Chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee call a meeting thereof in Washington in the near future in order that the program recommended at Bermuda may be put into effect as soon as possible. (The President approved this cablegram as per typed notation on same: "O.K. FDR."). Sec'y. Hull embodies in his letter a list of questions which have been raised in this connection by Mr. Myron C. Taylor, who is the American member of the Intergovernmental Committee and of its Executive Committee. Secretary Hull further encloses copy of the Report of the Bermuda Conference. Attached is copy of memo to the Secretary of State, 5/14/43 from the President re above, with which the President transmitted copies of the above correspondence and data. The President made certain suggestions in this connection in effect as follows: that we do not give unlimited promises but that we undertake with Britain to share the cost of financing from time to time any specific cases - in connection with the providing for refugees; that we can do nothing but comply strictly with the present immigration laws; he agrees that North Africa may be used as a depot for those refugees but not a permanent residence without full approval of all authorities, and he questions the wisdom of sending large numbers of Jews there; he thinks we should defray a part of the cost of moving refugees, and asks if this can come out of Lehman's funds; he agrees that we cannot open the question of our immigration laws, and he agrees with Sec'y. Hull as to bringing in temporary visitors, stating: "We have already brought in a large number." The President returned the above-mentioned cablegram with his O.K.

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CYWIAK, Miss Ruth,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
May 25, 1943 - (ackd. 5/29/43).

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Asks the President to donate money towards the fund to help Jewish children in Europe.-----In ack. of above date, Miss Tully regrets.

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WELLES, Sumner — Under Sec'y of State  
Washington, D. C.  
May 19, 1943.

Let. to the President, stating that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who is leaving for London, England in June and then proceeding to Palestine, was in to see him 5/18/43. Dr. Weizmann wishes to see the Pres. between May 25 and 31st. Says the Dr. believes that solution of Palestinian question should be found by agreement between the Jews and Arabs and he hopes way can be prepared for him to meet with King Ibn Saud and try to work out an agreement. Memo, 6/5/43, for GGT: "To telephone Sumner Welles that I haven't been able to see Dr. Chaim Weizmann this week but I could see him next Thursday or Friday morning. P.D.R." Memo 6/8/43, to Gen. Watson: Grace says she told Sumner Welles you would let him know whether the President would see Dr. Weizmann Thursday or Friday. RE. Pencil note: Off Record.

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HULL, Hon. Cordell  
SECRETARY OF STATE,  
7-30-43

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Sent memorandum to the President re proposed joint statement by the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom re the Palestine situation. Raised question of presenting to a suitable assemblage of certain stated Jews, the letter of the Acting Sec. of War, Mr. Patterson, a copy of which he said was sent to the President that day (July 30, 1943); reference was made to possibility of publishing the Act's Secretary's letter and also proposed statement of the two Governments requesting that further agitation cease. Attached draft of letter prepared by the Ass't Chief of Staff, G-2 (signed by the Act's Sec. of War and addressed to the Sec. of State, 7-26-43), in which specific reference is made to agitation in this country which adversely affects the military situation, and which represents the views of the military authorities, including (as Mr. Hull has been informed) General Marshall's. --- Notation on copy of Mr. Hull's memorandum for the President: "C.H. O.K. Will you take up with Patterson? F.D.R." -- and "Original signed July 30th & sent to the Secretary of State July 31, 1943".

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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
Aug. 13, 1945.

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The President said "I think you should read this and if you think it advisable send for Congressman Celler and have a talk with him." The President forwarded (as per brief) Letter from Cong. Emanuel Celler, 8/11/45, to the President, enclosing a copy of his statement, "The Betrayal of Palestine," dated 8/12/45.

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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
August 23, 1943

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The President said: "Will you be good enough to reply to the enclosed letter from Congressman Celler?" - He transmitted (as per brief): Letter from Cong. Emanuel Celler, 8/18/43, to the President, in reference to the situation concerning Palestine. suggests various names who would render a true unbiased report upon examination of the entire Palestinian situation.

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LEVINTHAL, Louis E.  
President, Zionist Organization of America,  
Washington, D. C. ,  
Sept. 3, 1943.

Writes the President requesting message for 46th annual convention of this organization which will meet at Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 11th.--Mr. Levinthal's letter was transmitted to the President by letter from Sen. Robert F. Wagner of New York on Sept. 7th.--Mr. Hassett, Sept. 8th, sent memo. to the Dept. of State asking for draft to be prepared.---The State Dept., Sept. 9th, (initialed C.H.) sent memo. to Mr. Hassett enclosing enclosing draft of letter for Mr. Levinthal and one for Senator Wagner.----- Attached is memo. for Mr. Latta from Mr. Hassett, of Sept. 10th.---The President, on Sept. 9th, wrote to Judge Levinthal expressing horror at the cruelties visited upon the Jews by the Axis. The President said the attitude of this Government in regard to these atrocities was ably expressed by the Sec. of State in the statement he issued on Oct. 30, 1942. The President said that all feasible measures are being adopted to lessen the sufferings of the persecuted Jews of Europe. The President said he was confident that the helpful contributions made by American citizens toward the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine would be continued. ---The President, Sept. 9th, wrote to Senator Wagner enclosing copy of the letter he sent to Judge Levinthal.

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BIBEN, Joseph M.  
Editor and Publisher,  
The American Hebrew  
New York, N. Y.  
Oct. 2, 1945.

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Wrote the President submitting a list of candidates selected at an editorial conference for the 1945 award of The American Hebrew Medal. Asks the President, as member of the committee, to cast his vote for one of the candidates. Further states that the sixty-fifth anniversary edition is being prepared and would like to have an autographed photograph of the President and an editorial expression from him.

- - -The enclosed list of candidates selected for the 1945 Award of The American Hebrew Medal are as follows: Irving Berlin, Eleanor Roosevelt, Kate Smith, and Henry Wallace.

- - -The President replied Oct. 12, 1945, stating that he votes for Mr. Irving Berlin to receive the 1945 award of The American Hebrew for the promotion of better understanding between Christian and Jew in America.

See - PPF 996

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WEISS, Hon. Samuel A.  
House of Representatives  
Oct. 15, 1943.

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Wrote the President stating that the doors of Palestine will be closed to the Jews of the world. The doors of Palestine will be closed by the British White Paper notwithstanding the British mandate, namely the Balfour Declaration, which created Palestine as a Jewish homeland following World War I. Congressman Weiss states that he has been asked by people at home to intercede with the President in this critical hour in order that Great Britain will renounce her White Paper. -- Presidential Memorandum to the State Dept., Oct. 15, 1943, the President said "For preparation of reply for my signature." The President forwarded the above letter from Cong. Weiss. -- Memorandum for the President from Acting Secretary of State Dept., Oct. 22, 1943, forwarding a suggested reply to Congressman Weiss' letter. Returns Cong. Weiss' letter. -- The President wrote Cong. Weiss, Oct. 20, 1943, stating that he can assure him that this matter in re to Palestine has received and will continue to receive the most careful thought. Further states that there are many difficult and complex problems which arise in connection with Palestine and that Cong. Weiss may be certain that these are receiving the close attention which is fully justified by their importance.

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STATE DEPARTMENT,  
Oct. 21, 1943.

Mr. Hassett referred for preparation of a message or for recommendation -  
ltr to the President, Oct. 18, 1943, from Mrs. Samuel Goldstein (Mrs. Belle  
J. Goldstein), National President, Mizrahi Women's Organization, NYC., N.Y.,  
requesting message from the President on occasion of the 18th Annual Convention  
of above organization, Nov. 8th, at the Hotel Henry Hudson, NYC.-----  
This ltr is also signed by Mrs. Simcha Rabinowitz (Mrs. Deorah Rabinowitz) the  
Convention Chairman. --- On Oct. 29th, Mrs. Simcha Rabinowitz wrote to the Pres-  
ident saying that they had received no message up to that date.-----  
The State Dept. Nov. 3rd, sent memo. to Mr. Hassett enclosing draft of reply in  
response to Mr. Hassett's memo. of Oct. 21st.---The President, Nov. 4th, wrote  
Mrs. Goldstein saying he wished to express his own grief and solicitude for the  
Jewish populations suffering and dying under Axis tyranny. The President said he  
congratulated this organization upon the efforts it is making to ameliorate the  
suffering and distress of those people.

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HECHT, Ben - Co-Chrm.  
UNDSSET, Sigird -

Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe  
New York, N.Y.

Nov. 4, 1943.

Tel. to the President stating that they welcome the statement on atrocities signed by the President, Prime Minister and Premier Stalin, but express disappointment over the fact that this all-embracing statement omits any specific reference to the bestial crimes which Nazi-Germany is daily committing against the Jewish population of Europe.

Referred by memo, 11/5/43, to Acting Sec'y of State.

REF: 5152

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. EARLY  
MEMORANDUM FROM: DAVID K. NILES  
Nov. 4, 1943.

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States that the Moscow Conference did not say that the atrocities against Jews would be also punished. Urges that the President to state at press conference that Jews were included in groups mentioned in statement.

SEE: 5152

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CELLER, Congressman Emanuel  
Washington, D.C.  
File date: Nov. 16, 1943.

