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Dear Danny:

The enclosed letter to Jakob Michael was sent along with a Xeroxed copy of your letter to me.

The "season" is now beginning and the frightening crush of work is beginning to pile up. So forgive me for my brevity and do keep me informed about developments in Geshar.

One favor: I have been sending you a good deal of my correspondence concerning Kedmah. I just received a letter from Rabbi Kirshblum, in response to my request to him, informing me that Jewish Agency support would continue until the end of the calendar year, and would I try to prevail on Mandel to be more flexible and cooperative. I hesitate to put everything on paper in my correspondence with Kirshblum, so please call him and tell him that I have been in touch with you and requested of you to inform him of my gratitude for his help in extending the date. Also, tell him that I have been writing voluminously to Mandel, especially suggesting that a public committee be formed. My suggestion to Kirshblum is that he, on behalf of the Jewish Agency, demand that one or two of his people be appointed to this public commission.

Just for your information, and your eyes only, I am enclosing the latest letter from Mandel to me.

Frankly, I don't know what to believe any more and I wish I could somehow get out of the whole situation gracefully.

Let me know what has happened, and give my warmest good wishes to your wife. Mindy joins me in wishing the two of you and your family a happy, healthy, successful New Year.

Cordially,

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