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3rd February 1967

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Earl Shilton,
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Handwritten signature: *St. George*

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Dear Pierre,

Copy of my letter to Dr. Yahil was mailed to you
and not the original.

Alf Bloomberg: Thank you for the information on Bloomberg's
arrival. Rest assured that I will see to it that we meet Alf
on both the claim of the Jewish Agency for remittance of the
allotment in 1961, the planned South African House and the
allotment of additional shares. You will hear from me on our
deliberations.

Congress: The Congress Committee met for its first meeting and
I have postponed the first Circular Letter on the Congress until
I receive a reply from the C.D.I. Mexico to my letter on this
subject.

Gilboa: Farleigh would do a good thing if he would meet the
Jewish Agency half-way on the maintenance of a Shaliach, in
view of the critical finances of the Jewish Agency.
Wouldn't it be advisable for you to meet Mr.
from the Zionist Federation in Gt. Britain who, as I well know,
disposes of huge amounts for education? He considers Maccabi
as linked to the General Zionists and he persuaded Dr. Goldstein
not to support our plea with Dr. Goldstein's Confederation.
Nevertheless, the Zionist Federation in England could hardly
reject a part allocation for Youth Leaders for Maccabi.

U.S.A. Maccabi: It is the concensus of opinion of all here in
Israel that a joint meeting with Aschkenasy and Torczyner, and
with the participation if Dr. Atlasz or someone from here, would
bring this delicate matter to solution.

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Restitutions: Hope that you succeed in coming to terms with the German Maccabi representatives when they are in London. As to Dr. Schwartz; unfortunately his approach is too much of a business one and if he insists on his terms then we will have to nominate Dittmar. This too has to be resolved promptly and Fred Worms would do well if he would go to Berlin and see Dr. Schwartz with a view to settling with him or to nominate Dittmar finally. Copy of this letter goes to Fred Worms for his perusal.

If Dr. Atksz goes to London for the meeting with U.S. Maccabi leaders then he could perhaps, at the same time, continue on to Berlin on Restitution matters. Anyhow, it was worthwhile having the well prepared opinion from Dr. Schwartz on our chances for restitutions. Too bad that we did not have it 3 years ago. Dr. Schwartz clearly states that the succession problem can be solved in our favour and not necessarily with German Maccabi cooperation. This is important when you negotiate with them in London.

Maccabiah Stadium: All dates for a peaceful settlement have passed and there is no sign of a solution. We are therefore prompted to proceed in court - just for your information.

Very sincerely yours.

A. Tory.
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c.c. F. Worms.

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Mr. A. Hanak,
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Tel-Aviv.

2nd February, 1967.

Dear Arthur, re: Maccabi Hatzair - ZOA

I received your letter of 24th January and have noted the unanimous decision taken by the Executive in connection with the tie-up between Maccabi Hatzair Israel and the ZOA, during Mr. Jacques Torczyner's visit to Israel.

Having carefully studied the decision, I have come to the conclusion that I don't know how it will be interpreted by "all concerned". The Resolution states that: "The Executive have noted the initiative taken by the Maccabi Israel Executive with regard to the establishment of a nucleus of Maccabi Youth Groups in the U. S. " The initiative had not come from Maccabi Israel but from myself, representing the MWU Executive. As the Resolution is now worded, it actually approves of Maccabi Israel's action which was taken according to previous information reaching me, without consultation with the MWU. The Resolution further states that "The MWU declared its readiness to contact all concerned so as to foster the creation of Maccabi Youth Groups in the U. S. A., in close co-operation with the ZOA, and not in accordance with the principles laid down by the MWU for activities the world over." Who is meant by "all concerned"? And who knows, among "all concerned" what are the principles laid down by the MWU for youth activities the world over?

In the last paragraph of your letter under reply, you do state that the decision will be brought to the immediate knowledge of all concerned, that is, Maccabi Israel, the President of the ZOA and Maccabi Clubs in the USA. This is, in fact, confirmed by the official letter signed by you and sent to the Merkaz Maccabi Israel, in which you simply bring to their notice the MWU Executive decision. But is this not a notification post factum which, in fact, implies approval of Maccabi Israel's action which was taken without consultation with the MWU and which cut across

the MWU initiative? As regards the President of the ZOA, I have received a letter from him, dated 30th January, in which he writes: "When I was in Israel, I had several meetings with the Maccabi people and with representatives of Maccabi Hatzair. I also met with Mr. Dobkin of the Jewish Agency and demanded that a special Maccabi Shaliach be sent to the U. S. to help us in our work." According to previous information received from our New York Maccabi friends, the ZOA already engaged three Schlichim, or Youth Leaders, including Willy Kraim. I gather also from Mr. Torczyner's letter that he has now accepted Maccabi Hatzair's co-operation, but he does not say what character this co-operation is to assume. Is it not going to branch out into a Maccabi Hatzair "command" for the U. S. - the very thing we wanted to avoid?

Jacques Torczyner goes on to say that, since his return to the U. S. A., he was very busy re-organising Rassco and Mr. Leon Ilutovitch has delayed his return from Israel as he was busy preparing the ZOA Convention, to be held in Israel this coming July. But he adds: We are definitely going ahead with organising groups - Maccabi Hatzair groups."

Mr. Torczyner concludes his letter by informing me that he intends getting into touch with Mr. Billig who, he hopes, has recovered from his illness and he proposes appointing him as the fourth representative on the International Maccabiah Games Committee. From this I conclude that Jacques Torczyner adheres to the decision which he and I have reached during our New York and London talks, namely, that only one Maccabi nominee - and not several, as is demanded by Erich Aschkenasy and Joshua Torczyner, shall be appointed by the ZOA on behalf of Maccabi in the U. S. A. This will produce a new bone of contention between the ZOA by Maccabi stalwarts in the U. S. A. and myself.

Mr. Torczyner is obviously not in any hurry, although he is fully informed of the controversial correspondence exchanged between his Uncle, Joshua, Erich Aschkenasy and myself, as well as of the letters which Erich Aschkenasy addressed to the "gentlemen of the World Executive".

Far from simplifying and alleviating my task, I can see more complications. Once again I must place on record my disapproval of the Executive decision, according to which I have been impelled to re-open talks with Aschkenasy and Joshua Torczyner, who proposed coming to London, determined to force the issue, disregarding a previous MWU Executive decision upon which I have acted, and ignoring, apparently, also the promise of help from the ZOA. Now that the ZOA relies entirely on Maccabi Hatzair Israel, and not on the MWU sponsorship and authority, I fear that we run the risk of falling between two stools, with myself as the first casualty.

Yours very sincerely,


P. GILDESGAME.

P.S. Enclosed herewith is a copy of my reply to Mr. Jacques Torczyner, a copy of which is also being mailed to Joshua Torczyner.



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My dear Roby, re: 8th Maccabiah Games.

Re a suitable date:

South Africa: Dave Sandler writes: "Our Council would be very happy indeed to have the 8th Maccabiah Games in the first half of July, 1969. We have always asked for it not to be held during August/September but, due to circumstances, we fully realise this could not be done. I only hope that the date can be changed to the more suitable one."

Great Britain: At my request, Jack Graham has already written to inform you that, very reluctantly, Great Britain would agree to the last two weeks in July. On further consideration and enquiries, I am informed that the last week in July and the first week in August would be far more suitable insofar as Great Britain is concerned.

South America. I have discussed this matter also with Fischer, who expressed the view that the first two weeks in August would be most suitable because the schools in South America close only at the end of July, but he would agree to a compromise, namely, the last week in July and the first week in August. Not earlier.

Europe: I don't know whether Fred Worms will have the time to send out a circular letter to T.O.s in Europe, enquiring as to their views. He may decide to get a consensus of opinion at the European Conference in Rotterdam next May.

U. S. A: As you already know, the Americans would agree to any two weeks in July, as their schools and universities close at the end of June.

The first IMGC meeting. Dave Sandler suggests a meeting in London on 24th and 25th April, but he, apparently, overlooked the fact that this happens to coincide with Pesach.

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Haskell Cohen states that, if the meeting is to be held in Israel, he could not get away until after the first week in May, presumably due to the Pesach holidays.

Mexico: } Their nomination is still awaited.

Hapod } I should appreciate the views of the IMGC members, representing the MWU Executive, as to the most suitable date and venue for the first meeting of the IMGC Executive Board.

Yours very sincerely,

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Dear Roby and Executive colleagues,

Dr. Isaac Fischer phoned me from Paris, early on Saturday morning, to advise me of his presence in Europe, and of his intention to come over to London for the specific purpose of having a talk with me. Needless to say that I welcomed his proposal and I spent with Dr. Fischer, in the presence of Fred Worms, some 5 hours, during which I also entertained him to dinner.