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Memo to Mr. McIntyre re his discussion with Sec'y Hull in connection with the terrible plight of the Jews in Nazi controlled Europe. Cong. Celler points out the need for definite stand in opposition to the so-called Malcolm MacDonald White Paper which limits and then finally prohibits Jewish immigration into Palestine after 1944. Memo, 9/27/43, to the President: (Manny) Celler asked me to be sure and see this got to you. Personally, I don't think Manny will help the cause any by undue activity along this line. MRM" The Cong. wishes to make a public statement to the effect that the above matter, as far as the Administration is concerned, is still "Unfrozen".

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**STETTINIUS, Hon. E. R., Jr.,  
ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE,  
11-4-43**

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Wrote to the President referring to President's letter of 7-30-43 requesting that he be kept informed of developments re the fines and levies imposed by the German occupation authorities on the Jewish Community in Tunis. Attached paraphrases of cables which have just been sent (11-2-43) to Algiers and London, setting forth the position of this Government with respect to this matter. In the cables under reference, it is also suggested that the position of this Government be brought to the attention of the appropriate French authorities, but it should at that time be pointed out that we recognize that the ultimate decision is, naturally, a matter for the French to determine. The cables were discussed with representatives of the Treasury Dept. and had the full approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

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TAFT, Mrs. Charles P. (Eleanor Chase Taft)  
Cincinnati, Ohio,  
12-15-43

76-C

Wrote to the President urging that something be done to save the remaining Jewish people of Europe, and re feeding the children in the small democracies. ---- The President replied to Mrs. Taft, 1-28-44 saying that her deep feeling of sympathy for the Jewish people of Europe and for the children in the small democracies, expressed in her letter, is wholly shared by him personally and by those officials of the Government who are working with him in an endeavor to aid those stricken people. Enclosed a press release containing an Executive Order issued Jan. 22 establishing a War Refugee Board, and said this Board is charged with immediately initiating action which will rescue the oppressed minorities from Nazi persecution. Also enclosed a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Rescue of the Jewish and Other Peoples in Nazi-Occupied Territory", which contains the testimony given by Ass't Sec. of State, Breckinridge Long, before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and which describes the efforts which have been made by the Government to relieve these persecuted people. Said Mr. Hull will be glad to arrange an appointment for her with the appropriate official engaged in this work, when she is in Washington and if she desires to discuss these matters further.

---- (The President's letter is as per draft supplied by Sec. Hull, 1-27-44 in response to President's memo, 12-22-43.) -- On 3/15/44 Mrs. Taft wrote to the President thanking him for his reply, as above indicated, and expressing appreciation for the "fine move" the President made in the matter referred to. Mrs. Taft also expressed the hope that action would be speeded up in the plans.

SEE 3186

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**LONG, Hon. Breckinridge**  
**ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE,**  
**1-1-44**

76-C

Sent Memorandum to Judge Rosenman forwarding copy of telegram received by the Secretary of State from Ambassador Winant in London, dated 12-31-43, which gives the understanding of (Hon. Anthony) Eden and "Emerson", (head of the Exec. Committee of the Intergovernmental Committee in London) on the question of the mandate and authority of the Intergovernmental Committee. Mr. Long said it entirely coincides with our own thought and is in entire keeping with his short statement in connection with the same matter which appears on page 34 of his printed testimony, as printed in attached copy of "HEARINGS before the Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives . . . . on H. Res. 350 and H. Res. 352 Resolutions Providing for the Establishment by the Executive of a Commission to Effectuate the Rescue of the Jewish People of Europe November 26, 1943".

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World Jewish Congress - Representation of Polish Jewry  
New York, N.Y.  
Postmarked: Jan. 27, 1944.

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Sent to Mr. Early booklet entitled "The Massacre of the Warsaw Ghetto"  
and publication entitled "Jewish Comment".

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ROSENTHAL, Albert A., President,  
Cosmopolitan Political Club,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
January 31, 1944 - Not ack.

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Copy of let. addr. to The Ambassador of Great Britain, Wash., D.C.,  
re Jews, sent to the President.

See COSMOPOLITAN POLITICAL CLUB

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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR S.I.R.  
January 31, 1944.

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The President said "I could use some of this in a speech. Leaving out the name of the Rabbi himself, this could be printed just on a single sheet for distribution by the National Committee and simply say it is from a sermon preached in Baltimore! - - -The President forwarded (as per brief) Memorandum for the President from Hon. Lowell Mellett, 1/27/44, attaching copy of a sermon delivered by Rabbi Morris Lazaron before his congregation on 1/16/44 and has attracted unusual attention in Baltimore. This sermon is headed "On Hearing the President's Message to Congress."

See - PPF 1820

ROGERS, Will, Jr. - M.C.  
Washington, D. C.  
Feb. 1, 1944. Askd. 2/4/44

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Let. to Mr. Early stating that the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe is extremely anxious to obtain for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Palestine, the pen with which the Pres. signed the Executive Order establishing the War Refugee Board. Asks that pen be sent to Peter Bergson, Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, Washington, D. C. Request denied.

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McCORMACK, John W.,  
House of Representatives,  
Wash., D.C.  
Filed 2-8-44

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Encloses to the President, a Memorandum on THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME - Resettlement in Palestine. Congressman McCormack, writes he has been asked to deliver this to the President by Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, recognized as one of the outstanding Rabbis of the country.

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RICHARDS, Bernard G.,  
New York, 25, New York,  
February 9, 1944 - filed - Not ack.

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Sends Mr. Early, an editorial captioned, THE VALUES OF WAR REFUGEE BOARD,  
from THE JEWISH NEWS, Feb. 4th issue - re Jews.

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ROSENMAN, Hon. Samuel I.  
2/15/44.

The President, by memo., said "What do you know about Rabbi Goldstein?"--Memo. for the President as follows: "The attached memo. about Rabbi Goldstein is correct. He is an associate Rabbi of the Free Synagogue in New York under Rabbi Wise. He is in charge of the Social Service Department of the Synagogue and social service is his chief interest. He has not been particularly identified with either political Zionism or against political Zionism. I would suggest that in connection with the Advisory Council it might be well to have at least one of each group -- that is, one Zionist and one non-Zionist -- so that both sides might be represented.---Attached is memo. for Miss Tully from the Under Secretary of State, dated Feb. 12th, saying "Would you be good enough to place the attached memorandum with the Advisory Council papers which I discussed yesterday afternoon with the President? Attached, also, is statement re Rabbi Sidney Emanuel Goldstein.

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LEVITT, Morris B.  
Chairman of Brith Shalom Award Committee,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
2-2-44

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Wrote to the President inviting him to attend 5th Annual Award Dinner to His Majesty, King Gustaf V of Sweden for his humane endeavors and untiring efforts on behalf of persecuted peoples of Sweden. The dinner is to be held Feb. 23, 1944 at Town Hall in Philadelphia, and the Award will be presented on behalf of Brith Shalom by Solicitor General of the United States; it will be received on behalf of the King by Consul General of Sweden. If the President cannot attend, they ask that he send a message. --- The above letter was forwarded to Mr. Early by Gen. Watson's memo, 2-4-44, for consideration of their request for a word of greeting in lieu of the President's acceptance. ---- The letter was forwarded to the Sec. of State by Mr. Hassett's memo, 2-7-44 saying "So much of this letter from Morris B. Levitt, Chairman of Brith Shalom Award Committee as relates to a request for a message from the President is respectfully referred to the State Department for recommendation or for appropriate handling".

SKE P.P.F. 6594

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WISE, Dr. Stephen S.  
New York, N. Y.  
1-18-44

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Wrote to the President saying he has had reports from several sources, including England, of far-reaching importance concerning Palestine, which will necessitate their reaching important decisions. These decisions may also require an immediate trip to England by one or more of the American Zionist leaders. Said Dr. Silver and he, co-Chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council, hope the President will see them at the earliest possible moment for brief consultation. Commended the President's message to Congress. - The above letter was forwarded via note to Gen. Watson, 1-17-44. -- Gen. Watson replied to Rabbi Wise, 1-21-44 re appointment after Jan. 29. -- Office memo for Miss Barrows, 1-26-44 reported that the Postmaster General, Mr. Frank Walker, talked to Gen. Watson about a Jewish Committee seeing the President; said Gen. Watson says Judge Rosenman is going to supply the names and will ask the President about seeing the Committee Monday or Tuesday. -- Gen. Watson sent memo to Miss Barrows, 1-27-44 re phone call from Mr. David Niles about the appointment. -- Gen. Watson sent telegram to Dr. Wise, 1-29-44 re appointment for him and Dr. Silver, Feb. 14. -- Miss Barrows sent memo to Gen. Watson, 2-2-44 re changing appointment back to original time instead of Feb. 14. Notation on memo indicates that they will stick to Feb. 14. --- Gen. Watson wrote to Mr. Adolph Held, Mr. Jacob Blaustein, Mr. Joseph M. Proskauer, Dr. A. H. Silver, Dr. Stephen Wise, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mr. Henry Monsky, 2-3-44 re appointment with President, Feb. 14 to discuss continuance of immigration into Palestine and the settlement of refugees thereon. -- Gen. Watson sent telegram to each on 2-4-44 asking that they regard his letter of Feb. 3 as confidential. ---- Gen. Watson sent telegram to each of the above-mentioned men, 2-10-44 postponing indefinitely the conference scheduled for Feb. 14 and saying he will advise when another date has been set.

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for Draft of Joint Declaration on Palestine. This concerns the public discussions of this problem and of the divergent views expressed by Arab and Jewish leaders in Palestine and elsewhere, and states the agreement reached by the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom. --- Pencil notation: "file Not sent".

filed 2-14-44

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WISE, Rabbi Stephen S.  
President, American Jewish Congress  
New York, N. Y.  
Feb. 3, 1944.

