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April 17, 1963

Mr. Abraham Jhirad  
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Dear Abraham:

I have just received your letter of April 12th and the material it contained concerning the developing controversy about the rabbis expected in Israel.

Let me state at the very outset that, even more than I am shocked by the unspeakable treachery of this [REDACTED] whose deformations are incredibly ignoble, I am pleased and proud at the way you and Mr. Penkar have stood up to the occasion with dignity and self respect. The two of you and the entire Executive Committee of the U.O.J.C.I. deserve our felicitations for your statesmanlike behavior.

We want to digest the material you sent us and survey the situation as comprehensibly and quickly as possible. As soon as that is done you will be hearing from Dr. Weiss.

Meanwhile, keep up the good work and do not let your spirit fall.

Cordially yours,

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CC: Dr. Weiss