

Summer Welles Papers  
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Major Correspondents  
Roosevelt, Franklin D Sept-Oct 1938

October 17, 1938

My dear Mr. President:

I am sending you a suggested letter  
for you to send to Judge Mack, as requested  
in your memorandum of October 14.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

Sumner Welles

Enc.

The President,  
The White House.

A true copy of  
the signed origi-  
nal.

SW:DMK

Dear Julian:

I heartily share the views you express in your letter to me of October 5. Whatever the fears of some timid persons may be, I feel it is peculiarly important - just because of the waves of persecution and discrimination which are mounting in other parts of the world - that we in this country make it clear that citizens of the United States are elected or selected for positions of responsibility solely because of their qualifications, experience, and character, and without regard to their religious faith.

By so doing the United States can hold aloft as a beacon the faith of the American people in the right to freedom of worship and in human liberty at a moment when the assertion of our faith in these principles will unquestionably act as an encouragement to peoples in every other part of the world.

I am glad you wrote me as you did. Let me tell you again I fully share your own convictions on this subject.

The Honorable  
Julian W. Mack,  
United States Court House,  
New York, New York..

me My kindest regards to you, and believe

Yours very sincerely,

SW:DMK

October 22, 1938

My dear Mr. President:

In accordance with our conversation of the other day I sent at once a telegram to Hugh Wilson asking him to give us the detailed facts you desired immediately. The two telegrams which I enclose herewith are in answer to my message. He will report further later about the time and date when the appeals for peace from the other governments with which we had communicated were received at Berlin.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

STANLEY WELLES

Enclosures:  
Telegrams Nos. 558,  
565 from Berlin.

The President,  
The White House.

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