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July 17, 1942

Dear Dr. Wise:

Americans who love justice and hate oppression will hail the solemn commemoration in Madison Square Garden as an expression of the determination of the Jewish people to make every sacrifice for victory over the Axis powers. Citizens, regardless of religious allegiance, will share in the sorrow of our Jewish fellow citizens over the savagery of the Nazis against their helpless victims. The Nazis will not succeed in exterminating their victims any more than they will succeed in enslaving mankind. The American people not only sympathize with all victims of Nazi crimes but will hold the perpetrators of these crimes to strict accountability in a day of reckoning which will surely come.

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I express the confident hope that the Atlantic Charter and the just world order to be made possible by the triumph of the United Nations will bring the Jews and oppressed people in all lands the four freedoms which Christian and Jewish teachings have largely inspired.

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Very sincerely yours,

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 15, 1942

MR. EARLY:

REMINDER

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Next Tuesday (July 20th) is the day of sorrow and commemoration by the Jews of the destruction of the two great temples of Jerusalem. There will be a tremendous mass meeting at Madison Square Garden. Rabbi Wise begs the President to ask Vice President Wallace to come there to speak -- Wallace preferred.

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However, if Wallace cannot, then he prefers Henry Morgenthau or some other Cabinet officer.

Rabbi Wise will send a memorandum with a suggested draft of a statement.

Rabbi Wise wants the statement and help to get one or two speakers for this meeting.

You said you wanted Sam Rosenman to go over the statement and give you a draft for the President. \*PPH

MR. HASSETT:

*Mabel*  
Here is the complete story re: Rabbi Stephen Wise as given to me by STE yesterday. Nothing has come in.

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VENTURE TO SUGGEST FOLLOWING AS DRAFT OF MESSAGE TO BE SENT TO ME AS CHAIRMAN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT: "EVERY AMERICAN WILL GREET THIS MEETING AS THE EXPRESSION OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO MAKE EVERY SACRIFICE FOR VICTORY OVER THE AXIS, AND WILL SHARE IN THE SORROW OF OUR JEWISH FELLOW CITIZENS OVER THE SAVAGERY OF THE NAZIS AGAINST THEIR JEWISH VICTIMS. THE AXIS POWERS WILL NOT SUCCEED IN EXTERMINATING JEWS AS THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY THREATENED TO DO ANY MORE THAN THEY WILL SUCCEED IN ENSLAVING MANKIND. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY SYMPATHIZE WITH JEWS AND ALL OTHER VICTIMS OF NAZI CRIMES BUT WILL HOLD THE PERPETRATORS ACCOUNTABLE. AS FOR THE HEROIC JEWISH

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POPULATION OF PALESTINE, IT WILL BE ENABLED TO DEFEND ITSELF AND TO SAFEGUARD ITS HISTORIC AND PRECIOUS LAND. I EXPRESS THE CONFIDENT HOPE THAT THE ATLANTIC CHARTER AND THE JUST WORLD ORDER TO BE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE TRIUMPH OF THE UNITED NATIONS WILL BRING TO JEWS IN ALL LANES THE FOUR FREEDOMS WHICH CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH TEACHINGS HAVE LARGELY INSPIRED. MAY THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MEETING FULFILL THE PROPHETIC BIBLE COMMAND-COMFORT YE, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE. IT WOULD GREATLY SERVE PURPOSES OF MEETING IF MESSAGE SENT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT BEFORE TUESDAY. MY DEEP FELT THANKS TO YOU AND BELOVED CHIEF

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July 20th, 1942

The President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear "Boss":

I do want you to know how very, very grateful I am and all American Jews will be for your message. It is just what I hoped we might have from you and it not only heartens us to go on under your leadership, but will bring sorely needed solace to millions of my fellow Jews who have been dealt with as only Nazis deal with humans.

With heartfelt gratitude and very affectionate greetings,  
dear Chief,

Yours,



Stephen S. Wise

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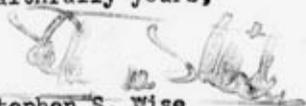
Hon. Stephen Early,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Steve Early:

Will you not let me say to you how very grateful I am that you were able to secure just what we had hoped for in the matter of a really thrilling message from the Chief. It will mean a great deal to the 25,000 who will hear it, to the millions who will hear it through the radio and to all my enslaved brothers and sisters in European lands to whom the word of the "Chief" will come as sustainment and benediction to worried and broken spirits.

With renewed thanks for your generous intervention and help, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

  
Stephen S. Wise

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