Fischer has been away from Sao Paulo during the last 10 days, but has returned yesterday, via Geneva and will, therefore, be back home within 48 hours.

The main topic of our conversation was around two subjects (a) the Continental School for Madrichim and (b) a minimum programme (I quote Fischer's own words) for the Latin-American Maccabi Confederation.

As regards the first subject, Dr. Fischer informed me that he is prepared to follow my advice by communicating immediately with Mr. Kamenshain, President of AMIA, as well as with Dr. Gorenstein, asking them to submit a syllabus for the Course for Madrichim, in accordance with a discussion we had in Sao Paulo, last August. The Course to last one year only (AMIA's regular Leadership Course takes 2 years) and to consist of Youth educational subjects of a Jewish content. The programme of the Course is to include special lectures on Maccabiuth, as well as Club activities generally, including, therefore, sports. Lectures on these subjects to be given by Schlichim from Israel, trained by ourselves. They can be either Schlichim without previous experience, but preferably people of the Hagai Carmeli and Willy Kraim calibre.

Upon receipt of the aforementioned programme of lectures, Fischer will send a copy to me and, if I am in any doubt as to whether the lectures are suitable or not, I promised him to consult the MWU Youth Department.

Meanwhile, Fischer promised to act upon my request to set up a Council of the Latin-American Maccabi Confederation, which will consist of members of the Executive residing in Sao Paulo, as well as two members representing each Territorial Organisation affiliated to the Confederation. He has already fixed a date and place for such a meeting and he has either already sent out circular letters or will do so immediately after his return to Sao Paulo, convening a meeting to take place in Buenos Aires, either on 25th or 26th March.

Fischer is anxious to get on with the setting up of the Continental School but he realises that he will be up against a certain amount of apathy from Territorial Organisations who will either not be interested in sending some of their youngsters to train as Club Leaders, or who will offer the excuse of being unable to subsidize the expense entailed. He will, therefore, make enquiries with Dr. Gorenstein as to what the cost will be of one year's stay in Buenos Aires and what facilities AMIA can offer, either directly or indirectly for a maximum of 10 candidates. He hopes to have this matter settled, one way or the other, at the meeting in Buenos Aires next March, believing that he can achieve much more in the course of a round-table conference with the leaders of Territorial Organisations, rather than by circular letters.

Fischer attaches great importance to Tchina's guidance and co-operation in this matter and he will, therefore, keep him informed of all his plans. Fischer has a feeling that he should also maintain close liaison with Mr. Lipszyc, President of FAM as, after all, the School is to be set up in their city and FAM will, undoubtedly, take great interest in its future progress. With this I fully agreed.

As Mr. Lipszyc is now in Israel, I have cabled you last night, at Fischer's suggestion, as follows: "PLEASE ASK LIPSZYC STOP OVER LONDON ON HOMEWARD JOURNEY FOR ONE DAYS CONFERENCE WITH MYSELF CABLE DATE HIS ARRIVAL PREFERABLY WEEKEND"

Should Lipszyc agree to come to London, I will introduce him to some of our Executive colleagues and we will do our utmost to inject some enthusiasm into him, as well as to give him a better sense of belonging to the Movement.

As to the minimum programme which Fischer wanted me to define, I simply told him that I did not think it possible to apply an identical programme of Club activities to every country affiliated to the Latin-American Confederation, because of the various conditions affecting the numerous Clubs on the South American Continent, some better off in terms of indoor and outdoor facilities, others completely uninitiated in Maccabi ideology, because they have never had the benefit of either amateur, let alone, professional Jewish Youth leadership. Nevertheless, in an attempt to give him an answer to his searching question, I told him that ways and means must be found to introduce into each Club activities which would render members conscious of their belonging to the Jewish people, as well as to the Maccabi Movement.

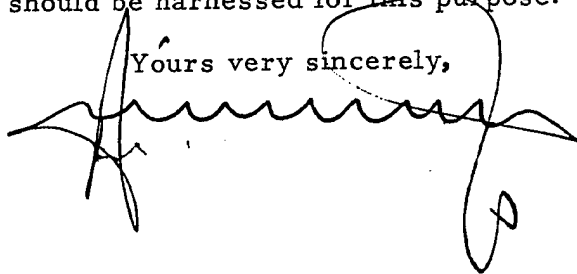
Fischer listened to me carefully, but I did not wish to enlarge upon it because I knew he was likely to ask me the same question as did many Congress delegates in Sao Paulo, namely: Why doesn't the MWU Executive supply Territorial Organisations with educational material to enlighten leaders, as well as the rank and file, on the aims and objects of Maccabi, on its ideology, on its system of youth education, on non-political Zionism, etc., etc?

I have reported to you, and to members of the Executive, in some detail, how very much embarrassed I felt when these questions were fired at me in Sao Paulo, to which I could not give any honest answer. I believe the time has come - or it will be too late if we delay it - for us to produce some simple text books, outlining elementary Maccabi Club activities, as well as a simple Maccabi Club programme, or what it should consist of. In an attempt to satisfy Fischer's searching question, I told him that in Europe, each Club member is in duty bound to take up at least one sport, as well as to engage in one cultural activity section. Such sections as Jewish History, General Knowledge of Jewish Affairs, the History of Modern Zionism, the outline of the History of the Maccabi Movement, etc., are but a few subjects which could form a vehicle for interesting lectures, in addition to Israeli songs and dances. But for this we need, of course, proper Schlichim, and this is yet one other reason why the Continental School in Buenos Aires will only justify its existence if, in addition to the general subjects, we will also have one or two competent Maccabi Schlichim from Israel, who will fill the gap, so very evident in the ranks of contemporary young Jews generally and of Maccabi people in particular.

Whilst I shall give every possible co-operation and help to Fischer, as well as encouragement (and I have no doubt as to his sincerity and purpose) I am absolutely convinced that, unless the MWU provides educational material, for the benefit of T. O. s all over the world, published in English, French, German and Spanish, we shall continue struggling to maintain a Movement bearing the name "Maccabi" but we shall only remain so in name, but not in spirit. Sports alone, and the pursuit of local, continental or world competitions may be very spectacular, and certainly very attractive to modern youth, but this alone is not what we understand by Maccabiuth.

I hope to hear from you that the Executive will treat this report seriously and that, at long last, some educational material will be provided, with the help of Maccabi Hatzair Israel, or without it. We have enough talent in the ranks of Maccabi Israel which should be harnessed for this purpose.

Yours very sincerely,



Glueza

17th February 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

AH/TW/1888-67

Dear Pierre,

It is my own fault that I wrongly informed the members of the M.W.U. Executive that the badge sent to them is an honorary one. This is my mistake as the badge sent out is a Maccabi World Union Badge for all members of the Executive and we have not yet decided on a final design for the Honorary Badge. I have accordingly informed all the executive members, to whom I have sent the badge, accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

Handwritten signature/initials

17th February 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
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AH/TW/1686-67

Dear Pierre,

As Dr. Atlasz will be with you in a few days time and will give you a full report on all those subjects raised in your last letters, I would only like to inform you that your message of condolence to Ziona and her children was handed over by myself personally and that a copy of your cable has been sent to Mr. Krinitizi. As Tory has written to you we are still stunned by Shalom's death.

Dr. Atlasz will bring you the requested headed paper. Just now I don't want to order some more, for obvious reasons.

Enclosed you will find a photocopy of a letter from the Jewish Agency regarding Carmeli and I am very glad that this matter is now finished.

On Monday evening, before our regular executive meeting, we shall hold a short remembrance for Shalom, to which we have invited the members of the Maccabiah Village Executive Board too, but this is an internal affair and a special committee has been set up by Mercaz Maccabi Israel with representatives of all sports authorities and institutions and they are preparing a Memorial Service to be held on the 30th day after his death.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

16th February 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
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AT/TW/1680-67

Dear Pierre,

Thank you for your letter of February 8th, which I read with great interest. Mr. Lipszyc, the Chairman of the F.A.M., left yesterday morning and I hope that you will see him.

I am now preparing a counter-account for Rasco as a basis for our final settlement. I know and I believe that all this has caused you sleepless nights, but I want to assure you, once again, that this matter is now on my desk as the most urgent affair in my office and I am in daily contact with Mr. Sofer, who has given me the final figures and I am now going to submit same to Rasco. Mr. Oestreicher has been nominated as the deputy director for Rasco in the U.S.A., to which appointment he goes at the start of March. He is now pressing on all sides to bring the matter to an end before his departure. I have told him, quite clearly, that while I appreciate his intentions, these will not be on the account of the Village. He stresses that we pay the amount agreed upon and leave the balance for arbitration. I strongly rejected this procedure and I still feel that we should not pay interest on interest and that the whole matter should be settled between Rasco and ourselves with no arbitration.

