During my stay in Rome I discussed the problem several times with Pro Deo, and our friends promised to inform me of the actual measures taken by the Vatican regarding this matter.

cc: Dr. Slawson
MEMORANDUM

To:      Dr. Simon Segal
From:    Zachariah Shuster

Subj:  Intervention with Vatican re situation in Argentina

Immediately after receiving from you the reports about the situation in Argentina we prepared a concise summary of the anti-Semitic incidents that had taken place there in the current year and of the groups involved with particular reference to the names contained in Monk's reports and supplemented by your cable.

This summary was sent to Pro Deo in Roma, whom we asked to intervene immediately with Vatican authorities with the specific aim of curbing the anti-Semitic agitation by priests and their followers. Pro Deo promised to take the necessary steps in this matter.

Evidence that the highest authorities in the Vatican had been made aware of this subject came about during our interview with Cardinal Bea on Sunday, November 26. At the end of his conversation with Dr. Heschei, Prof. Horkheimer and myself, Cardinal Bea spontaneously turned to me and said that the matter concerning Argentina had been brought to his attention. He walked over to his desk, picked up the book in Spanish by Father Julio Menvielle, one of the leaders of the anti-Semitic propaganda, and said with indignation that this book contained passages which are "impossible from a Catholic point of view." He emphasized that the book is harmful not only to Jews but to the cause of the Catholic Church. He then said that he would immediately take action through his representatives in Buenos Aires. It was obvious that Bea had taken the matter most seriously and would follow it through.

Our friends of Pro Deo also submitted our paper to the Secretariat of State and discussed the matter particularly with Mgr. Igino Cardinale, Chief of Protocol of the Secretariat of State, who is associated with Mgr. dell'Acqua, Chief of Section II of the Secretariat. It was planned to arrange an interview for me with Mgr. Cardinale, but at the last moment he asked to postpone it for another time, for the reason that this was the week of spiritual retreat. He asked Pro Deo, however, to inform me that the Secretariat of State is considering this matter very gravely and that they will inquire from their representatives in Latin America about it, and take the necessary remedial steps.