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Mr. Ludwig Jesselson
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Dear Ludwig:

The enclosed letter is being sent to you as one of a number of prominent people whom I am soliciting for the cause which the letter describes.

I am adding this cover letter because I just learned that, to my pleasant surprise, you have a direct relationship with the issue.

As you will notice, it concerns a plan I put forward to solve the Shabbat problem in Israel. In a nutshell, it involves transforming Rosh Hodesh from a personal to a public festival.

This week Prof. Karl Darmstadler from Washington informed me that your late father, ~~Abraham~~, had made a similar proposal in the small kehillah in which he lived some fifty years ago! In addition to the delightful coincidence, I am curious as to the details of his proposal, the reasons for it, and what came of it, if anything. I would appreciate being enlightened about it either by letter or personally.

Meanwhile, I am very anxious to get off the telegram to Golda Meir as soon as possible. Could you be kind enough not only to answer the return postal card at once but to call me or my secretary and let us know that we may use your name?

If you have any other ideas as to prominent American Jews, whose names Golda and the others in Israel would recognize, whom I can mobilize for this cause, I would appreciate hearing about them from you.

Warmest regards to Ericka.

Cordially yours,

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Enclosures

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