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Dear Governor—

I am happy to hear all the fine news from you and Mrs. Lehman—about the fishing and very little of anything else, which is as it should be right now.

So forgive me for resuming a serious discussion! It took a week for the A.D. League report which I requested, to arrive; and it is a bulky affair which I will keep for you, as I do not think it would reach you by mail in time. Of course the trend it points out may have become altered since then by the brave stand which the young state of Israel is making, and which all people of good will must necessarily admire. However, I do not know of any proof on that either way. At any rate, it does not fully cover the facts to say that the American Council's position is based exclusively on fear of the consequences of Zionism to the status of the Jewish American. There is far more to it than just that—-it is a big subject, and I shall not now even attempt to go into the merits of the case. I must say only that all the warnings and predictions which the Council's leaders and sympathizers have made in the event that its recommendations were not adopted, have come only too terribly and tragically true.

Finally, I want to assure you, Sir, that despite occasional possible appearances to the contrary, I really do not enjoy disagreeing with you. With the affection and respect I have for you, in fact, it disturbs me more to disagree with you than with anyone else in the world. And withal, I feel very strongly—and devoutly hope you agree—that the issues on which I am in passionate agreement with you—-American, Jewish, or what have you—are much more numerous and basic than the relatively superficial ones on which I sometimes make so bold as to adhere to a school of thought other than yours.

I hope your pleasant and successful vacation continues, and I look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Lehman again at its end.

With fondest greetings to you both,

Devotedly,

Richard