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Wrote the President stating that a National Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism is being convened by the above Congress on February 13th and 14th. Requests a message from the President for this conference. - - -Letter to Miss Tully from James Kieran dated Feb. 3, 1944, enclosing the above letter for the President. - - -In memorandum for Hon. Elmer Davis dated Feb. 7, 1944, Mr. Hasset forwarded the above correspondence and asks for a draft of a message at his earliest possible convenience. - - -The President replied to Rabbi Wise's <sup>letter</sup> on Feb. 9, 1944, stating that the attempt by Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party to rule Germany, to rule Europe and then to rule the Western World, was based on two brutal devices; organized terror and organized anti-semitism. States that terror put Hitler in power and kept him there. Anti-semitism was the terror's counterpart in propaganda. In the name of the self-styled Master race, Hitler robbed, first his own people, then the peoples of Europe, and tomorrow, by his own boast, would have robbed the world. In the past months we have defeated Hitler's plan for world conquest. We have recovered some of his stolen gains and in the months to come, we shall recover more, and we shall meet and defeat Hitler on his own ground. In conclusion the President states that some of the sources of anti-semitism in this country were created to serve Hitler's purpose. Let every American look to his own mind and actions so that while we defeat Hitler's armies we also defeat his poisonous propaganda. Whoever condones or participates in anti-semitism plays Hitler's game. There is no place in the lives or thoughts of true Americans for anti-semitism. - - -The above letter was forwarded by Hon. Elmer Davis in his letter to Mr. Hasset of Feb. 3, 1944, upon Mr. Hasset's request in memo of Feb. 7, 1944.

See - PFF 5029

MERLIN, Mr. S., Editor,  
The Answer,  
New York, N.Y.  
2-15-44 (ack. 2-17-44)

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Sends to Mr. Early a copy of the latest issue of their bi-weekly publication, "The Answer". Thinks Mr. Early will find this of special interest, since it is on behalf of the Jewish victims in Nazi-occupied Europe.

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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR S.I.R. (Judge Rosenman)  
2-17-44

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The President said "To reply to", and he forwarded (as per brief): Memorandum for Miss Tully from Hon. George T. Summerlin, 2/15/44, transmitting, at the instance of the Indian Agency General in Washington, a letter addressed to the President by E. M. J. Bassons, Honorary Secretary, Calcutta Hebrew Association, Apartment E-1, 3, Central Ave., Calcutta (India), 12/31/43, extending Holiday Greetings, in re Israel's liberation. States Israel's loyalty to the President and the Allied Nations will continue unabated till the enemies of democracy and civilization will crumble under its feet.

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HERZOG, Dr. Isaac - Chief Rabbi of Palestine  
Ankara, Turkey  
Feb. 17, 1944

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Radiogram to the President expressing his gratitude for the creation of the War Refugee Board.

Orig. referred by memo, 2/17/44, to Sec'y of State for action and copy referred by memo, 2/17/44, to John W. Pehle, War Refugee Board. Copy retained in file.

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**ETTLINGER, Bernard, Pres.,**  
**South African Jewish Board of Deputies,**  
**Johannesburg, South Africa**  
**2-22-44**

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Transmits to the President a message in re establishment of War Refugee Board,  
to the Secretary of State.

Referred to Sec. of State for appropriate action. - Copy of message  
sent to Mr. John W. Pehle, War Refugee Board 2-22-44.

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BROUGHTON, Hon. J. Melville,  
 Governor of North Carolina  
 Raleigh, N. Car.  
 February 28, 1944

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Writes to the President stating that the sentiment in North Carolina is highly favorable to the passage of pending resolutions relating to enlarged opportunities of the Jewish people in Palestine. Says he is in full accord with the purposes and principles of these resolutions, and earnestly hopes they will be passed.--On 3/17/44, the President wrote to Gov. Broughton. He referred to the statement issued by Rabbi Silver and Rabbi Wise with respect to Palestine, which was authorized by the President. The President expresses his belief that this covers the situation adequately under present circumstances. The President adds: "I am sure you are aware of the deep sympathy which we all feel for the Jewish people during these days of persecution. We are doing what we can to rescue as many of them and as many of the other persecuted peoples of Europe and Asia as possible."

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LEVINSTONE, Aaron  
Newark, N. J.  
Feb. 28, 1944.

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Wrote the President requesting that he make it possible for the Jewish people to maintain Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. - - - Pencil notation S.I.R. to prepare nice note of thanks saying how much I appreciate it. - - - Mr. Hassett replied on Mar. 15, 1944, thanking Mr. Levinstone for his interest in writing. Says that he has probably noticed in the press the statement which was made by Rabbi Abba H. Silver and Rabbi Stephen Wise with the authority of the President. Mr. Hassett further states that the President is eager to rescue as many of the victims of the Hitler oppression as it is possible to do during these days of war.

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RAYBURN, Hon. Sam  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Mar. 7, 1944.

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Wrote the President (by hand) enclosing a copy of a cablegram which he received from Jamil Al Madfai, President Iraq Chamber of Senators and Muhammad Ridha Shabibi, President Iraq Chamber of Deputies re the opening of the doors of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration. Mr. Rayburn states that it is his opinion that it will really lead to danger if care is not taken, but he thinks it is under control in the House. - - -Presidential Memorandum for Hon. Sam Rayburn dated Mar. 9, 1944, the President said "That telegram from your friend, Jamil Al Madfai, President Iraq Chamber of Senators, and Muhammad Ridha Shabibi, President Iraq Chamber of Deputies, is merely one of a volume of protests which have come in from practically all the Arab and Moorish countries. It merely illustrates what happens if delicate international situations get into party politics. I am glad, indeed, that you have the situation on that Resolution well in hand." - - -Typed notation - No papers accompanied the original of this memorandum to Mr. Rayburn.

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STETTINIUS, Hon. E. R., Jr.  
Department of State  
March 4, 1944

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Writes memo to the President re protest of King Ibn Saud regarding Palestine Resolutions. Refers to conversation he and President had some weeks ago re the possibility of the British and ourselves issuing a joint statement. Says that quite a number of new developments have arisen and Mr. Stettinius urges that the President talk with Col. (Herold B.) Hoskins in regard to the whole question. He encloses a paraphrase of telegram No. 57, Feb. 27, (signed by James S. Moose, Jr.) from our Legation at Jidda, which transmits a protest from King Ibn Saud against the Palestine Resolutions in Congress. Mr. Stettinius states that protests have also been received from the Egyptian, Iraqi and Syrian Governments. Mr. Stettinius is quite convinced that the time has come to clarify the situation through the issuance of a joint American-British statement in this connection, and he outlines the provisions of such statement. He adds that the British have indicated that they would welcome such a statement.--Typed notation on this: "E.R.S., Jr. OK F.D.R."

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**HULL, Hon. Cordell**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE,**  
**3-14-44**

76-C

Sent Memorandum to the President re statement of Rabbi Abba H. Silver and Stephen Wise (on authority of the President, concerning Jewish national home, Jewish commonwealth and White Paper of 1939, and Jewish refugees). Attached a copy of Cairo's telegram no. 593 (from Hon. Alexander C. Kirk, our Minister), 3-11-44 transmitting an inquiry from the Egyptian Prime Minister to Mr. Kirk, re statement of Rabbi Silver and Rabbi Wise after their interview with the President on March 9. Also attached a copy of Cairo's 585, 3-11-44 summarizing the version of the statement appearing in the Cairo press, and copy of telegram no. 56 from our Legation at Baghdad, 3-11-44 asking for instructions as to what can be said to the Iraqi Government. Enclosed telegrams they propose to send to Cairo and Baghdad if the President considers them satisfactory. --- Carbon initialed "C.H. O.K. F.D.R." and returned to Secretary Hull, 3-15-44.

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SCHERER, Emanuel,  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF POLAND,  
London, England,  
March 20, 1944 - Not ack.

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Radiogram to President, asking aid for Jewish Poland under domination  
of the Nazis; suggests creation of a special inter-Allied Committee.  
Ref. by memo, 3/20/44, to the Sec'y of State.

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MEMORANDUM FOR  
HON. E. R. STETTINIUS, Jr.  
Mar. 6, 1944.

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The President said "For preparation of reply for my signature."  
The President forwarded (as per brief) Radiogram from Abdullah, Emir of Trans-Jordan, 3/5/44, to the President, in re Palestine situation. - - -Memorandum for the President dated Mar. 17, 1944, from the Secretary of State re the President's memorandum to Mr. Stettinius of Mar. 6, 1944 asking for preparation of a letter to Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan, who had telegraphed re the Palestine resolutions. - Mr. Hull states that he believed it advisable to transmit reply through the Consul General in Jerusalem, Mr. Lowell C. Pinkerton, and if the President approves the attached telegram, Mr. Hull will promptly have the message telegraphed to Jerusalem. - - -The President approved the attached telegram to the American Consul, Jerusalem (Palestine), asking that the following message, be delivered in person, from the President to the Emir of Trans-Jordan in reply to the latter's telegram to the President: "I have received Your Highness' telegram of Mar. 3, 1944 in which you refer to the resolutions which have been introduced into Congress relative to Palestine. I appreciate the friendly sentiments which you express regarding the American people and the United Nations. In so far as Palestine is concerned, I am glad to convey to you the assurance that in the view of the Government of the United States no decision altering the basic situation of Palestine should be reached without full consultation with both Arabs and Jews" - - -Penciled notation of this message returned to the Secy. State 3/22/44.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mar. 22, 1944.