The sudden passing away of our beloved and respected Shalom Zysman has shaken us all to the core and I can't even think of approaching matters these days with Krinitzi. You will well understand this. I feel that by the beginning of next week he will be in a position to finalize this matter and meet with Rasco. To be quite frank with you I would prefer a meeting without our good friend Dr. Lifshitz, who unfortunately, in this specific case, is not strong enough and if our delegation in

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On other matters Dr. Atlasz will report to you in detail when you meet him.

U.S.A. Leaders: I appreciate very much that you have given this matter the necessary attention and time and I am very sorry indeed that this has to be on account of your health. I hope and pray that your minor operation will be successful and that you will feel completely well again soon afterwards. I sincerely pray that you will remain in good health and good spirits, together with your dear wife, for many many happy years.

Yours.

A. Tory.
Honorary Secretary.

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A. Tory.
Honorary Secretary.

15th February 1967

Mr. P. Cildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
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RA/TW/1678-67

Dear Pierre,

We are all still stunned and shaken by the sudden loss of Shalom Zysman, an irreplaceable loss for our Movement and especially for Maccabi in Israel.

After confirmation of Torczyner's presence in London, I shall leave here on Thursday, February 23rd with El-Al, Flight No. 451 which arrives, according to schedule, in London at 1300 hours. Please inform me at the Londoner Hotel as to where and when we can meet. Apart from the business with the Americans, we have to decide on a number of other problems - restitutions, I.M.G.C., etc. - and therefore I would like to have meetings with you and other colleagues on Saturday afternoon or Sunday in order to straighten out all pending problems and to give you all information about our problems here.

As you have already informed my daughter of my arrival, she wrote me that she will meet me at the airport.

I look forward to seeing you in good health.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. Atlasz.
Deputy Chairman.



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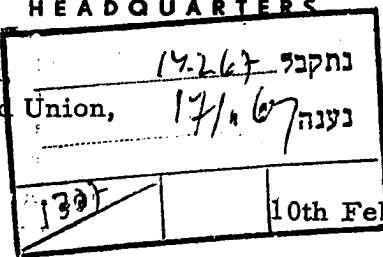
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Dear Arthur,

Thank you for your letter of 7th February.

U.S. Maccabi. This morning, I received the following cable from Joshua Torczyner: "I NEVER MISS FIGHTS NOR FUN STOP ARRIVING EARLY MORNING 24TH LEAVING AFTERNOON 26TH STAYING NEW LONDON HOTEL LETTER FOLLOWS SINCEREST REGARDS" It is significant that Schicko intends treating the London Conference as a "fight and fun". I wish I could share these good-humoured prospects.

To what extent the ZOA will proceed with the formation of Maccabi Junior Groups, as well as the services offered to them by Maccabi Hatzair in Israel, remains to be seen. The trouble with Jacques Torczyner is that he does not understand the complexities affecting the relationship between the M. W. U. - Maccabi Israel, and its Junior branch, Maccabi Hatzair. I did my best, when writing my last letter to him, to issue a warning against becoming involved in yet another internal conflict.

Nor do I believe that Maccabi leaders in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago will in any way be able to help the ZOA in the promotion of Junior groups in cities where they do not themselves reside. All these pious hopes are meaningless. The trouble is that the M. W. U. does not possess the proper machinery for the promotion of Maccabi groups in the U. S. A., in the absence of a super-quality Shaliach. It is true that Jacques Torczyner applied to Mr. Dobkin for one such Shaliach, but will one such man be available in the foreseeable future? So far, I have received no explanation nor a reply to my enquiries as to whether the ZOA rely

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on Willy Kram, Arie Even and Schlomo Chanuch, to whom reference was made in the notorious cable received in Tel-Aviv during my presence there recently (in which the American Maccabi people appealed to us "not to sell us for a dish of lentils").

I am convinced, though I did not wish to make an issue of it that, had there been no mention in the Executive meetings, after my departure from Israel, of a decision to advise me to invite Nesselroth, Aschkenasy and others for a Conference in London, I would not now be involved in yet another abortive debate, as I am sure that this had encouraged Joshua Torczyner and Aschkenasy to continue to fight me, regardless of consequences, or the ultimate outcome designed to benefit the formation of the U.S. Youth Maccabi Federation. The attitude of our U.S. Maccabi people was motivated more by hostility and vindictiveness towards the U.S. Committee, Sports for Israel, rather than by a desire to embark on a constructive project to promote the Maccabi Movement in the U.S.A.

I look forward to Dr. Atlasz' visit to London, and I hope that, as one who represents the body of the Executive in Israel, he will support me in my endeavour to assert the authority of the World Executive and decisions arrived at after very careful consideration of all aspects involved in the conflict.

Yours sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.



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Mr. A. Hanak,
Tel-Aviv,
Israel.

13th February, 1967.

Dear Mr. Hanak,

I thank you for your letter of February 8th,
as well as for the Badge of the MWU.

My three London colleagues who received
it commented on it in a manner which I am afraid I could
not argue against. When I saw the prototype of this Badge,
during my last visit to Israel, I told you, as well as
Dr. Atlasz, that this Badge, the size and execution,
is no more impressive than a Badge which practically
every Maccabi Club or Territorial Organisation has
produced for the past 30 or 40 years. An "Honour Badge"
which this was intended to be, symbolising the MWU,
ought to be larger, artistically designed, made of better
material and altogether more impressive. I consider it
a cardinal mistake in that everyone disregarded my
comments and that this Badge has been sent out with what
amounts to a very nice letter of tribute to the recipients,
describing it as the "Honour Badge of the Maccabi World
Union" and which I fear that few will wear with pride and
a sense of appreciation.

I hope that my remarks will be taken in the
spirit in which they are made and I only trust and hope that
other recipients of this Badge, members of the World
Executive residing abroad, will not take the view that
everything the Maccabi World Union does is either "too
late or too little".

Yours sincerely,

Dictated by Mr. Gildesgame
and signed in his temporary
absence.



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Dear Mr. Hanak,

The following cable was received today
at Mr. Gildesgame's London Office: "DEEPLY GRIEVED
TO INFORM YOU DEATH OF SHALOM ZYSMAN"

The following cable was sent to you today,
signed by Mr. Gildesgame: "GREATLY DISTRESSED
AND DEEPLY GRIEVED AT UNTIMELY PASSING AWAY
OF SHALOM ZYSMAN WHOSE DEATH ROBS US OF A
GIFTED MAN AN INSPIRED MACCABI LEADER AN
INDOMITABLE FIGHTER A STAUNCH ISRAELI STOP
PLEASE CONVEY TO HIS WIFE ZIONA AND CHILDREN
MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IN THEIR SAD
BEREAVEMENT STOP KINDLY EXPRESS ALSO MY
CONDOLENCE TO THE EXECUTIVE AND ABRAHAM
KRINITZI"

In the temporary absenced Mr. Gildesgame,
he asked me to request you to be good enough to convey
contents of the above message to Mrs. Zysman, to the
Executive, as well as to the Mayor of Ramat Gan.

Yours sincerely,

V. Newcombe

V. NEWCOMBE (Mrs.).
Private Secretary.



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Mr. A. Tory,
Maccabi World Union,
Tel-Aviv.

8th February, 1967.

Dear Avraham,

Thank you for your two letters of 3rd and 5th February.

I have noted that the letter which you recently wrote to Dr. Yahil, and which I returned to you, was actually a copy of the original. I have now read also copy of the reply addressed to you, dated 22nd January, written on behalf of Dr. Yahil. Whilst its contents are very gratifying, I regret that no reference is made to Dr. Yahil's promise of a subsidy of 12,000 to 15,000 dollars towards the Continental School for Schlichim. Maybe this is a deliberate omission. However, I accept your assurance that Dr. Yahil's promise of a subsidy was not only for one year but for as many years as the Continental School will carry on its work.

Alf Blumberg. I am sure you will do your best in connection with his forthcoming visit and that you will refer to the £3,000 due from the South African Maccabi Council, as well as to the controversy around the alleged loan of £22,500 made to the Maccabiah Village through the Jewish Agency, about which you wrote to Mr. Pincus, some weeks ago. If you could prevail upon Blumberg to have a meeting with Pincus, during which the matter would be clarified in accordance with your interpretation and mine, that will go a long way towards absolving us from that additional liability.

