

June 7, 1944

Honorable Louis E. Levinthal  
Zionist Organization of America  
City Hall  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Judge Levinthal:

It may be helpful to you in marshalling the facts about the activities of the Zionist Organization of America in the United States and its activities in connection with and in relation to the World Zionist Organization and World Zionist Congress, if I recall briefly some of the points which we discussed in our conference today with the President and Acting Executive Director of the Organization.

Section 3(e) of the Act exempts persons engaged only in activities in furtherance of bona fide religious pursuits. I appreciate that the objectives of the Organization have a deeply religious motivation and I would like to have any material which would indicate that these activities are solely religious because at present it appears to me that the activities, although religious may also be considered to have non-religious characteristics within the ordinary meaning of religious activities as understood by Congress in providing the exemption.

On the other phase of the problem, the extent of the Organization's affiliation, connection, cooperation or relationship with the World Organization, whatever word may be chosen to describe the nature and extent of the cooperation, I would like to know the circumstances under which the American Organization has made shekel or other contributions to the World Organization, the extent and the nature of the correspondence between them, the nature of any material received from the World Organization for distribution or reproduction in organs of the American Organization, and any other factual material which indicates the nature and extent of the cooperation of the American and World Organizations in pursuing their common objective.

I would also like to have a statement of the facts indicating the extent and the type of your cooperation and any work you do with the Jewish Agency for Palestine or any of its parts.

As you know this matter has been pending for a very considerable time in the Department, and I shall appreciate it very much if you will expedite the submission of this material so that the matter may be determined.

Sincerely

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