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Hon. Cordell Hull wrote re the subject of the Protest of the Imam Yehya of Yemen Regarding Palestine Resolutions. Attaches a copy of a note received by the Department of State under date of Mar. 14, 1944, from the Egyptian Minister in Washington, transmitting a communication from the Imam Yehya of Yemen, which relates to Palestine and which was forwarded through the Prime Minister of Egypt. Says that they are replying to this note along the lines which the President has previously approved. -- Letter to the President from Mahmud Hassan of the Royal Egyptian Legation, Washington, D. C. on Mar. 14, 1944, transmitting for the President's information the following message, in part, "His Majesty the Imam Yehya of Yemen has requested His Excellency Mustapha Nahas Pasha, President of the Council of Ministers of Egypt, and its Minister of Foreign Affairs, to express through him his and his people's dissatisfaction and disapproval of the Resolution of the American House of Representatives purporting to create a National Home for the Jews in Palestine. His Majesty re-affirms the traditional and firm friendship of the Arabs for the Anglo-Saxon allies, and, therefore, deems it unfair and unjust to usurp the long-established rights of the Arabs in the Holy Places."

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SEGAL, Mr. Louis  
Co-Chairman, National Labor Committee  
for Palestine,  
New York, N. Y.  
Mar. 23, 1944.

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Wrote the President on behalf of the National Labor Committee for Palestine, extending and invitation to send a message of greeting to the annual Pass-over celebration which will be held on April 9, 1944, in New York City. - Attached covering letter to Mr. Early from Mr. Segal dated Mar. 23, 1944 - - - Mr. Hassett in a memorandum for Judge Rosenman on Mar. 25, 1944, asked his advice in respect to the above request. States that the President sent a message in '41; refused in '42; none was requested in '43. - - - Mr. Hassett replied on Mar. 30, 1944, stating that the President as a friend of the Jewish people everywhere, particularly those who suffer Nazi persecution, has requested Mr. Hassett to extend his hearty felicitations to Mr. Segal and to all who gather with him to commemorate the liberation of the ancient Israelites from Egyptian bondage. It is further stated that the President's deep sympathy for Jewish people in the lands of bigotry and persecution was expressed last week in a statement denouncing "the wholesale systematic murder of the Jews of Europe" and which also declared that the United States will persevere in its efforts to rescue these victims of Nazi brutality. Encloses a copy of the President's statement. - - -  
Typed notation - copy of release #2886.

See - PPF 7486

MICHELL, Walter  
New York, N.Y.  
is dated: April 14, 1944.

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Forwarded to Mr. Early let. which he rec'd from John C. Sprague,  
Fort Huron, Mich., 2/11/44, enclosing copy of let. which Sprague sent to  
an organization which the aristocrats in response to literature which group  
had sent to him. Literature appears to be anti-Jewish, against the President  
and propaganda against a 4th term. Attached is excerpt of Congressional Record  
containing some remarks of Mrs. Jeannette Rankin re "Some Questions About  
Pearl Harbor."

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GILBERT, Abe G., Editor,  
The New Horizon,  
Portland, 4, Oregon,  
April 19, 1944 - (ack. 4/21/44).

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Let. to Mr. Early, thanking him for his nice let. of 4/14/44; states they have mailed about 10,000 signatures to one of the encl. Petitions, urging that the U.S. Govt use its influences to bring about the immediate abrogation of the White Paper; also encl. is copy of The New Horizon re opening the doors of Palestine to the Jews; ask to be put on the mailing list to receive any releases relative to the Jews. — Copy of President's release, March 24, 1944, encl. in ack. of above date.

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HELD, Adolph, Chairman,  
JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE,  
New York, New York,  
May 4, 1944 - no. ack.

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Tel., re free ports in the United States for refugees from Europe. —  
Ref. by memo, 5/5/44, to the Executive Director, War Refugee Board for atten.  
and such ack. as may be deemed appropriate. — (Tel. was also signed by:  
David Dubinsky, Treasurer and Joseph Haskin, Secretary).

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**HELD, Adolph, Chm.,**  
**Jewish Labor Committee,**  
**New York, N.Y.**  
**5-4-44**

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Telegram re free ports in the United States for refugees from Europe. This telegram also gives the names of David Dubinsky, as Treasurer, and Joseph Baskin as Secretary.

Referred to Executive Director, War Refugee Board for attention and acknowledgment 5-5-44.

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ROMEN, John  
Editor,  
HUNGARIAN DAILY JOURNAL  
New York, N.Y.  
May 12, 1944

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Telegram to the President requesting that the Government consider and take all possible measures in an attempt to hold the hands of the Hungarian quislings who threaten and may be already undertaking the total destruction of close to a million Jews in Hungary.

Referred by Memo on 5/13/44 by Mr. Hassett to the Department of State for appropriate handling.

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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

May 24, 1944

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The President said "Will you do the necessary?" The President forwarded (as per brief) Message from Tawfiq Saleh Husheini, Acting President, Palestine Arab Party, Jerusalem, 5/22/44, to the President reiterating legitimate and legal demands for independence, establishment of an Arab Government and definite suspension of Jewish immigration.

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Honorable James H. Wolfe,  
Chief Justice,  
Supreme Court of the  
State of Utah,  
Salt Lake City,  
Utah.

Letter to the President dated 5/29/44; ackd. 6/3/44 by Mr. Hassee.

States he has been asked by the National Refugee Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 15 Claremont Ave., NYC 27, to write the President in re: establishment of "free ports" for Jewish and other refugees in this country.

Referred to the War Refugee Board, 6/5/44.

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TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

June 12, 1944.

The President sent a message re the plight of the persecuted minorities in Europe, whose lives are each day being offered in sacrifice on the altar of Nazi tyranny. The President commented on the Hitlerite forces' insane desire to wipe out the Jewish race. The President said the Christian groups were also being murdered and that the Nazis are determined to complete their program of mass extermination - driven on by their fury knowing that they have lost the war. The President stated he had established the War Refugee Board and told of his plans to aid the refugees.--Attached is draft of the President's message with certain marked changes.--Attached, also, is article RE: "Informational Background for the President's Press Conference on Friday, June 9th, Re Establishment of Emergency Refugee Shelter".--There is attached Press Release, June 9th, text of cablegram sent by the President to Ambassador Robert Murphy in Algiers.--Attached is photostatic copy of Memo. for the following: Sec. of War, Sec. of Navy, Sec. of Interior, Dir. of Budget and Exec. Dir. of the War Refugee Board. This memo. is from the President and is dated June 8th. Memo. deals with the problem of refugees. Some of which will be brought in outside of regular immigration procedure and placed in Fort Ontario, near Oswego, N.Y. The War Relocation Authority will make arrangements to handle the actual administration of the camp. Until the UNRRA is in a position to assume the financial responsibilities involved, the Bureau of the Budget will make arrangements for financing the project. The President called note to the cable which he had sent to Robert Murphy asking Mr. Murphy to make arrangements for the departure to the United States as rapidly as possible of approximately 1,000 refugees. Photostatic copy of the President's cable to Mr. Murphy is attached re the bringing of the 1,000 refugees in from Italy.--J.W. Pehle, Exec. Dir. War Refugee Board, June 8th, sent memo. to Mr. Early transmitting informational material on the Emergency Refugee Shelter for the President's press conference of June 9th.--The Hon. E. R. Stettinius, Jr., June 8th, sent memo. to the President submitting a redraft of the President's Message to the Congress.--On May 8th, a memo. was sent to the President re the refugee situation in Europe and what is to be done. This was signed by the Sec. of State, Sec. of Treasury and the Secretary of War. This memo. lists the possible courses of action which they think that the President will want to consider.--J.W. Pehle, Exec. Dir. War Refugee Board, May 18th, sent memo. to the President attaching certain documents among which is cable from the President to Robert Murphy asking Mr. Murphy to make arrangements for transportation to the United States from Italy of approximately 1,000 refugees.--Mr. Pehle, May 20th, sent memo. to Sec. Hull, Sec. Morgenthau and Sec. Stimson saying he had seen the President on May 11th and had handed the President the memo. signed by each of them. Mr. Pehle gave details of his interview with the President re the War Refugee Board.--The President, May 20th, sent a memo. to the Sec. of State asking his views on the President's proposed Message to the Congress.

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MARCANTONIO, Cong. Vito  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.  
June 6, 1944 - (Ack.6/15/44)

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Letter to the President urging the President to direct the War Refugee Board to establish in the U.S. a refugee rescue camp or "free port" where Jewish refugees may find sanctuary from the horrors of war at least for its duration.

Referred on 6/8/44 by Mr. Hassett by Memo to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board for preparation of reply for his signature. Memo to Mr. Hassett on 6/14/44 from Mr. Pehle enclosing a draft of reply to Cong. Marcantonio, with Cong. Marcantonio's letter.

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VIXMAN, Mrs. A. H., Exec. Vice-Pres.,  
Women's Division American Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
New York, 23, N. Y.

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Letter to the President, dated 6/13/44.

Re - Submits five resolutions which were passed at the National Biennial Convention of above organization, held on May 31, June 1 and 2, 1944, at the Commodore Hotel, N. Y.