Congress. As already stated in a previous letter, the plan which you submitted to the C.D.I. for the Congress proceedings is admirable. It is to be regretted, however, that no reply has, as yet, been received from the C.D.I.,

which is, apparently, due to what Yasinovsky explained to me in his last letter, namely, the advent of the elections of a new Board of Trustees. Please pursue this matter as we must really know, within the next two or three weeks, whether the C.D.I. are prepared to organise the Congress along the lines suggested by you and, moreover, a date for the Congress must be fixed forthwith. See my today's letter to Barney Kellen on this subject, and which is in reply to an enquiry, according to which the S.A. Maccabi Council wish to organise a group of people desirous of proceeding to Mexico, some of whom would attend as Congress delegates, and others to stay over for the Olympic Games. The larger the participation in the Congress in Mexico, the greater a promise of ultimate success of this gathering. But this will not come about unless an early announcement of all arrangements, including the date, can be issued, with the full consent of the C.D.I.

Moshe Gilboa - Jewish Agency in London. The Executive of Maccabi in Great Britain has already reacted to my letter to Farleigh on this subject, when I reported on the conversation I had with Gilboa. They do not believe that one Shaliach can perform his duties over a large area in the North of England. The best he could do would be to look after Glasgow and Edinburgh. We dare not, in view of the newly revised Constitution for the Union of Maccabi Associations in Great Britain, come to any arrangements with the Zionist Federation. The Maccabi Foundation has now become the legal Roof Organisation for the Movement in Great Britain. It is, as you know, recognised as a charity, and every Club affiliated must also obtain a Charity status. This has imposed very stringent regulations on our written Constitutional provisions. This is rather a complex matter which I will explain to you verbally when we meet.

USA Maccabi. At the time of writing, I have very little to report: Erich Aschkenasy announced his arrival in London on Friday, ~~24~~²⁵th instant, in the morning, stating that he must return the same evening to Brussels. This, therefore, limits the meeting to a few hours only. Farleigh will be abroad. Ken Gradon is ready to spend as many hours as possible until Erev Shabat but Fred Worms will only be able to join us by 2. p.m., until Erev Shabat. From Joshua Torczyner I have not heard at all, and I don't know whether he will join the meeting. Contrary to a previous statement, according to which Erich Aschkenasy stated emphatically that he represents all Presidents of U.S. Maccabi Organisations, Joshua Torczyner has, nevertheless, volunteered to join the meeting, if held on 25th instant. I am prepared to devote as much time as necessary, especially since Roby Atlasz has volunteered to come to London to join in the talks. For this I am very grateful to him. In fact, few believe me when I say repeatedly that I subordinate all other engagements to Maccabi duties. I was due to enter a Nursing Home several weeks ago for a minor operation (hernia) but, because of the many engagements which I have during this month, I now have to postpone the operation until the end of this month, to enable me to keep several appointments, including the one fixed with

Aschkenasy. Some think me foolish to give priority to Maccabi events even over considerations of health. I can do no better than to set an example of devotion to duty which I hope others will follow.

Restitution. I am writing on this subject in reply to a letter received from Atlasz.

Maccabiah Stadium. I gather from your other letter that the meeting at Heth's house in Haifa was inconclusive and that the attitude of Atzhak Caspi and Hut, representing the Development Company, has not changed at all for the last three years. Consequently, we are compelled to resume legal proceedings - a prospect to which I do not look forward with any relish, but which I now consider to be inevitable. Whether we shall win our case and, if so, whether the Court decision is enforceable, is a matter which I must leave entirely to your good care.

Actions Committee. My approach to this problem may be wrong, but I know that my good friends in Tel-Aviv do not share my opinion in this matter. But what you, my dear friends, misunderstand is that we cannot, in one breath say that the Maccabi Movement is in any way involved in Zionist political activity and, in another, that we are represented on the Actions Committee, which is a body representing Zionist political parties of all colours and shades. Besides, even if Maccabi were to be granted one representative, no matter how eloquent, we would be invariably outvoted whenever asking for funds. The distribution of funds is still made on the basis of a "political key". It is for this purely realistic consideration, as well as for the reasons stated in the earlier paragraph, that I feel we stand to lose, policy-wise, more than to gain materially by fighting for a place on the Actions Committee.

I have read statements which Luis Aron made to members of the Action Committee dealing with Youth problems. So far as it goes, it is an interesting declaration, but will it get us anywhere? I would much rather deal with Merkaz Latefutsot Israel Foundation for Cultural Relations with World Jewry (Dr. Yahil's department), for it does not bear a political character and it concerns itself primarily with Cultural relations, as well as with Youth Education. If Dr. Yahil could prevail upon the Actions Committee and/or the Jewish Agency, to channel all the funds we require through his own Organisations, that would be a far better tie-up, insofar as we are concerned. Please consider this matter carefully, together with Atlasz and Caspy and see whether any such tie-up could be created, unless, of course, we could continue to negotiate on all matters of finance with the Jewish Agency Treasurer's Department.

Continental School for Madrichim. I have already commented on this in my today's letter to Hanak. I will discuss this matter with Lipsyc, if he comes to London. Dr. Fischer is all in favour of this School, but he

fears that it may not meet with the response and support of Territorial Organisations affiliated to the Latin-American Confederation. It is for this reason that he decided upon a rather practical step, namely, to convene a meeting in Buenos Aires, to be held from 25th to 26th March, at which he will discuss this and other outstanding matters, on the subjects of which I have written to him, to Goldfinger, to Tchina and to David Kopenhagen many a time since my return from Sao Paulo. I am satisfied that Dr. Fischer's intentions are very good but what he lacks is experience in Maccabi leadership. Only time will tell whether he will acquit himself well of his task of President of the Latin-American Maccabi Confederation. With the help and co-operation of such people as Tchina, Kopenhagen, Lipsyc, Gerthe Nathan, Soloduch and others, he may well emerge more successful than we date hope, at the present time.

Luis Tchina. I have had a further letter from him, to which I shall be replying and, if transcribed in time, I will enclose a copy herewith.

Maccabiah Village. I am aware that Scheniak is opposed to the engagement of a professional Manager, but I hope that he will be made to understand that such a professional Manager will still be answerable to him since Scheniak is virtually a representative of the Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village Co., Ltd., and, in this capacity, he may well prove useful.

I wonder, however, how long it will be before a professional Manager is engaged and whether the delay that has already occurred, and to which I drew Geffner's attention in my last letter to him, is not going to lose us again the forthcoming tourist season.

Rassco accounts. I never expected Rassco to give way easily in the matter of the compound interest which I see from your letter is estimated at I£260,000. There is only one way to settle matters with Rassco - the most difficult to implement: To make them a flat cash offer in an amount of I£500,000 in full and final settlement of all their claims. So many letters have already been written by you, Caspy, Atlasz and myself on the subject of the promissory notes which we were to receive from Ramat Chen Moadin and I understood from previous letters that the Executive have also agreed to make I£100,000 available in cash. And yet, I cannot see, so far, any hope of a solution on the dark horizon of speculation. How much longer is it going to be before this matter assumes any shape of finalisation?

The financial problems of the Maccabiah Village have caused me sleepless nights and I know that you and others directly involved in this matter have spared no efforts with a view to finding a solution. But very slow progress has, so far, been made and, unless we set ourselves a time limit, I fear that the same position may still prevail by the end of 1967 ...

I shall be glad to hear from you that the Investment Centre have agreed to extend the period of the status of an approved investment for the Village for a further 12 months. But what hopes are there of more foreign currency being mobilised in the foreseeable future?

Please do not misunderstand me: I am not voicing complaints, I am simply giving expression to my dismay and disappointment that, despite all the efforts that have been made during the past 12 months, to solve the financial problem of the Maccabiah Village, we are back to where we were, and the prospects of a solution are, so far, invisible.

Please spare no efforts to bring about a better understanding in the relations between Geffner and Scheniak. This is most important. I agree with you that, once a professional Manager is engaged, Geffner's remuneration must be correspondingly reduced, *or dispensed with*

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.



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8th February, 1967.

Dear Arthur,

Thank you for your letters of 29th January,
February 1st and 3rd.

As I shall be replying also to letters received
from Dt. Atlasz and Tory, I will answer only a few
points raised in your three letters to myself.

Shalom Zysman. Immediately upon hearing of
his unfortunate paralysis, I have cabled him as follows:
"EXTREMELY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR ILLHEALTH
PLEASE ASK ZIONA CABLE OR AIRMAIL REPORTING
GOOD PROGRESS STOP WISHING YOU SPEEDY AND
COMPLETE RECOVERY". I hope and pray that he will
make a complete recovery. If you have occasion to speak
to Mrs. Zysman, will you please convey to her my cordial
wishes and urge her to keep me informed of Shalom's
state of health.

