March 21, 1962

Dear Dr. Slawson:

To the encouraging words I received from you during my visit to the States, your letter of March 16th must be added as a new and valuable stimulus, committing me even more to bring about positive results to your program in Israel. You may be certain that I will not spare any efforts in that direction. You know, I am sure, this program of yours is my program as well and the Gaucho-Jewish blood I carry in my veins from my birthplace will not permit me to retreat, even in the face of difficulties.

I think tactically it was a good idea having Mr. Sharett at a meeting with you and Judge Proskauer. In spite of the reservations of Mr. Sharett, mentioned in your letter, your talk with him helped smooth the way for me in the circles of the Jewish Agency where signs of uneasiness have already started. As you may remember, I told you that when I met with Mr. Sharett a few days after I first arrived in Israel, his initial response to me was rather lukewarm, if not cold and not till the end of our conversation did he change his attitude, becoming more friendly. I therefore think that your meeting with him was fruitful. Having obtained from you first hand information, he clearly knows what we stand for in this area. I will try to meet with him soon, making good use of the compliments he paid me in your presence.

Mr. Jacob Blaustein was kind enough to send me a copy of his letter to Mr. Ben Gurion as well. I will remain alert so not to muffle the chance that Mr. Blaustein's letter affords me. You probably know already from my reports that I am in close contact with two of Mr. Ben Gurion's assistants.

I also received your letter of March 5th with regard to Mr. Wishnick's forthcoming visit to Israel. From talks with Shimshon FREDERICK F. GREENMAN, President
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Arad I know that high ranking government officials in Jerusalem are already aware of his coming. I therefore see in his visit some usefulness to my task and you may be sure I will not neglect this opportunity.

I reciprocate your warm regards - to you, to Mrs. Slawson, your children and your grandchild, if he is already on the way....

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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