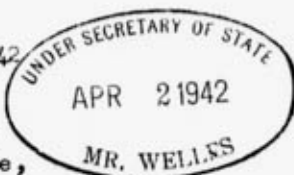


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The Hon. Sumner Welles,  
Under Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I beg to acknowledge your favor of March 30th, containing a suggested communication to Lord Winterton, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees, with respect to the Struma incident. I have accordingly addressed such a letter to Lord Winterton and transmitted it to the Department of State in duplicate for mailing in an appropriate way.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise has been in communication with me upon this same matter since discussing it with you at the State Department.

Yours very sincerely,

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MYRON TAYLOR

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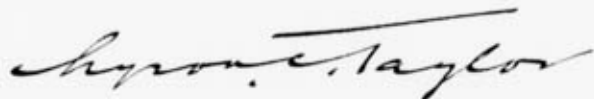
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The Hon. Sumner Welles,  
Under Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

With further reference to the discussions by certain members of the Hierarchy in Germany, which were forwarded to me by the Department, I in turn, as requested, transmitted these to the Apostolic Delegate in Washington, and have received from Archbishop Cicgonani the attached letter of acknowledgment.

Sincerely yours,

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His Excellency  
Mr. Myron C. Taylor,  
16 East 70th Street,  
New York City, N.Y.

Your Excellency,

I desire to thank Your Excellency most sincerely for the texts sent me of discourses pronounced by certain members of the Hierarchy in Germany. Parts of these documents had already appeared in this country; but I sent them out at once to urge the publication of them in their entirety. I am most grateful to Your Excellency for furnishing me these important statements.

With sentiments of high esteem, I remain, Your Excellency,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Sd) A. G. CICOGNANI

Archibshop of Laodicea,  
Apostolic Delegate.

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January 16 1942

Abba Hillel Silver,  
United Palestine Appeal,  
41 East 42d St., New York.

Dear Dr. Silver,

I greatly regret my inability to be present at the National Conference for Palestine to be held in Cleveland on January 17th and 18th.

I knew Palestine when, following the last great war, its doors were opened for the establishment in Palestine of a National Home for the Jewish people. I saw the beginning of its development. It is an heroic undertaking, conceived of human sympathy, fostered by racial and religious fidelity and sustained by unparalleled generosity.

The refugee problem has grown by leaps and bounds since those days. These intervening years have been filled with fear, hunger, suffering, despair and death. The brute forces of the world are unleashed in final combat. Before the forces of seeming relentless destiny, we as individuals are as nothing, and it is easy to despair. But to despair is futile in a day when courage and action are needed. Never before have the nations that love peace and justice assumed such a responsibility for the future of the world.

In the far past, exiles had to fight their way to new homelands, or, wandering as men and women without countries, they have become the slaves of whoever picked them up. In the near past, refugees have been no one's concern, and no international responsibility was assumed for those who were compelled to flee their homes, and who are today scattered throughout the world.

But in the recent past, under the leadership of President Roosevelt, many nations associated themselves in the Intergovernmental Committee

on Political Refugees, to assist in arriving at a species of order in the transit of exiles and to introduce a policy of resettlement on an international basis. These activities, with which you are all familiar, had progressed most commendably. A growing measure of success in the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee was in sight, when the war intervened and changed the scene and enlarged the problem. Its organization is intact, its office in London continues to function. Its future is important, for it is beyond question that when this war comes to its weary end, there will be a refugee problem which will be almost in the nature of a migration problem, and which, if not settled properly, may hold within it a whole new series of wars.

And so if the peace which comes to Europe, or if the peace which comes to Asia, is to be anything more than an armed truce, the peace treaties must be peace treaties and not war treaties, and the question of racial and religious minorities must be settled in those treaties.

In the interim, the utmost that this fine Palestine organization and its associated groups can contribute is to give and to serve as never before, to save what is left of honor and justice and decency from perishing.

Sincerely yours,

(Sd) MYRON C. TAYLOR.