Maccabi Hatzair. It is partly my fault that, in the
letters which the Executive sent to Presidents of
Maccabi Associations in the U.S.A., as well as to
Mr. Jacques Torczyner, reference is made to Maccabi
Junior Groups which, in translation, means nothing else
but Maccabi Hatzair. It was not my intention to do so.
When discussing with Mr. Torczyner in New York, as
well as in London, the formation of Youth Groups, the
emphasis was on the lower age-groups, rather than
concentrated on Intermediate or Senior age groups.
It was Torczyner's declared intention to provide sports
trainers for such groups of youngsters, many of whom

might become eligible for participation in the Junior Maccabiada, scheduled to be held in Santiago de Chile in 1968. This was set as a tentative target to stimulate the launching of the scheme of Youth groups. I wish I could share the optimism of some who believe that "leaders of Clubs in the U.S." will help in the formation of the Youth Groups under the aegis of the ZOA. Such Youth Groups are only likely to be formed in cities outside New York, Los Angeles, Chicago or San Francisco where Maccabi Clubs already exist. Even Jacques Torczyner does not believe that the present leaders of Maccabi in the U.S.A. will be able actively to help launch the project.

I am glad that all members of the Executive are unanimous in their opinion that we must not allow the formation of a U.S. Command of Maccabi Hatzair answerable directly to Maccabi Hatzair in Israel, and not to the M.W.U. I still think that the resolution adopted unanimously at the Executive meeting on 23rd January does not give clear expression to the implications which were intended. It is for this reason that, in my last letter to Jacques Torczyner, I tried to clarify the relationship between Maccabi Hatzair and the M.W.U. Whether Mr. Jacques Torczyner will live up to his promise, in co-operation with Mr. Ilutovich remains to be seen. I am rather sceptical.

Mr. Lipsyc. I hope to hear from you, within the next few days, that he will be able to come to London to see me. I trust that his visit will not coincide with the meeting I am having with Aschkenasy. So far, I have not yet heard from Joshua Torczyner that he will participate.

Latin-American Maccabi Confederation. From my report on the conversation with Dr. Fischer, the Executive will gather that some action is now likely to be embarked upon in connection with the setting up of the Continental School for Madrichim. My invitation to Mr. Lipsyc was the outcome of a suggestion by Dr. Fischer. He feels that all is not quite well between Lipsyc and Tchina and that, so long as Lipsyc is President of FAM, he should not be ignored. Personally, I think that Tchina has far more experience and that, if the Continental School will ever be set up, it will be largely due to Tchina's initiative and closer contact with the AMIA Protectorate. Co-operation between Lipsyc and Tchina is, of course, highly desirable, and I shall see to it that it is fostered on a long-term basis.

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

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to me a further supply of
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Pierre Gildesgame Esq.,
Earl Shilton

England

Dear Pierre,

Re: Mr. Lipszyc - My letter from the 10th inst.

I have been asked by Mr. Lipszyc to write to you about your meeting with him. As he arrives on the 21st inst in the afternoon hours, he would like to meet you on the same day in the evening hours, or, if this would be impossible for you, he will be free for you on the 22nd inst, again in the evening. He will leave London on the 23.II.67. Please let him know at the Tavistock Hotel when and where you will meet him.

Yours sincerely

Arthur

Gildesgame

10th February 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

AH/TW/1670-67

Dear Pierre,

Re: Mr. Lipszyc.

Following your request I can now inform you that Mr. Lipszyc will arrive in London on the 21st February, coming from Paris. He will be staying at the Tavistock Hotel. As he will only be spending a few days in London, I think it would be best for you to reserve the 22nd February for a meeting with him. Anyhow, I shall let you have further information, with the exact timetable of his arrival, in about 2 days time. I shall also know then exactly how long Mr. Lipszyc will be staying in London.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

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8th February 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
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Dear Pierre,

It is with honour and pleasure that I send you hereby the Honorary Badge of the Maccabi World Union, which, for the time being, has been sent out only to members of the Maccabi World Union Executive. I hope that you will like this small token of appreciation which is extended to you, above all, as the Chairman of our Movement and with our sincere wish that you will carry on with the great and tireless work that you are doing for many years to come.

Dr. Atlasz, who will be in London soon, will take with him a number of these badges so that you will always have them at hand to distribute to those who you feel are worthy of it.

With best Maccabi Greetings.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

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1st February, 1967.

Dear Roby,

RESTITUTION.

A three-hour meeting took place at my London Flat on Monday, 30th January, in which the following participated, Nachman, Dr. Evian and Feuchtwanger, representing Maccabi Germany and Fred Worms, Ken Gradon and myself representing the World Executive.

A lot of hard bargaining has been going on but I believe we have found a fairly reasonable solution.

Fred Worms will report to you in some detail.

Yours very sincerely,

Justice



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26th January, 1967.

Dear Roby,

Thank you for your letter of 17th January.

U. S. Maccabi. I was somewhat surprised in that, despite my request, you have written to Aschkenasy, offering a suggestion, which you and the Executive support, and which I did not favour, namely, that the London meeting should consist of Aschkenasy, together with Nesselroth, representing the U. S. Maccabi, in addition to myself and one or two members of the Executive in Israel. I am afraid you are magnifying the issue out of all proportion, and you are attaching more importance to Aschkenasy's "revolt" against the World Executive than the controversy deserves. As you have read all my correspondence, and have shown it to members of the Executive in Tel-Aviv, you must have observed that I have not over-stepped the authority, according to Executive decisions, and that I have spared no time or effort in an endeavour to convince Joshua Torczyner and his colleagues that they were waging a war without any positive aim. They have offered no alternative, they continue to confuse the composition of the IMGC Executive Board with that of a U. S. Maccabiah Organising Committee. Their hostility towards the U. S. Committee is unabated, and yet they would approve further co-operation with them - on their terms! They flout Executive decisions and they have not done anything whatsoever to form a U. S. Maccabi Federation. Jacques Torczyner has been dragging his feet, and continues to do so. I enclose Jacques' last letter to me, from which you will see that he is again playing for time. The contact established between himself and Maccabi Hatzair in Israel will create another complication and will undermine much of the work in which I have been engaged for the past 9 months. What then, do you hope to achieve from a meeting in London in which several members + leading members - of the Executive are to participate?

Do you really believe that we will succeed in convincing Aschkenasy and his colleagues that the U. S. Committee are, for the present, the only organisation capable of forming a U. S. Maccabiah team in 1969, and that Maccabi is incapable of so doing?

What you have now done is to provide Aschkenasy and his colleagues with implied proof that the Executive does not agree with its Chairman (this aspect of the controversy does not bother me very much) and Aschkenasy will emerge triumphant in that he has succeeded in making a substantial dent in the united front of the World Executive because I have invited him to come to London for further talks. This is just what he wanted us to do, to satisfy his ego.

Now I have also received a letter from Schicko Torczyner, containing yet another ultimatum. He is willing to attend a meeting in London on 25th February, providing that either you or Tory will also be present, and he insists upon an immediate reply being given to him. This is how the first disclosure in the minutes of the Executive meeting, following upon my departure from Israel, has served to encourage Aschkenasy and Schicko to dictate to the World Executive their own terms, disregarding completely all other circumstances. Needless to say that I shall welcome your visit to London and your participation in the meeting - if it takes place. You do not require my permission for this.

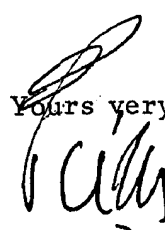
I have now received a letter from Aschkenasy, a copy of which I attach hereto, together with copy of my reply. Schicko will, no doubt, fly over to London, which will prove to be a very expensive trip. And what is going to happen, do you think? We shall go over the same ground again and again. They will insist upon 2 Maccabi nominees to be selected to represent the U. S. A. on the IMGC Executive Board, with the result that we shall either have to increase U. S. representation to 5, instead of 4, or to reduce the U. S. Committee for Israel's representation to 2 only. I am convinced that Haskell Cohen will object to this manoeuvring and, if I were in his place, I would not act differently. We will not succeed in reconciling our Maccabi friends and we will start a new and painful controversy with Haskell and his Board.

I have decided to give in to your request by inviting Aschkenasy to come to London because he assured me that he can speak for "all of us". Now he has prevailed upon Schicko to join him. When you and three members of the World Executive are in London, present at such a meeting, our American Maccabi friends will be highly delighted at the honour extended to them. But I warn you that, insofar as I am concerned, I am not prepared to go back on previous Executive decisions which I considered logical and justified.

I want to assure you, once again, that I do not treat this present issue, nor do I consider your action as an affront to me personally. I have sensed it some time ago that you, Caspy and Tory are wavering in your attitude vis-a-vis our U. S. Maccabi friends, and this you cannot deny. And yet, you have gone out of your way in a desire for conciliation, not realising that, by so doing, we are no longer able to negotiate from strength.