**Resolutions:**

1. In support of establishment of free ports in this country for refugee Jews of Europe. Referred to the War Refugee Board.
2. On post-war planning--pledging itself to renewed determination and vigor to intensify and enlarge its program for service in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the post-war world. Referred to the Department of State.
3. In support of the war effort pledging to support the democratic rights of all people all over the world to the fullest extent. Referred to the Department of State.
4. In support of establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Referred to the Department of State.
5. In support of the Fair Employment Practices Committee, urging passage of Bill, H.R. 4879 to provide for continuation of this Committee. *Referred to the Executive*

Original letter referred to the War Refugee Board and copies of letter referred to the different Departments for consideration and acknowledgment, 6/16/44.

Original referred to War Refugee Board  
Copy to Department of State  
Copy Honorable Jonathan Daniels.

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Women's Division American Jewish Congress  
National Headquarters: 1804 Broadway,  
New York 23, N. Y. Telephone: Circle 6-1901

June 13, 1944

Hon. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honor to submit to you the enclosed resolutions which were passed at the National Biennial Convention of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress, held on May 31, June 1 and 2, 1944, at the Commodore Hotel, New York.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Mrs. A. H. Vixman  
Executive Vice-President

WOOLLEY, Dr. Mary E.,  
"Fleur de Lys,"  
Westport, New York,  
May 25, 1944 - (ack. 6/17/44).

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Let. to President, asking that he put into effect the proposal made by the War Refugee Board to establish "temporary refugee camps or 'free ports' for Jewish and <sup>W/82</sup> other refugees able to escape".

Ref. by memo, 5/30/44, to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board for preparation of reply for Mr. William D. Hassett's signature. — Memo for Mr. Hassett, from J.N. Pehle, Executive Director, War Refugee Board, dated 6/13/44, pursuant to Mr. Hassett's request, there is attached a draft of reply to Dr. Woolley's let. of 5/25/44. Dr. Woolley's letter is ret. herewith.

In ack. of 6/17/44, Mr. Hassett says President was glad to receive her views on this problem and has requested him to send her the encl. copies of his cablegram of 6/8/44 to Ambassador Robert Murphy, in Algiers, re the establishment of an Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, his memo of same date to the heads of agencies concerned with the execution of the plan, and a message sent to the Cong. on 6/12/44.

BERGSON, Mr. Peter H.  
Chairman,  
Hebrew Committee of National Liberation  
Washington 8, D.C.  
June 14, 1944 - (Ack. 6/19/44)

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Letter to the President expressing gratification of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation re the establishment of the first Emergency Refugee Shelter in the United States to rescue the victims of enemy oppression. Writes this is a further development of the President's initiative in creating the War Refugee Board.

Mr. Hassett on above date wrote Mr. Bergson thanking him for interest in providing places for rescue of the victims of enemy oppression. Encloses copies of the President's cablegram of 6/8/44 to Ambassador Robert Murphy in Algiers re establishment of these Emergency Refugee Shelters at Ft. Ontario, Oswego, New York, his memorandum of same date to heads of agencies concerned with execution of the plan and the message sent to the Congress on 6/12/44 re this matter, which might be of interest.

PROSKAUER, Joseph M.,  
The American Jewish Committee,  
New York, N.Y.  
3-16-44

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Writes to the President, asking if he would be kind enough to grant him and Mr. Jacob Blaustein an appointment.

Memorandum 3-17-44 from Judge Rosenman to Gen. Watson, saying he thinks it would be fine if the President would see these two gentlemen. They represent that part of American Jewry which was opposed to those resolutions against which Gen. Marshall testified and Sec. Stimson wrote that letter. They are against any political Jewish State and feel that this is no time even to discuss it.

Telegram 3-18-44 from Gen. Watson to Mr. Joseph M. Proskauer that the President will be glad to see him and Mr. Blaustein on March 23rd. - Wire 3-18-44 from Mr. Proskauer to Gen. Watson, saying they will arrive in Wash. for appointment.

Memorandum 3-22-44 that Gen. Watson 'phoned Justice Proskauer and told him necessary to cancel appointment for 23rd. The Justice asked if it could be made Thurs. March 30th.

Wire and letter from Mr. Proskauer - wire dated 3-28-44 and letter 4-3-44 re arranging an appointment. - Gen. Watson wrote him on 4-6-44, that it will not be possible to arrange appointment until latter part of April. - Another letter from Mr. Proskauer 5-22-44 on same subject. - Gen. Watson referred this to Judge Rosenman 5-26-44.

Memo from Judge Rosenman to Gen. Watson 5-29-44, saying he thinks President should see these men.

Wire from Mr. Proskauer to Gen. Watson on 6-16-44, asking if there is a chance for their conference on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

Gen. Watson wired Mr. Proskauer on 6-19-44, saying he regrets it is impossible to arrange appointment for days he mentions, and suggests he write at a later date.

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ROSENWALD, Mr. Lessing J.  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.  
June 21, 1944.

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Wrote to the President expressing gratification upon the President's message to Congress relative to the establishment of a haven of refuge in this country for one thousand refugees. Calls attention to one sentence in published message, "As the hour of the final defeat of the Hitlerite forces draws closer, the fury of their insane desire to wipe out the Jewish race in Europe continue undiminished." Mr. Rosenwald, a Jew, and many of his co-religionists, hold that the Nazi doctrine that the Jews are a race is false. They believe that the Jews are held together only by religious ties. They deny that they are of a separate race, and feel that ultimately any such theory can do only harm to Jewish citizens of this country and elsewhere.---Mr. Hassett replied, 6/24/44, acknowledging above letter; enclosing copies of the President's cablegram of June eighth to Ambassador Robert Murphy in Algiers, regarding the establishment of an emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, N. Y., and his memorandum of the same date to the heads of agencies concerned with the execution of the plan; and stating that he is quite sure that sentence in the President's message quoted by Mr. Rosenwald was not intended to be a deliberate statement of racial theory.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT  
June 23, 1944.

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Hon. J. W. Pehle, Executive Office of the President, War Refugee Board, quoted a secret cable received from Ambassador Steinhardt in Ankara as follows: "For the War Refugee Board from the Ambassador, June 21, 1944, I have been informed that the Rumanian Government has decided to create an interdepartmental board for Jewish emigration under the supervision of the Prime Minister and to establish an emigration office under the direction of A.L. Zissu, the representative of the Jewish agency in Bucharest and to implement the same by making the Rumanian S. S. ALBA JULIA and other Rumanian vessels available for the transportation of Jewish refugees. - Signed STEINHARDT"

See - 3186

**ROSENMAN, Judge Samuel I.**  
**7/3/44.**

The President, by memo., said "Do you think I should answer this? If so, will you prepare reply?"--Letter from Dr. Stephen S. Wise, NYC, 6/28/44, to the President, stating he is ashamed of the reference to the President in the Palestine Resolution adopted by the Republican National Convention.--The President, July 6th, wrote to Dr. Stephen S. Wise expressing appreciation for his letter. (Jewish Matters)

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**TOTH, Louis, Chairman,**  
**National Conference of Christian Americans of**  
**Hungarian Descent,**  
**New York, N.Y.**  
**July 6, 1944 -**

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Telegram to the President requesting the President to take immediate action to alleviate the terrible plight of the Jewish people in Hungary.  
Referred by Mr. Hassett on 7/15/44 by memo to the Department of State.

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SMERTENKO, Johan J., Exec. Vice-Chairman,  
Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, Inc.,  
New York, N.Y.

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7-24-44

Letter to the President, in further reference to annihilation of Jews in Hungary, there are a number of measures of retaliation which can be taken that will be consistent with this purpose and will in fact appreciably aid this purpose.

Referred to Sec. of State for attention in connection with Mr. Smertenko's telegram of July third and appropriate acknowledgment. A copy of Mr. Smertenko's letter is being brought to the attention of the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board, 7-28-44.

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WISE, Dr. Stephen S.  
American Jewish Conference  
New York, N. Y.  
July 27, 1944.

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The above person together with Henry Monsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, and Adolph Feld telegraphed the President that thousands of Jews and Non-Jews will gather at Madison Square Park, New York City on July 31 to give expression to their horror that the remnants of European Jewry are being brutally murdered and to demand that all possible rescue measures be taken by the United Nations before it is too late. Request a message from the President on this occasion. - -Mr. Hassett on July 28, 1944 in a memorandum for Mr. Stanley Woodward of State Dept. requesting a draft of a message to the above group for the President's signature. Mr. Hassett forwards the above message. - -The President in a telegram to Dr. Stephen S. Wise on July 30, 1944, said "Please express to those gathered at the meeting to protest the deportations and cruelties visited upon the remaining Jewish Community of Europe my feelings of abhorrence of these desperate acts of the enemy. I repeat to all concerned my earlier warning that those who participate in these acts of savagery shall not go unpunished." - -Attached - Memorandum for Mr. Hassett dated July 28, 1944, from the State Dept. supplying the above draft of reply for the President's signature.

See - PWF 5029

**SMERTINSKO, John J., Exec. Vice-Chairman,**  
**Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe, Inc.,**  
**New York, N.Y.**

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Letter to the President - Says that since his last letter there have been some favorable developments in the Hungarian situation, and suggests that the State Dept. be directed to issue immediately all visas assigned under the present immigration laws to Hungary for children under ten years of age, and the issuance of Nansen-type passports which will safeguard the lives of the recipients and enable them eventually to immigrate from Hungary to available Emergency Refugee Shelters, etc.; also that the Blockade Authorities make available to the Red Cross the maximum amount of medical and food supplies for the relief of these unfortunates.

