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Dear Brother Joe:

I received your letter of March 26th and am very glad to hear from you. As a matter of fact, the first day, last Thursday, the 27th, when I arrived in New York, I asked about you and was informed that you were somewhere out of town. On the same day I received your letter.

About the problem you raise - that the Order should undertake projects in fighting anti-Semitism, there is no question that this is one of the most important problems that confronts every Jewish national organization in this country. However, at the same time, I would like you to know that not only did we not leave it to the American Jewish Congress, or to other Jewish agencies, but the organization of the Jewish Labor Council was primarily for this particular purpose and we were supposed to play an important role in helping to develop this line of activity. However, I find your letter of such great importance, that I will present it to the coming meeting of the Executive Committee of our Order in order to raise this problem again before our leadership.

What we need in our Order, in addition to the point that you raise, is a public relations man to bring the Order before the Jewish people and to the American people as a whole. However, this is one of our budgeting problems which I hope will be solved at the coming Convention.

Under separate cover, I am mailing you a copy of a statement that we made in connection with the recent reactionary campaign developed in this country. I would like very much that you utilize this document in your column that you are conducting in the Anglo-Jewish press.

Is it possible for us to meet sometime somewhere? Do you expect to be in New York in the next week or two? I would like very much to see you and to discuss with you some other problems.

Best wishes,

R. Saltzman
General Secretary

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