I do not wish to take the credit for Sloan's dismissal from the U S. Committee. But I am sure that this decision was arrived at following upon my talks with Haskell and Bob Rosenberg in New York. Instead of getting on with their work to form a U.S. Maccabi Federation, they are hanging on to an issue which is inspired by personal vanity, rather than by a desire to do constructive work.

I wish you had told me in your letter what you hope to achieve by such a joint meeting in London. You still have the time to explain this to me in writing, before proceeding to London. Perhaps I am too stupid to see something which appears obvious to you.


Yours very sincerely,

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5th February 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
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Leics.
England.

AT/TW/1653-67

Dear Pierre,

After having already sent off my letters to you, I received the letters regarding the meeting with Joshua Torczyner and Aschkenasy in London. We have decided that Dr. Atlasz will participate in this gathering too and so this matter will find a positive solution, as we all sincerely wish. This is, in no way, any change in our principle approach as laid down that for the time being there is no basis for far-reaching changes in the U.S. representation in the I.M.C.C. and all we want is to give our American chaverim a hearing with the understanding that after having heard and met with them, this matter will find a final decision, binding to our American friends.

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Yours sincerely,

A. Tory.
Executive Director.



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1st February, 1967.

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Mexico: Their nomination is still awaited.

Hapel: I should appreciate the views of the IMGC members, representing the MWU Executive, as to the most suitable date and venue for the first meeting of the IMGC Executive Board.

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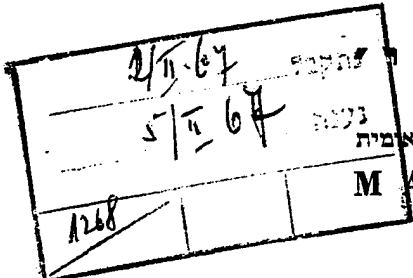
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A lot of hard bargaining has been going on but I believe we have found a fairly reasonable solution.

Fred Worms will report to you in some detail.

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27th January, 1967.

Dear Avraham, re: MACCABIAH VILLAGE.

A few weeks ago, I sent Geffner some newspaper cuttings from the English and Anglo-Jewish Press, containing advertisements in which package tours are offered to British tourists whose travel allowance is now limited to £50. I refer, of course, to advertisements offering hotel accommodation in Israel "B" class hotels. Even some luxury hotels are apparently in a position to offer a stay of 7/10 days to British tourists limited to £50 only. I have now received a letter from Geffner, per copy enclosed, and to whom I have replied immediately, per copy attached.

You, Atlasz and Ben-Dror are directors of the Board representing the MWU and the enclosed copy correspondence is, therefore, for the perusal and information of all three of you. I am not acquainting the other directors of the Board with this correspondence because I am almost convinced that they are not very interested. In fact, when I look at the minutes of the last two meetings of the Board, very few persons attended it and, so far as the MWU is concerned, you were the only one to represent us. This is very unsatisfactory.

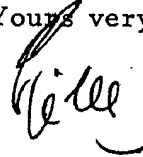
I sense from Geffner's letter that he is not on good terms with Scheniak. Confidentially, I know - because Scheniak told me so, he has learned a great deal from Geffner's expertise but, as far back as last October, when I saw Scheniak in Israel, he stated he would now manage the Kfar as well as any professional and that there was, therefore, no need to engage a professional manager and that Geffner's services could be dispensed with altogether...

As in most cases, conflict between personalities is a source of a great deal of trouble, in many cases resulting in catastrophes. I trust that this will not be one such case. So long as Geffner is paid a fee, he is in duty bound, not only to advise but to see to it that his advice is carried into effect. If anyone does not act upon his advice, it is his duty to report to the Board of Directors and to ask for appropriate action to be taken. If the Board of Directors ignore such a complaint, Geffner can only resort to one solution: To resign. But I am quite sure that this is not Geffner's intention and that you will not allow such a state of affairs to come about, as there is no reason whatsoever why Scheniak should not remain as Resident Manager at the Kfar, representing the Board of Directors, to whom the professional Manager should be immediately answerable. Our Board of Directors is, to a very large extent abstract and there must be one person with more authority and integrity than that possessed by Kimmelfeld. I believe that Scheniak is one such person and, therefore, should not be removed. On the other hand, it must be made clear to Scheniak that he cannot oppose a Board decision to engage a professional manager. On the contrary, if one such person shall be found, he should co-operate with him and assert his own (Scheniak's) authority as the representative of the Board of Directors.

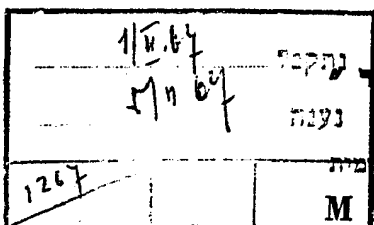
I hope that you will discuss this matter with Roby and Ben-Dror, so that at least our own representatives on the Board of Directors shall play their part constructively and see that the Village pays its way and yields some profit.

In a recent letter I asked you to let me have further news on how and when the Rassco settlements will take place. I still await to hear from you.

Yours very sincerely,



c. c. Dr. Atlasz
Mr. Caspy
Mr. Ben-Dror.



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Please reply to:
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As to Lipsyc (whom Hanak erroneously addresses as Dr. Lipsyc) I know him quite well. He is an excellent man and a sincere Jew. You will meet him shortly in Israel. But what he knows about Maccabi he owes to Tchina and, although he will undoubtedly make a very good Chairman of FAM, he requires a great deal of Maccabi indoctrination, which I trust that you and other collaagues in Israel will provide him with. He is a man of goodwill, extremely kind, and fullest advantage should be taken of his visit to Israel, to make him feel at home.

I wonder whether Dr. Moshe Tov has, as yet, come to grips with what we term the South American Department of the World Executive. I have not received any letters from him, nor have I seen any copy correspondence written by him to any Territorial Organisation in Latin-America.

Congress in Mexico. I doubt it whether any reply has, as yet, been received from the President of the Centro Deportivo to your last letter, in which you outlined in great detail Congress procedure. In his letter to me, received this morning, Yasinovsky states that the Centro were unable to nominate a representative on the IMGC because they are on the eve of the elections of a new Executive Board. This may be the reason for the delay in replying to your proposals re. the Congress. This matter too must

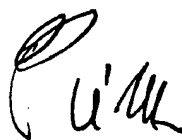
must remain on the agenda of the Executive, until it has been solved satisfactorily, and I note that the Congress sub-Committee has already been nominated and will shortly meet. Tchina is not far wrong in in somewhat amusing remarks dealing with the Youth Department. This aspect of the Executive's activity has, I know, abosrbed a great deal of time but, so far, with relatively poor results.

Kfar Hamaccabiah. I await further news and I trust to hear that

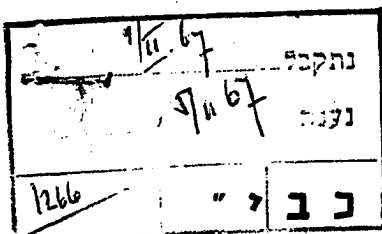
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- d) That the negotiations with the Swimming Pool Club have been terminated, one way or the other, and that the settlement with Rassco, even of a temporary nature, has been reached.

I have written on the aforementioned subjects to yourself, to Atlasz and to Caspy, and I cannot understand why these most urgent and costly issues are not being resolved with greater speed. I do not suggest, for one moment, that you and my other dear colleagues are not doing your best. But, as in all instances, people are judged by their achievements, and not only by their efforts.

Very sincerely yours,



P. GILDESGAME.



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26th January, 1967.

Dear Avraham,

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You will recall that the South Africans also expressed a desire to erect a South Africa House on the site of the Maccabiah Village. This matter has been dormant for some time, but I see no reason why you should not raise it with Alf, as a matter of interest.

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P. GILDESGAME.

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As to a suitable candidate as Director of the School, I thought that we would nominate one of the two Schlichim working at present in Mexico and Uruguay. I still feel that Hagai Carmel would be a good choice, given encouragement, and if paid a good salary. So far, it is premature to nominate the Director for the School, because the structure for this project still remains on paper. I am glad, however, that the matter is moving along the right lines, and I trust that it will be pursued with all vigour by all concerned. Hence my endeavours to enlist Tchina's close co-operation.

As to Lipsyc (whom Hanak erroneously addresses as Dr. Lipsyc) I know him quite well. He is an excellent man and a sincere Jew. You will meet him shortly in Israel. But what he knows about Maccabi he owes to Tchina and, although he will undoubtedly make a very good Chairman of FAM, he requires a great deal of Maccabi indoctrination, which I trust that you and other colleagues in Israel will provide him with. He is a man of goodwill, extremely kind, and fullest advantage should be taken of his visit to Israel, to make him feel at home.