Referred to Secretary of State 8-7-44, and copy referred to the Executive Director of the War Refugee Board.

See 3186

HARRIS, Rev. A. H.  
Dallas 16, Texas  
August 23, 1944 - (ack. 8/29/44).

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Writes to President, asking for aid by supplying some information or being ref. to an authoritative source: 1st - that the Jews control the Steel and other large industries. and 2nd. that President Roosevelt does what the Jews ask him to. — Ack. by Mr. Hassett to Rev. Harris states that in these times when unscrupulous people distort the truth and resort even to downright falsehood; it is most encouraging to hear from one like the Rev. who believes in justice and fair play.

See P.P.L.F. 1 - Whispering Campaign Folder

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PETERSON, Frank,  
Executive Director,  
San Francisco Bay Area Committee  
Against Persecution of the Jews,  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Aug. 29, 1944.

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wrote to the Pres. stating that on 9/10/44, Justice Frank Murphy will speak before a capacity audience in San Fran. Civic Auditorium. His topic will be the need for maintaining civic unity. Requests that Pres. send greeting on this occasion - believes it would make meeting a much more successful event than would otherwise be the case.---8/31/44 Mr. Hassett replied stating that Pres. welcomes every movement directed at cessation of persecution of the Jews and of oppressed people everywhere. He has publicly raised his voice in protest against the merciless slaughter of innocent victims. "The United Nations," said the Pres., "have made it clear that they will pursue the guilty and deliver them up in order that Justice be done. That warning applies not only to the leaders but also to their functionaries and subordinates in Germany and in the satellite countries. All who knowingly take part in the deportation of Jews to their death in Poland or Norwegians and French to their death in Germany are equally guilty with the executioner. All who share the guilt shall share the punishment." The President sends hearty greetings to all who join in the forthcoming meeting of protest.

KORFF, Rabbi Baruch, Director  
Rescue Activities  
Emergency Committee to Save The Jewish People of Europe  
New York 19, New York  
August 26, 1944.

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Tel. to Mr. Early, advising him of a resolution introduced in both Houses of Congress requesting President and Sec'y of State for immediate establishment of Emergency refugee shelters in mandated territory of Palestine for the Jews. Requests an appointment with STE on Tuesday, Aug. 29th. Lists names of ~~three~~ other people, including Dr. Li Yu Ying, beside himself, who will come to Washington for this interview. The same Committee is scheduled to meet with Congressional leaders on the steps of the Capitol on same day. — On 8/26/44, J. Romagna sent Roberts a memo, stating that Bishop Athanasios, Bishop Cannon, Rabbi Elias Silver, Arthur Schick or (Arthur Sayk), and Rabbi Korff want to arrange an appointment with Pres. Rose Keane, Executive Sec'y of the Comm. called on this. — RB sent memo for Gen. Watson, 8/28/44, saying Judge Rosenman recommends that he see this group. (Pencil notations: "not more than 5" — "5:00 pm 8/29/44. Miss Keane to advise names of 5 who will come. 1d"). — Inter-office memo: TO SEE GENERAL WATSON - Tuesday Aug. 29, 1944 — 5:00 pm - Rabbi Elias Silver, Rabbi Baruch Korff, Mr. Alex Wilf and Miss Rose Keane - (to present petitions from Emergency Comm. to Save the Jewish People of Europe). Also pen written names include: Rabbi Ben Zion Netelevitz, N.Y., Union of Orthodox Rabbis, Rabbi R. Lenovitz, N.Y., Rabbi Eliazar Schoenfeld, N.Y., Rabbi Yolles, Philadelphia.

The petition present to Gen. Watson on 8/19/44, was ref. by Mr. Hassett, 8/31/44, to the Dept. of State, consisted of: undated let. addr. to the Pres., signed by Rabbi Eliazar Silver, Agudas Israel of America, Rabbi Reuben Lenovitz, Rose Keane, Sec'y of above Comm., Wash., D.C., Rabbi Ben Zion Netelevitz, Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America, Rabbi Baruch Korff, and Alex Wilf, American League for a Free Palestine, attached to which is a mimeographed "Memorandum submitted to the British Ambassador in Washington by Delegation of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe", urging the mass evacuation of the Hebrew people from Europe to Palestine.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: CORDELL HULL, STATE DEPARTMENT  
August 30, 1944

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Subject: Congressional Resolutions on Establishment in Palestine of Emergency Shelters for Hungarian Jews. Says on 8/25/44, Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Affairs Committee wrote to him re resolutions which were introduced into Congress on 8/24 calling upon the President and Secy. of State to use their good offices with view to establishment in Palestine of emergency shelters for Hungarian Jews. Since this appears to be a matter primarily affecting operations of War Refugee Board, Mr. Hull is suggesting to Mr. Bloom that he discuss the resolutions with Mr. Pehle, Exec. Direc. of the Board. Calls the President's attention to effect that these resolutions will undoubtedly have upon the political situation in the Near East. The susceptibilities of the Arabs have already been aroused by the introduction of the proposed Congressional resolutions of last winter and by the adoption of the Democratic and Republican platform planks, all providing for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. These developments have led to considerable criticism of the U.S. and it is predicted that our attitude toward Palestine will be one of the main topics of discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the committee which is to organize an Arab Congress.

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HELD, Mr. Adolph, Chairman,  
Jewish Labor Committee  
New York, N.Y.

Sept. 26, 1944 - ack. 9/27/44.

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Telegram to the President in the interest of prisoners at Oswiecim, Poland; request the President to do his utmost to save these victims of racial and religious persecution from extermination by Nazi authorities.

Referred by memo on 9/27/44 by Mr. Hassett to the Sec. of State for appropriate acknowledgment.....Mr. Hassett on above date, 9/27/44 informed Mr. Held of this action.

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ROSENBERG, Rabbi Israel  
Union Orthodox Rabbis of United States and Canada  
New York 7, New York  
September 25, 1944 - (ack. 9/27/44).

Tel. to President, in the interest of prisoners at ~~Oswiecim~~, Poland;  
requesting President to do his utmost to save these victims of racial and religious  
persecution from ~~extermination~~ by Nazi Authorities.

Ref. by memo, 9/27/44, to the Sec'y of State for appropriate ack.

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ROSENHEIM, Mr. Jacob  
President, Agudas Israel World Organization  
New York, New York  
Sept. 26, 1944 - ack. 9/27/44.

76-c

Telegram to the President in the interest of prisoners at Oswiecim, Poland; request the President to do his utmost to save these victims of racial and religious persecution from extermination by Nazi authorities.

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Chairman, Trans-Jordan Arab Tribes,  
Amman, Trans-Jordan

Sept. 6, 1944.

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Telegram to the President protesting the United Nations adopting a policy favoring further Jewish immigration into Palestine and detrimental to the sovereign rights and interest of the Arabs.

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WISE, Rabbi Stephen S.,  
New York, N. Y.  
Sept. 14, 1944.

76-C

Wrote to Mr. Early enclosing let. of same date for Pres. urging that decision on future of Palestine be no longer delayed, and submitting mimeographed copy of "Memorandum on Palestine and Partition Submitted to State Department, July 7, 1944."---Above correspondence sent to Secy. of State, 9/20/44, as per penciled notation "Secy. of State To prep. reply."---9/23/44 Secy. of State sent memo. to Mr. Early, returning above, together with draft of reply. (Mr. Early did not send this letter to Dr. Wise.)---9/26/44 Rabbi Wise and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Co-Chairmen of American Zionist Emergency Council, NYC, wrote to Pres. requesting opportunity to resume their discussion of last March with respect to future of Palestine and settlement there of Jewish refugees - believe it is urgent to settle problem of what is to be done with surviving Jews in liberated areas of Europe and in other areas about to be freed.---Attached are: let. to Pres. from Dr. Wise, dated 9/16/44, re political importance of settling this problem (pencil notation on let., in Miss Tully's handwriting: "General Watson - Will you arrange appt?") and let. to Pres. from Senator Robert F. Wagner, dated 9/29/44, in re this question.---10/9/44 Judge Rosenman sent memo. to Roberta Barrows re Senator's let.---10/9/44 FDR sent following telegram to Rabbi Wise: "IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT MY POSITION IS SAME AS BEFORE. HOPE TO SEE YOU IN WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY."---Attached is telegram to Mr. Early from Rabbi Silver of Cleveland, Ohio, referring to his and Dr. Wise's let. and requesting early reply and appointment. Also attached is note stating that Gen. Watson talked with Rabbi Wise's office in NYC 10/10/44 and was advised that Rabbi is traveling and had not seen President's wire-- would be available Thurs. and would call Gen. Watson.

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10/13/44 RB sent memo. to Gen. Watson saying that Mr. Hassett said he had a 'phone call from Leo Sack, an old newspaper man, who is attending Zionist Convention at Atlantic City. It appears that Rabbi Silver is in a fix, more or less, with Convention, because he did not get to see the Pres. the other day, although Rabbi Wise did. Silver claims he wrote to Pres. on 9/26/44 asking for the appointment and never heard from White House. As matter of fact he and Wise both signed letter, but as Gen. will recall, appt. for Wise was made from Hyde Park, and Silver was not included. Sack was referred by Mr. Hassett to Gen.'s office and he is now calling Gen. Watson. - pencil notation on this memo: "General Watson talked to Leo Sack 10/14/44 told him sorry could not arrange appt for Rabbi Silver right now."

