

Copy for Dr. Nelson Glueck

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Dear Dr. Speiser:-

Dr. Glueck has been in Baltimore and has talked over a program for the forthcoming dinner with Dr. Albright. If the following is agreeable to you, this is the plan which has been outlined:

Mr. Henry Morgenthau Sr. will be the Honorary Chairman, and Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg will act as presiding officer at the meeting. Dr. Albright suggests that Dr. Glueck be the first speaker and will devote his remarks to the archaeological work in Transjordan with which he has been connected on behalf of the American School of Oriental Research, and the Transjordan Archaeological Survey, which he expects to take up again on his departure. Dr. Glueck will show some of the best slides he has illustrating this archaeological work, and will include a couple of slides which we have had prepared here, dealing with the excavations at Samaria in which the Hebrew University engaged jointly. Dr. Glueck also has and intends to use as illustrations, slides showing the Beth Alpha excavation which was done entirely under the Hebrew University supervision. Dr. Glueck will not say anything about the work of the Hebrew University beyond this, since he himself has not been connected with it and is not in close touch with Dr. Sukenik.

Drs. Albright and Glueck suggest that you be the second speaker and Dr. Albright believes you will probably want to speak about the opportunities which the Hebrew University has for archaeological work in Mesopotamia. If this is in line with your thoughts about the matter, we should appreciate having from you as your earliest convenience a synopsis of your address -- one or two pages.

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Dr. Albright will be the final speaker and will concentrate attention on the Hebrew University and what it has done in the field. He just returned from Palestine last week and having been in touch with the Hebrew University, he is fully conversant with the needs of the Archaeological Department of the Hebrew University and has already given us a brief outline which I shall send you in a few days, of what he conceives to be the natural growth of that department.

There will probably be one more speaker, either Mr. Hartung himself or another present, who will definitely ask for funds, but who this will be has not yet been decided.

We agree with Dr. Albright and Dr. Glueck that none of the addresses should be longer than fifteen minutes in order that the interest of the audience may be sustained. I presume that you are also agreeable to this.

Invitations will be issued in the next several days and I am glad to tell you that we have had acceptances as sponsors from a number of prominent persons in New York, who we hope will not only be present, but will lead their concrete support.

Will you please let us hear if this program is satisfactory to you at your earliest convenience?

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Corresponding Secretary

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