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Dr. Nelson Glueck
Hebrew Union College
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Nelson,

You will be interested to know that Dr. Stekelis and I visited Sir Flinders and Lady Petrie a couple of days ago and that they have agreed to give 60 pounds in order that Stekelis may be able to finish the excavations near Athlit which he had begun in cooperation with Professor Fisher.

Now that they have finally decided to interest themselves in this they seem very happy. Sir Flinders and Dr. Stekelis had quite a conversation about drawings and photographs to the proper scale, the payment of bakshish for important finds (as you know prehistory does not furnish any gold), and, most important of all, publication. They are ready to publish the findings in their series.

Lady Petrie phoned me last night saying that Sir Flinders had been so keen about the conversation that he felt quite tired afterwards. It was really remarkable to see how alert he was, particularly through his fingers, because it is sometimes difficult for him to see small things. She told me also that he was most keen that Stekelis continue excavating in the Jordan Valley when he finishes the work at Athlit in about three months' time.

I am sending you a copy of a letter to Mr. Sigmund Sabshin, Financial Secretary of the Buffalo, N.Y. Zionist Organization, for your information and also for any action that you think might be desirable.

Let me say, lest my last letter to you may have lead to misapprehensions, that the Department of Antiquities is also very keen on Stekelis' work. As you know they have placed a room at his disposal, and in connection with the work near Athlit they have also let him use a cottage at Athlit, etc.

Will all of this not encourage you to take the step that I suggested in my last letter, namely to appoint Stekelis as lecturer or research fellow or whatever else you may want to call it, at the American School? I mentioned this suggestion to Mr. Hamilton who was quite enthusiastic about it.

Thus far Stekelis has been getting his salary through me - the enormous sum of LP.15 a month. If the American School were to appoint him it should, so I think, contribute his salary which it might feel in a position to raise a bit. Other funds would be used for working budgets. Or perhaps the American School might want to make a different arrangement?

We are all going strong. We find Jerusalem delightful as usual during the summer. The place is crowded. You should see our granddaughters. She is nicer than all our boys put together. Moral: Get a girl. Love to Helen & Jonathan
Your father Magnes

Please find enclosed a letter to me from Dr. Stekelis concerning Dr. Fisher's visit to the case. I asked him to write this, thinking you & the Board might find it of interest and I in fact have - about N. Euboea glimpse of Baby Michael Magnes. Let me see you and Helen and

Account Abraham Freed, September, 1943 - August, 1944.

Received

<u>From Dr. Nelson Glueck</u>	Jaffa Hospital	Sept. 43	& expenses	16.250
	"	Oct. 43	"	16.400
February, 1944	"	Nov. 43	"	17.100
	"	Dec. 43	"	17.550
February, 1944	LP.119	Jan. 44	"	18.750
16.III.44	51	Feb. 44	" hospitali- zation & special treatment at Hadassah, Te. Aviv	<u>21.300</u>
				LP.107.350

170

Balance to the credit of Dr. Magnes.....LP.11.650

211.200	March	-	17.300
170.	April	-	17.200
	May	-	16.750
	June	-	17.150
	July	-	18.050
	August	-	<u>17.400</u>
			211.200

L.P. 41.200 owing Dr. Magnes