BERGSON, Peter H., Chairman,  
Hebrew Committee on National Liberation,  
Wash., D.C.;  
10-17-44 (unacknowledged)

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Letter to the President, submitting for his consideration a proposal that may succeed in halting or slowing down Germany's campaign of extermination of the Hebrew people of Europe. On various occasions the Government of the United States, through Presidential statements, has warned Germany to refrain from the use of poison gas against either civilian or military populations. Asks that the United States issue a warning to Germany again to cease the practice of using poison gas against the Hebrew people. Writes that on the advice of the Dept. of State, the proposal has been submitted by the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation to the War Refugee Board. The Committee was advised however by the Board that since the proposal is one involving military considerations, the Board was not prepared to comment on it. The proposal was thereupon submitted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Committee is now in receipt of a letter from Admiral Leahy informing them that the Joint Chiefs of Staff consider that, from a military point of view the proposal is one which does not come within their cognizance. Wants to call this to the attention of the President, in the hope that he will give it his early and favorable consideration.

See 3186

UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS OF THE U.S. AND CANADA

ROSENBERG, Israel Rabbi

SILVER, M.L. Rabbi

LIVINTHAL, B.L. Rabbi

HANAT ALA, Vass, Rabbi,

Emergency Committee

Jewish Orthodox Organizations,

KOTLER, Aron Rabbi

KALMANOWITZ, Abraham, Rabbi and

GORDON, I.M.

New York, N.Y.

Oct. 18, 1944 -

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Tel. to the President asking immediate action with respect to protection for Jews in Hungary.

Referred by memo 10/19 by Mr. Hassett to Sec. of State for attention and appropriate acknowledgment.

WAGNER, Hon. Robert F.  
NYC., N.Y.,  
Oct. 13, 1944.

The President sent him a wire extending greetings to all the delegates assembled at the 47th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America and asking that Mr. Wagner express his satisfaction that, in accord with the traditional American policy and in keeping with the spirit of the Four Freedoms, the Democratic Party at its July Convention this year included the following plank in its platform: "We favor the opening of Palestine to unrestricted Jewish immigration and colonization, and such a policy as to result in the establishment there of a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth."---The Hon. Robert F. Wagner, that date, sent wire of thanks to the President and asked if he could include a certain message in the President's wire.--The President, Oct. 14th, sent additional wire to Mr. Wagner adding the following to his wire: "I know how long and ardently the Jewish people have worked and prayed for the establishment of Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth. I am convinced that the American people give their support to this aim and if reelected I shall help to bring about ~~this~~ realization".--Mr. Hassett, Oct. 16th, by memo., referred to Judge Rosenman for preparation of replies for Mr. Hassett's signature or for recommendation - wire to the President 10/15/44 from Leo R. Sack, Atlantic City, N. J. thanking President for message sent to Zionist convention. Wire to the President of 10/15/44 from Abba Hillel Silver, Chm. Exec. Com. American Zionist Emergency Council, Atlantic City, N.J. thanking the President for letter read at Zionist Convention.--Attached is wire to the President of Oct. 17th from Israel Goldstein, President of the Zionist Organization of America, Atlantic City, N.J. expressing gratitude to the President for his message.

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**KIRCHWEY, Freda**

The Shoreham, Washington DC  
October 19, 1944

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Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, in reference to President's statement to the Zionist Convention at Atlantic City. Also makes reference to a joint statement by the President and Prime Minister Churchill on the Palestine situation.----The President returned this letter to Mrs. Roosevelt on 11/16/44 saying "I don't think this had better be answered." //

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PROSKAUER, Joseph M.  
Pres., The American Jewish Committee  
New York, N. Y.  
October 23, 1944

76-e

Letter to the President, telling of their plans to issue a Declaration of Human Rights; urges President to join with them in signing this Declaration; asks that the President sign one of the enclosed copies and return to them.---On 10/26/44, referred to Department of State for recommendation or for appropriate handling.--Returned from State, 11/7/44. Mr. Hassett sent letter to Mr. Proskauer on 11/13/44, saying that President Roosevelt and Secy. Hull have in various statements declared that the observance of basic human rights is a matter of deep concern to the U.S. and is one of the fundamental war aims of this country. They also have made it clear that a durable and lasting peace cannot be attained without adequate provision for the protection of the fundamental freedoms of the individual everywhere. In this connection, Mr. Hassett says that the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals for a General International Organization include a specific provision for the promotion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms by the Organization. Mr. Hassett closes by saying, that while it is not the practice of the President to sign documents of this nature, he assures them that the President fully sympathizes with all popular movements in support of this policy which he himself has affirmed on so many occasions.

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On 11/21/44, Henry W. Levy, Publicity Director, The American Jewish Committee wrote to Mr. Hassett, saying that above letter to Judge Proskauer has been turned over to him and they plan to release this statement with some fifteen hundred signers on Dec. 15, the date of the ratification of the American Bill of Rights. Asks if they can quote the last paragraph of this letter. Mr. Hassett wrote to Mr. Levy, 12/2/44 saying there is no objection to the use of the paragraph as suggested.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: E. R. STETTINIUS, JR.  
November 17, 1944

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Says as agreed in their conversation of 11/15/44, he telephoned Dr. Wise and told him that he (the President) felt it would be unwise to have the Palestine resolutions reconsidered at this time. Attaches telegram from Dr. Wise in which he asks for a letter re above. Asks what the President's wishes are in this case.-----On 11/20/44, the President sent Mr. Stettinius memo saying "I do not think anything more than your message should be told to Dr. Wise or anybody else. They will have to trust my judgment on this."

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Dec. 8, 1944.

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The Secretary of State in a telegraphic memorandum stated that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed the Palestine Resolution on the above date but took no final action. It will be considered again very soon. Senator Connally read to the committee a statement which may be issued if necessary. Statement says that the Resolutions pertaining to Palestine have recently been before the appropriate committees of the Congress, and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has inquired as to the attitude of the State Department toward these resolutions. The department has the utmost sympathy for the persecuted Jewish people of Europe and has been assisting them through active support of the work of the War Refugee Board and in every other possible way. The department considers the passage of the resolutions would be unwise from the standpoint of the general international situation and has informed the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Have been in touch with Chairman Adolph J. Sabath of the House Rules Committee and he says he may be able to get that committee to defer action on the House resolution. Asks the President for any suggestions in this respect. - File Memorandum dated Dec. 9, 1944, the following telegraphic memorandum was sent today to the Secretary of State: "I think your course in regard to the Rich Resolution is just right. F.D.R."

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PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
Dec. 9, 1944.

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The President said "I think the enclosed airgram of November 21st - A-634 - should be sent to Rabbi (Abba Hille) Silver and Rabbi (Stephen S.) Wise." - -The President forwarded - Copy of Airgram of 11/21/44 (A-634), to the Secretary of State from the Cairo Legation, quoting message for the President from the Arab Union Society, The Young Men's Moslem Association, Executive Committee of the International Arab Parliamentary Union Conference, El-Ikhwa Al-Muslimin, Moslem Sofie Sects and Higher Committee for the Defense of Palestine, with respect to the Palestine situation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WATSON

Dec. 27, 1944.

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Mrs. Barrows states that Mr. Niles says he has talked to Judge Rosenman but they both want Gen. Watson to know that they are "thumbs down" on Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. They think Gen. Watson will be hearing from him soon and wanted Gen. Watson to know this in case he did hear.

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RACCAN, A.  
New York, N. Y.  
1/18/45

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Letter to the President stating that he has just arrived in the U. S. and would like an interview. He is Editor of "La Voix Juive" the only Jewish newspaper in North Africa. -----On Jan. 29, 1945 General Watson referred the letter to Mr. Summerlin for draft of reply. -----Enclosed State Department memoranda conclude that Mr. Raccan could not appropriately be included in the President's Press Conference. -----On 2/17/45 General Watson again referred the letter to Mr. Summerlin asking that the State Department reply to Mr. Raccan. -----Memo for Files, 3/15/45 states that General Watson's memo was not sent and, as no further requests have been received from A. Raccan, no acknowledgment is required.

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WISE, Dr. Stephen S.  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
New York, N. Y.  
Jan. 24, 1945.

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Wrote the President re their conversation recently, and would like to add a few words by way of comment on certain matters which were raised in the course of their conversation. States that the President mentioned the book by Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, with its discussion on the absorptive capacity of Palestine. The writer's only criticism that he has seen of the Lowdermilk plan for a Jordan Valley Authority has charged it in vague terms with being visionary and impractical. States that David Lilienthal of the T.V.A., who has given consideration to the proposal, has stated that in his opinion it is an eminently practical and desirable one. Further states that Mr. James B. Hays, engineer formerly associated with the T.V.A., has been carrying out a detailed technical investigation into the possibilities of the Lowdermilk project and it has been learned that his inquiries on the spot have convinced him of the practicability and immense importance of the scheme. Further states that the President suggested to Dr. Wise that it might be necessary to not at rest Arab fears that the Jews, having been allowed to settle freely in Palestine, should then seek to infiltrate the surrounding Arab countries. The writer further states that he wishes to put on record in the most unequivocal way, that the Jews have not the slightest desire or intention to colonize the Arab lands outside Palestine. Also states that the President mentioned the possibility of opposition on the part of the Russian Government to the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth. The writer states that this does not accord with the report on this subject a few months ago when Dr. Benes, who is a convinced Zionist of long standing, took the occasion when in Moscow to discuss with Mr. Stalin the Palestine issue, he was informed that so far as Russia was concerned, if a decision was reached by Great Britain and the U.S., no objection would be raised by the Soviet Government to any proposal for the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth. In closing Dr. Wise states that he has sent the Memorandum - entitled "Memorandum of the American Zionist Emergency Council," and a copy of Dr. Lowdermilk's book to Miss Fully in letter to her dated Jan. 25, 1945. - - Miss Fully on Jan. 29, 1945, wrote Dr. Wise acknowledging receipt of the memorandum and copy of Dr. Lowdermilk's book on Palestine and states that it will be brought to the President's attention. - - Enclosed notation - where is book. - "F" has it.

