Lord Halifax 'phoned to ask if the President would care to see Dr. Wizemann, the leader of the Jews in England, who is here for some time, and would like a quiet chat with the President about the Jews. The Ambassador thinks the President might be interested in talking to him. Any time will suit Dr. Wizemann except the period June 18th to 25th.

I believe you agreed to see Dr. Wizemann, leader of the Jews in England, during his stay in the United States. Would you care to see him this week?
July 15, 1941.

My dear General Watson:

Dr. Chaim Weizmann has been in this country during the past six months and is now planning to return to London on July 23. He has asked me to request the President to receive him before he leaves the United States. This request has likewise been made by Rabbi Wise and various other leaders of the Zionist movement. I think it would be helpful if the President could receive him for ten or fifteen minutes. Will you let me know what the President's desires may be?

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

Major General Edwin M. Watson,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.
July 14, 1941.

Major-General Edwin M. Watson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Watson:

Perhaps because of the heat, - at least I like to believe so - I forgot when I was in Washington to take up a matter with you in which I had made a promise. I understand that the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Welles, was to arrange an interview with the President for Dr. Chaim Weizmann; and I had promised to tell you that Dr. Weizmann intends to leave for England about the 19th of the month.

He, of course, could and would delay his departure for some time if before that date it was inconvenient for the President to see him. As I say, my job was to let you know when he was to leave and to ask you to bear that in mind in any appointment you might make for him in accordance with Mr. Welles' letter.

I tried very hard not to take too much of the President's time and I hope I didn't remain unduly long.

Would you let me know if anything can be done about Dr. Weizmann's appointment.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]
July 13, 1941.

My dear Mr. Backer:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 14th, with reference to Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

The President has had no opportunity to see Dr. Weizmann as yet, as the demands on him are so heavy that we cannot add to his commitments at this time. I have so advised Dr. Weizmann through the Honorable Sumner Welles.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edwin M. Watson
Secretary to the President.

George Backer, Esq.,
President and Editor,
The New York Post,
New York City.
July 21, 1941.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: General Edwin M. Watson
FROM: David K. Niles
SUBJECT: Dr. Chaim Weitzman

I don't know whether this is something the President would want to do or not. Dr. Chaim Weitzman, I am sure you know who he is, is sailing back to England on Wednesday from Baltimore. Dr. Weitzman is the International President of all the Zionist organizations.

The President saw Dr. Weitzman last year with Mr. Justice Brandeis. Mr. Sumner Welles has also seen him. It may be that the President would want to see him before he returns to England. He can be reached through Ben Cohen.

[Signature]

David K. Niles

[Handwritten note: received 7/22/41]
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 8, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WATSON:

Grace says she told
Sumner Welles you would let
him know whether the President
would see Dr. Weizmann Thursday
or Friday.

[Signature]

RB
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1943.

MEMO FOR G.G.T.

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.

F.D.R.

To give the Pres. when he sees Weizmann.
May 19, 1943

My dear Mr. President:

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, whom I have seen on several occasions during the past winter, came to see me yesterday. He told me that he was leaving the United States for London early in June and that, after spending some time in England, he would probably proceed to Palestine. He asked me if I would find out if you would be willing to receive him some time between May 25 and May 31.

I have found Dr. Weizmann the most constructive of all of the Jewish leaders with regard to the Palestine question. He believes, as I think you do, that the solution of this problem should, if possible, be found by agreement between the Jews and Arabs, and it is his present hope that the way can be prepared for him to meet with King Ibn Saud and to try to work out the basis for an agreement which would obviate in the future the dangers and difficulties of the past twenty-five years.

The President,

The White House.
I think it is fair to say that he has no desire whatever to publicize any talk which he might be permitted to have with you and that if you are willing to see him, the visit would be regarded as strictly off the record.

Will you let me know whether you will be willing to receive Dr. Weizmann before his departure from this country.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,