

Albright

May 15th, 1935.

Dear William:

I was sorry that you were unable to get to the Ann Arbor meeting, and I hope that if there was any illness in the family, that all is well again. The meeting was very interesting. Congratulations on your election to the presidency of the society.

My father's death will impose no new burdens on me. My brother and I had been helping right along anyway.

You and Mr. Moon certainly have my permission to use the Segal article in the Jewish Times, April 5th, if you think it will be at all useful in collecting funds. I hope you will omit that nonsensical comparison to Lindbergh and all allusions to political matters.

I reported to Morgenstern, Speiser, Meek at Ann Arbor ~~XXXX~~ and to Burrows by letter your objection to cutting the salaries of the Annual Professors, and we are now all in agreement with you. Other economies will have to be found. We shall have to cut a considerable part of Fisher's stipend, and if you cannot be persuaded to return after next year, we might, as you suggest, cut the salary of the director, if a young man goes out.

Looking over our portfolio of investments, I find that we have a considerable number of railroad bonds. I have heard recently that some investors do not like such bonds. I have sent the entire list to Mr. Patten, and asked him to review all of our holdings. I shall send a similar list to Mr. Warburg as soon as he answers a previous letter I sent him.

My Edom report will not be finished till the End of June at the earliest. I am sorry that you will not be able to read it, but I have checked the place names very carefully, and think that they will be correct. I shall have to cut down the report somehow or other to compress it into the approximately 160 pages which are allotted to me.

I wish I could go out again soon. I should like to strike westward into Sinai from Umrashah, on the n.w. edge of the Gulf of 'Aqabah. Frank went about 8 miles inland to the southwest, and found a number of copper smelting sites. Perhaps there is a whole line of them extending to Serabit el-Khadim. And then I should like to survey Ammon. I think I could raise the funds, but I am not sure I can get permission to go. What do you think of the project? I had wanted in particular to talk to you about it at Ann Arbor. In as much as Levy will be here next year during the second semester, I thought it would be a good time to get one more leave-of-absence.



I have read with much benefit your very interesting article in Bulletin 58 on the Date of the Conquest, to the general conclusions of which I subscribe. I wonder what your attitude is to the mutually exclusive accounts of the Exodus through Edom in Deut. 2,29 and 2,4-8a, and around Edom in Num. 20,14-21, and elsewhere, compared with the P account in Num. 33. I think that the first two accounts in their present form are almost as late as the P account. All of them may be different interpretations of the same event.

Have you decided yet how your checks should be sent?

With best greetings,

sincerely yours,

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