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Weizman, Dr. Chaim

Wizemann Dr.
11th

~~Wizemann June 22~~

3. ✓ 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.

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Chaim Weizmann
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12. ✓ 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?

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GEORGE BACKER
PRESIDENT AND EDITOR

July 14, 1941.

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

Dear General Watson:

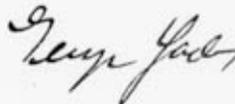
Perhaps because of the heat, - at least I like to believe so - I forgot when I was in Washington to take up a matter with you in which I had made a promise. I understand that the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Welles, was to arrange an interview with the President for Dr. Chiam Weizmann; and I had promised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



July 18, 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.

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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.

David K. Niles

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R. B. J. [unclear]
Niles to my 7/22/41

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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.

Off Record

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**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.*

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1943

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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.

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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.

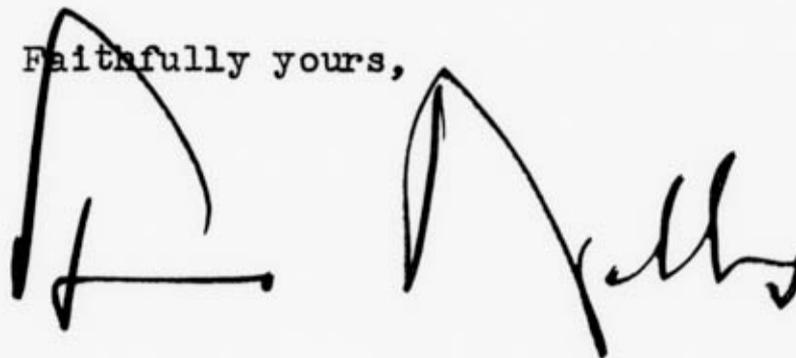
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I think it is fair to say that he has no desire whatever to publicize any talk which he might be permitted to have with you and that if you are willing to see him, the visit would be regarded as strictly off the record.

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

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. M. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "A" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.