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I am returning herewith the letters drafted to Robert Smold of the Zionist Organisation of America and to Palestine Foundation Fund, Inc. I spoke with Mr. Shappe about the situation briefly. In substance the last letter we wrote to Szold requested a conference to discuss the reasons which compelled us to believe that the Zionist Organization was subject to registration. A conference was subsequently arranged with Judge Levinthal. This conference was called off by Judge Levinthal on the ground that he was busy on other matters and would arrange a later conference.

The 21st of October Gus Vanesch called me and stated he had been asked to look into our dealings with the Ziomist Organization of America and/that is might be asked to participate in any conference we held with them. He implied that some pressure was on somewhere in the government and suggested it would be unwise to do anything further on this until we had heard further from him. I have not yet heard anything further from him, but under the circumstances do not desire for the moment to write to the Zionist Organization of America or to the Palestine Foundation Fund, which is tied up in the same picture.

I have signed and sent out the deficiency letter addressed to the Jewish Agency for Palestine.