

November 19, 1964

Mr. Herman Shumlin
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Dear Mr. Shumlin:

Thank you for your note of November 13th in which you enclosed your correspondence with Pope Paul. I did not, of course, expect that you would get an answer, and I think that the silence of the Vatican on this documentary is evidence of the present Pope's attitude towards the Jews and speaks volumes more than the "absolution" we are now to receive from the Church.

I think it was the happiest possible coincidence that this morning's Times carried, in the same issue with the new Vatican draft on the Jews, this resounding confirmation of what the "Deputy" has been preaching -- and please excuse the verb, I think that it is most appropriate -- against all the vociferous opposition of both Catholics and some of our weak fellow-Jews.

Personally I think that the production of the "Deputy" in this country forms an integral and significant part of Jewish history, and now that the show is to close on Broadway, I would urge you to write down your memoirs of all the trials and tribulations that had to be undergone both before and during the staging of this show. Whether or not all names should be mentioned publicly is a matter for serious discussion -- but certainly there should be records which may some day prove of major interest to historians.

Once again, it was good seeing you those several Wednesday nights at my Talmud class and I do have the effrontery to mention my hope that I shall see you again at similar occasions.

Cordially yours,

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