SEE - 700

DAVIES, Hon. Joseph E.  
1/17/45.

The President, by memo., referred for advice as to reply - letter from Juliana, Cape Cod, Mass., 7/19/44, to the President, in re so-called political deportees of the Netherlands, that is political prisoners and Jews, who so far have not had the good fortune of receiving food and clothes parcels, like the prisoners of war of military description. Asks if it would be possible to obtain a permit for sending funds for this purpose from this Country to the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:  
Miss Malvina Thompson.

Feb. 26, 1945.

Returned.

F. D. R.

Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, 1/22/45 from Ernest H. Cohen, Canton, Ohio -  
re Jewish problem in Palestine.

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Clippings from the N.Y. Times re "1945 Jewish Drive Splits Nationally"  
involving - United Jewish Appeal, United Palestine Appeal, National Refugee Service  
and National Jewish Welfare Board.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LATTA  
Feb. 26, 1945.

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Mr. Summerlin of the State Dept. enclosed eight original telegrams of congratulation sent on the occasion of the President's reelection, and copies of the acknowledgments which have been made to these messages. Telegrams and acknowledgments are as follows: - Telegram to the President from Eug Fiset, Lt. Governor of Quebec, dated Nov. 9, 1944 - The Secretary of State on Nov. 28, 1944, in letter to Sir Eugene Fiset, Lt. Gov. of Quebec, Quebec, P.Q., Canada, expressed the President's thanks for the telegram of congratulations. - Telegram to the President from Sveinn Bjoernsson, dated Nov. 9, 1944, - The President in a telegram dated Nov. 11, 1944, to His Excellency Sveinn Bjoernsson, President of the Republic of Iceland, Reykjavik, expressed thanks for the message of congratulations. - Telegram to the President from His Highness Emir Abdullah Ibn Hussein, Amman, Trans-Jordan, dated Nov. 10, 1944, - The President in a telegram to Emir Abdullah Ibn Hussein, Amman, Trans-Jordan dated Dec. 1, 1944, expressed thanks for the message of congratulations and extends appreciation for the confidence in those who will seek a settlement of the question of Palestine, the President wishes to assure him of his desire that the interest of the three great world religions in that Holy Land be duly protected. - Telegram to the President dated Nov. 9, 1944, from Maharaja of Kapurthala - The Secretary of State on Dec. 4, 1944, in a telegram to the American Mission, New Delhi, quotes the above telegram from the Maharaja of Kapurthala and directs the Mission to transmit to His Highness an expression of the President's appreciation of his message. - Telegram to the President from Maharaja of Tripura, Chhillong, India dated Nov. 10, 1944, - The Secretary of State on Dec. 4, 1944, in a telegram to the American Mission, New Delhi, quotes the message above from Maharaja of Tripura and requests the Mission to transmit to His Highness an expression of the President's appreciation for his message. - Telegram to the President from Hubertus Van Mook, Australia dated Nov. 9, 1944 - The Secretary of State on Nov. 20, 1944, in a telegram to the American Consul, Brisbane, Australia, requests an appropriate acknowledgment to the above telegram. - Telegram to the President from Gustavo Moreno, Minister of Public Works, Havana, Cuba dated Nov. 8, 1944 - The Secretary of State on Nov. 20, 1944, in a telegram to the American Embassy Havana, Cuba, requested that the above telegram be acknowledged on the President's behalf. - Telegram to the President from Zog I, Lane End, Ny. dated Nov. 11, 1944 - The Secretary of State on Nov. 20, 1944, in a telegram to the American Embassy, London, England, requested the above telegram be acknowledged on the President's behalf to King Zog.

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BERGSON, Peter H.  
Hebrew Committee of National Liberation  
Washington, D. C.  
3/17/45

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Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt enclosing copy of the appeal to the President concerning the "crimes committed against the Hebrews of Europe." Wants help. --Memo for Miss Tully, 3/20/45, from Mrs. Roosevelt states, "I spoke to the President about this and he said he might see this man." ----  
Penciled notation: "Never arranged. Filed 3/13/45."

SEE - 5152

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WISE, Stephen S.  
American Zionist Emergency Council  
Miami, Fla.  
3/4/45

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Telegram to the President expressing joy at his safe return from the Conference. Wants to discuss the fate of the Jews. Numerous telegrams exchanged in re to appointment with President. Telegram from New York, 3/13/45 states that he will telephone from Washington March 16 for definite time. ---Penciled notation: "Saw the Pres. 3/16/45."

SEE - PPF 3292

MEMO FOR MR. LATTA  
From - Ruthjane Humelt  
3/15/45

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Mr. Daniel received Rev. Ben Richardson, Rev. Clifton Macon, Rev. Antonio Mangano and Rev. Morton Freeman of National Regional Action Committees of The Protestant New York 17, N.Y., March 14th. and accepted a letter in behalf of the President signed by above gentlemen speaking for 5000 Christian ministers, they speak in behalf of the Jews of Europe, who look now to their liberators for sanctuary. Want the doors of Palestine opened for the Jews. Wants the President to open those doors.

Ref. by memo 3/16/45 by Mr. Hassett to the Dept. of State for appropriate action.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. HASSETT  
Mar. 12, 1945.

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Dr. Isador Lubin wrote re transporting the thousand refugees in Rumania to Palestine; draft of proposed letter to Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, War Shipping Admin., for the President's signature; memo of 3/8/45 to Mr. Hassett from Dr. Lubin re above subject, and draft of proposed letter from the President to Emory Land. - Memorandum for the Secretary of State dated Mar. 13, 1945, from Mr. Hassett stating that the accompanying correspondence (the above memo to Mr. Hassett from Dr. Lubin) re refugees in Rumania, with suggested drafts of letters for the President's signature, is respectfully referred to the Secy. of State for recommendation. Brig. Gen. William O'Dwyer, Executive Director, War Refugee Board, informs Mr. Hassett that this request does not come within the scope of the Board. - - Memorandum for Mr. Hassett dated Mar. 27, 1945 from Hon. Joseph C. Grew stating that he cannot recommend that either of the letters attached authorizing the use of War Shipping Admin. shipping for the transport of refugees from Rumania to Palestine be signed by the President. Information received by cable from Bucharest confirms a tentative report made to Mr. Hassett earlier by telephone by Mr. Warren that Jewish refugees in Rumania now have the status of immigrants for Palestine and thus are subject to the issuance of Palestine certificates by the British Passport Control Office in Rumania. Further appears that WSA shipping will not be needed for this purpose in the immediate future because the SS SMYRNA, refitted to carry fifteen hundred passengers, has been held available at Constanza for some weeks by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to carry such passengers to Palestine as may be in possession of valid certificates and exit permits.

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Mr. Hassett sent a memorandum for Dr. Lubin, 4/4/45, stating that the Acting Secretary of State advised that he cannot recommend that either of the letters be signed by the President. The Acting Secretary reports that Jewish refugees in Rumania now have the status of immigrants for Palestine and thus are subject to the issuance of Palestine certificates by the British Passport Control Office in Rumania. They will not be able to leave until all necessary procedures are established.

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WISE, Rabbi Stephen S.  
Miami Beach, Fla.  
Mar. 4, 1945.

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Telegram to the President would appreciate interview with the President to discuss matters affecting the fate of the Jewish people in Europe and of the Jewish National home in Palestine. - -Memorandum for Miss Barrows from Mrs. Brady dated Mar. 6, 1945, stating that the President asks if she will arrange to have Rabbi Wise come in to see him next week.

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UZIEL, Herzog  
Rabbi of the Holy Land  
Jerusalem  
3/16/45 (File)

Cable to the President re restoring Palestine to the Jews. ----  
Referred to Secretary of State, 3/15/45.

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BERGSON, Peter H., Chairman  
Hebrew Committee of National Liberation  
Washington, D.C.  
April 1, 1945 - not ack.

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States that reports from Europe disclose Nazi plans for a monstrous massacre of over a million Hebrew people still in concentration camps and slave labor battalions, and pleading with the President to take immediate action to avert this tragedy. Suggests statement from Secretary of State that crimes committed against ~~Hebrews~~ be regarded as war crimes and punishable as such; also a warning from the President and similar warning direct to the German people by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Referred by memo, 4/3/45, to the Secretary of State for attention and appropriate acknowledgment.

**MEMO. FOR SEC. OF STATE  
and Mr. Charles E. Bohlen,  
April 2, 1945.**

The President, by memo., referred for draft of reply for his signature - letter to the President from Abdulillah, Baghdad 26 Rabi'al Awwal, 1364, March 10, 1945, together with translation; that Palestine belongs to the Arabs and that it should be returned to them instead of being given to the Jews.

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