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Hon. William J. Bryan,

Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Referring to your telegram to Jacob H. Schiff and his reply to you relating to the assistance required by the Jewish charities and colonies in Palestine and your suggestion that the Department is planning to send a relief ship in the near future will you kindly inform me when it is likely that the warship is to sail so that the American Jewish Committee of which I am the President may arrange to raise and send funds for the purpose indicated.