April 9, 1948.

Dear Governor:

People have not yet found out you are out of the city so things are still buzzing.

Dr. Silver telephoned and wanted you to ask some of the important heads of delegations at Lake Success to a luncheon or dinner but I explained you were away. He sent his regards.

Mr. Rothschild of the American Jewish Committee telephoned and said that Dr. Slawson and many of them thought that the radio program planned by the McCartrys on "Is there a religious vote" was a bad thing to discuss at this time and asked if you would object if they tried to squelch it. I told him that if he left you out of it entirely that I thought you would have no feeling about it. If, however, the program goes on they want you to be on it. We will let you know later what the outcome is.

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Harry Louis Selden of the American League for a Free Palestine, Inc. (the Peter Bergson group). I checked with the Council of Federation and Welfare Funds to see what their report showed. Mr. Seligman tells me that the letter which Mr. David R. Wahl has written is entirely correct. Mr. Seligman states that the A.L.F.F.P. states that their books are open to any reputable agency for investigation but when he wished to see them the organization refused. Forty boats went from Germany to Palestine in 1946 and only one was sponsored by the above organization. It used $300,000 out of about $300,000. for that one boat. No boats were sent by them in 1947. All funds collected, he states are used for propaganda. Mr. Seligman states that he saw letters from members of the Stern and Irgun groups to the A.L.F.F.P. stating that if they are saying that they support them, why don't they do it. Also Mr. Seligman stated that Mr. Wahl did not criticize the persons on the Sponsor list. If Mr. Selden does not like the criticism that Mr. Wahl is sending out let him sue him for libel. It is surely not up to you to stop Mr. Wahl, who is evidently making a real fight and doing a real job. For that reason, I would ignore the letter, if you feel you can.

Judge Mahoney's office telephoned and wanted you to give a talk at the club some night. I told him you were away for many weeks.

I hope you all will be settled comfortably by the time this reaches you.

Kindest regards to all of you.

As ever.