I wonder whether Dr. Moshe Tov has, as yet, come to grips with what we term the South American Department of the World Executive. I have not received any letters from him, nor have I seen any copy correspondence written by him to any Territorial Organisation in Latin-America.

Congress in Mexico. I doubt if whether any reply has, as yet, been received from the President of the Centro Deportivo to your last letter, in which you outlined in great detail Congress procedure. In his letter to me, received this morning, Yasinovsky states that the Centro were unable to nominate a representative on the IMGC because they are on the eve of the elections of a new Executive Board. This may be the reason for the delay in replying to your proposals re. the Congress. This matter too must

must remain on the agenda of the Executive, until it has been solved satisfactorily, and I note that the Congress sub-Committee has already been nominated and will shortly meet. Tchina is not far wrong in in somewhat amusing remarks dealing with the Youth Department. This aspect of the Executive's activity has, I know, absorbed a great deal of time but, so far, with relatively poor results.

Kfar Hamaccabiah. I await further news and I trust to hear that

- a) The decision to engage a professional manager does not remain on paper.
- b) That nothing is being done to discourage Scheniak who is, after all, looking after the management of the Village in the absence of a better alternative.
- c) That Gefner offers advice, in return for the handsome fee, and that he also spares no efforts with a view to booking reservations through travel agents for the forthcoming tourist season. If Gefner remains inactive, or if his inactivity is due to non-co-operation with Scheniak, then surely this matter cannot be left as it is, in view of the high fee being paid to Gefner, and which we can hardly afford, unless it promises to yield results.
- d) That the negotiations with the Swimming Pool Club have been terminated, one way or the other, and that the settlement with Rassco, even of a temporary nature, has been reached.

I have written on the aforementioned subjects to yourself, to Atlasz and to Caspy, and I cannot understand why these most urgent and costly issues are not being resolved with greater speed. I do not suggest, for one moment, that you and my other dear colleagues are not doing your best. But, as in all instances, people are judged by their achievements, and not only by their efforts.

Very sincerely yours,

P. GILDESGAME.



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Dr. R. Atlasz,
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26th January, 1967.

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P. GILDESGAME.

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M. NU Yel. Ariv

**Mr. A. Tory,
Tel-Aviv,
Israel.**

26th January, 1967.

Dear Abraham,

I enclose herewith copy of my letter to Mr. Kellen, on the subject of Alf Blumberg's visit to Israel for a period of one month, commencing February 14th. When you meet him, I am sure you will raise two important points:

1. The \$3,000 still due from the S.A. Maccabi Council, being the balance of the \$5,000 they promised to subscribe.
2. The controversy around the \$22,500 now figuring as a loan, and on the subject of which you have recently had some correspondence with Mr. Placus.

You will recall that the South Africans also expressed a desire to erect a South Africa House on the site of the Maccabiah Village. This matter has been dormant for some time, but I see no reason why you should not raise it with Alf, as a matter of interest.

Yours sincerely,

1. *My dear Mr. [illegible]*
 2. *I have just received your letter of the 10th inst.*
 3. *and am glad to hear that you are well.*
 4. *I am also well and hope these few lines will find you the same.*
 5. *I have not much news to write at present.*
 6. *I am, dear Mr. [illegible], very respectfully,
 7. *Your obedient servant,*
 8. *[Signature]**

P. GILDESGAME.

*in the establishment
of Miami Organization
Ambassador Miami Organ -*

W. C. CIGDESGAME

James H. Haggerty

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5th February 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

AT/TW/1652-67

Dear Pierre,

Thank you for your letter of January 26th.

Actions Committee: You always insisted that I abstain from appearances at the A.C. or World Jewish Congress in the name of Maccabi and I always stressed that I do not represent Maccabi in these bodies. Time and again I stressed the importance of sitting inside these two Forums of World Jewry. The last session of the A.C. was a very important one and it is not my intention to comment on it here, but more than ever before I am convinced that we have to make up our mind whether we want to remain behind the doors and ask for mercy or be partners around the table on our own merits and have a say in the Z.W.O. and the W.J.C. whenever matters of vital interest are on the agenda. I have done my best to enable Luis Aron, who was part of the youth organisations invited to participate in the Youth Committee, to appear at the Plenum and he read a statement prepared in writing by me in cooperation with him beforehand. This, however, was for the minutes only. What we need is a formal hearing and a "say" in matters like those of budget, shlichim, education in the diaspora, center for the diaspora, machon for foreign leaders and many other items. Practically every item on the agenda was directly or indirectly concerned with Maccabi activities abroad. I met several times with Dobkin and Dr. Yehil at the plenary and committee meetings and this creates an atmosphere of co-operation and belonging. Dobkin is bitter and has no influence at all. If Dobkin's place were to be taken by a more influential person, his budget and scope of activities would not be guillotined the way that it is. He wants to help us but he can't.

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School in Buenos Aires: Dr. Yahil clearly told me that the allocation will be \$12 - 15,000, which I considered a minimum for the Director of the School in Buenos Aires. I insisted on 2 special schlichim for this School but Dr. Yahil explained he could only afford the amount of \$12-15,000 for one. Enclosed you will find copy of a further letter from Dr. Yahil's center to us - on the School. We agreed on a permanent School and so the allocation is not for one year only but is a yearly allocation. From the enclosed letter you will see that we are requested to nominate the Director and it is now up to us as to whether the School is erected or not. This is why I have urged Dr. Fischer and Lipszyc. The only way out now, in my opinion, is to entrust Lipszyc with the whole project, otherwise it will remain in the files in Dr. Fischer's office in Sao Paulo. We have met with Lipszyc several times, trying to give him all the courtesy he deserves, and at the same time indoctrinating him in Maccabi affairs, mainly the School. Lipszyc is a very nice fellow and his background in Hacoah Buenos Aires gives us all hope that he will live up to his obligations towards the F.A.M. and the M.W.U. Lipszyc does not dare to take over from Dr. Fischer concerning the initiative for the School. Perhaps you would write to Dr. Fischer that it would be sensible to concentrate all matters concerning the School in Buenos Aires with the F.A.M. and so give Dr. Fischer the possibility of retreating before he fails completely in this project. Mr. Lipszyc will be in London and if you go along on the same lines he might be encouraged to take over the project and carry it through to realization. If we fail now then it will all be our own fault and we will be blamed by the Jewish Agency that it is the second time that they were ready for this School and we failed.

I informed Dobkin of my talks with Dr. Yahil, but I did not expect any more from him than his blessing and he told me quite clearly that he favours this project, so there is no need to write or ask any more from Dobkin concerning the School.

Luis Tchina: I have read Tchina's confidential letter to you. He too stresses Dr. Fischer's inactivity and he is doubtful about the school in consequence of Fischer's failure.

I share Tchina's fears regarding the Youth Committee but I feel that in a delicate matter, such as this one is, no useful purpose will be served by just fearing. We here are trying to iron out difficulties and try to gain the full cooperation of Maccabi Tzair leaders with the Youth Department, without necessarily deepening the existing crisis.

I will go into the matter of our schaliach in Chile ignoring Maccabi Buenos Aires and the planned School for Madrichim there, because such a case should be very carefully checked.

Maccabiah Village: A new agreement is ready and will be signed within the coming days. A professional manager for the Hotel in the Village is being engaged for a three-month trial period, although Mr. Sheiniak is violently opposed to it. We all appreciate Sheiniak's devotion and work, but he is close to 70 years of age and we cannot encumber him with such hard work that needs skill and experience. We are trying hard to persuade Sheiniak to waive his opposition and hope that we will be able to do this. Anyhow, the new candidate is recommended by Gefner.

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On the other hand, Kimmelfeld formally quitted and he will hand over his tasks in February. It only remains for us to finalize accounts and requests from Kimmelfeld and this is a job to be done.

Rasco Accounts: The main and practically the only argument is that their accounts include interest on interest - totalling some IL.260,000. Rasco will not easily give way on this stand and they will point out that all Banks add interest every three months to the principal amount. In our meeting with Rasco I clearly stated and stressed that we shall not pay interest upon interest. There is no use in urging for a finalization in view of such a huge amount being on the Agenda.

This is a good opportunity for me to refer to the recent exchange of letters between Caspy and yourself on the Village and to tell you that neither the facts nor the conclusions of Caspy have any grounds and this to the best of my knowledge and opinion. It is amazing how you agree "en gross" to the picture of the Village as painted by Shimon. This, however, does not change things in the slightest. There are very few people engaged day in and day out in Village matters and on the other hand there is much criticism which, in part, is justified but which is mostly exaggeration or an unrealistic approach to the real Village problems. Everyone is entitled to an opinion of his own and the Executive has the power of decision in its hands. It is almost a year since the Maccabiah Village was put on the Agenda of executive meetings and, as I clearly stressed at the last executive meeting, the M.W.U., as the main shareholder, can have all of its members in the Board of Directors or those acceptable to the Executive. As long as the Board of Directors is tolerated (although not admired), to consider those on the Board as a bunch of fools is not respectable for the World Executive itself. Of there are several fools on the Board then they are the ones who daily carry the very heavy burden under a still heavier atmosphere of unrestrained allegations and criticism. You should be the last one to give your consent, to this kind of criticism, "en gross".

It seems to me that the first thing should be a concentrated effort by everyone concerned to solve the Management and the Financial problems of the Village and I leave it entirely to each one to make his own judgement.

Again referring to the Maccabiah Village: We have submitted, to the Investment Center, our application for the extension of the period to mobilize the amounts in foreign and Israeli currency as prescribed in the original permit. I have reason to believe that we will get an extension of one year and so we may not lose the rights of an approved investment.

On the occupancy of the Village and financial reports, you are receiving frequent reports from Sheiniak and Gefner.

We must soon consider cutting the remuneration for Gefner, in view of the engagement of a professional and also in view of the limited service that we get from him.

Yours sincerely,

A. Tory.
Honorary Secretary.

Encl:

P. Gildesgame

30th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

NK/TW/ 1639-67

Dear Pierre,

You must know that I have been away on a short trip to Salonica with the Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball team and this will explain the reason for the delay in replying to your letter with clippings and the article from the Jewish Observer. I can only say that I fully agree with your comments.

You must know by now (if you have received my short report on this matter) that a new member has been added to our Maccabi family, namely Maccabi Greece. After a disappearance of some 25 years Maccabi Salonica has risen from the ashes and I must say that I am very optimistic for their future since they have a few excellent leaders and also good facilities. I was fortunate enough to be present at their first official appearance - this club was founded only 4 weeks ago. They have also promised to send a delegate to the forthcoming European Conference.

I will send you my six articles on the new Nazi Movement in Germany in a few days time.

At this point perhaps you will allow me an observation concerning the Youth Committee. Of course we have to invite Maccabi Tzair to work with this committee but you will certainly agree with me that we cannot, as a M.W.U. Executive, surrender to the ~~dictation~~ of Maccabi Tzair leaders: "either Lucho or us" Tomorrow they could do the same thing with, for example, the sports director or perhaps even the honorary secretary or the honorary treasurer. Furthermore, I think that you are wrong

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in stating that they are our partners. They are not. They are only a section of a territorial organisation. We can only deal with the executive of the territorial organisation but not with every section within its framework. I even remember, quite clearly, that you refused to deal with the problems of a Maccabi Club, not a section, in Sao Paulo and that you have always said that we must respect the various Confederations and Territorial Organisations and their respective leaders. All this clearly shows that the Maccabi World Executive cannot deal with Edelstein or Friedman and only with Zysman or his delegates. This is the reason for my attitude.

May I take this opportunity to thank you and Marusia for your warm wishes on the occasion of my marriage.

Yours sincerely,

Noah Klieger.
Sports Director.



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Mr. A. Hanak,
Tel-Aviv.

26th January, 1967.

Dear Arthur,

Maccabi Hatzair - ZOA

I thank you for your letter of 23rd January.

Just in case we do not have enough trouble with our Maccabi friends in the U.S.A., an additional complication has now been created through the establishment of a direct relationship between Maccabi Hatzair Israel and Jacques Torczyner. I must assume that if Mr. Zysman does not attend Executive meetings, he reads the minutes and that, as a member of the World Executive, he is bound by World Executive decisions. His letter to Jacques Torczyner, offering Maccabi Hatzair Israel's help in forming Maccabi Hatzair groups in the U.S.A. is, therefore, to say the least, most surprising. This will place me in a most embarrassing position as regards my future negotiations with Jacques Torczyner, representing the ZOA, as well as with our Maccabi friends in New York, who seem completely unaware of Mr. Jacques Torczyner's plans, as reflected in Zysman's letter to him.

I am beginning to grow sick and tired of the whole affair. I trust that the Executive will take this matter up with Maccabi Hatzair Israel with a view to co-ordinating our efforts and preventing the creation of Maccabi Hatzair "command" in the U.S.A. subordinated to the ZOA and not to the M.W.U.

Yours very sincerely,

Pelle

POOR ORIGINAL

Glenn

20-1-67

My dear Pierre,

no amount of apologies could be sufficient so let me skip them altogether, all though unfortunately real kranks and let me tell you and charming Manusia - if she will pardon the spelling - that I often thought of both of you.

As far as it was possible I followed your Maccabi work from the distance and that is the main reason of ~~my~~ my writing this letter.

Never in my most daring dreams could I have thought it possible that any man could have achieved what you (and the persons you have managed to assist you) could ever be accomplished. I wanted to tell you this years ago but you managed to produce new miracles for and with Maccabi all the time and are still busy to go on with it.

Your drive, your energy and efficiency, but above all your devotion and humbleness convinced friends and foe. Obviously Maccabi has your mission and you are the movement's Moses. As you probably know, I am not normally inclined to become lyrical, but I decided I had to let you and Manusia know what I think of you and to show you that it is no rash judgment - by heaven - but based on years of irrefutable evidence.

*If you would be a Catholic
you would be a saint. Best for canonization.
May you be allowed to continue
your work for many more years.*

*Give my best regards and wishes
to Saulit, Gail, Gail Gilman and the rest of
your General Staff, please*

*All the best wishes from days
to never also from me to both of you*

*Yours as always
Willy Alt*

M-N-U TEL-AVIV

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
MR P. GILDESGAME.

Dr. Willy Meisl,
31, Via Ol. Maraini. Apt. 19,
Lugano, - Loreto,
Italy.

25th January, 1967.

My dear Willy,

Whilst thanking you for your letter of 20th January, I wish to assure you that, upon reading it, I felt extremely humble and embarrassed. I am afraid you overrate me and my merits. Maybe you don't realise that the growth and prosperity of the Maccabi Movement in the world today is not due just to one person, but to team-work. We have got dedicated leaders in every country, some more devoted, some less, but the fact remains that the Movement is progressing, gaining in strength, and is not resting on its laurels. If I can claim any merit at all, it is that I try to keep everyone on his toes and, to the best of my ability, to set an example by working hard myself.

We are far from perfect. The ideology of the Movement, which is inspired by your generation and mine, seems on the way out and other principles, more modern and more streamlined, inevitably take their place. But we are still fundamentalists and we still believe that, by attracting youth to sports and to recreational activities, it will help to integrate them, and to give them a sense of belonging to the countries of their residence, as well as to the Jewish people. If I am only moderately successful in these endeavours, having regard to the many escapist pursuits in which teenagers indulge nowadays, we must be grateful for small mercies and carry on in the hope that the Movement will live up to its time-honoured reputation, aims and objectives.

I am sorry to inform you that Aubrey Scott has passed away some two years ago - one of our most dedicated and inspired youth leaders in this country. Schalit and Salmon, to whom you refer, continue to take an interest in the Movement, and support it to the best of their abilities. While the new generation is arising during the recent 10 or 20 years, the old guard is still there keeping a watchful eye on the youngsters, guiding them, preaching to them and, at times, admonishing them too. All this is done in a good-humoured way.

Manusia joins me in sending you and Eve our very best wishes. I shall be pleased to hear from you more frequently, and with kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Gerson

1st February 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

SH/TW/1646-67

Dear Pierre,

Today I received your large envelope of letters to Dr. Atlasz, Tory and myself as well as all copy correspondence which has been brought to the immediate knowledge of all. Unfortunately Dr. Atlasz is ill and had a high temperature. Even though he is much improved, he still has to remain in bed. I visit him daily and will take your letters to him today.

Mr. Lipszyc from the Argentine is now here and upon his arrival he immediately contacted us and we had the pleasure of inviting him and his family to the dinner given in honour of our President, Mr. Heth, in the Maccabiah Village. This dinner, on the occasion of Mr. Heth's 70th birthday, was somewhat delayed and this following the request of Mr. Heth. However, in spite of the very bad weather, it was attended by some 280 persons. Mr. Lipszyc was introduced to all present and he has already met with some members of the executive. The first actual meeting with him is scheduled for this coming Friday when I hope that Dr. Atlasz will be back at work and next week we shall have regular meetings with him.

Tchina - Minutes M.W.U. Executive Meetings: I am sure that here you have misunderstood something that Tchina wrote to you. He wrote, quite rightly, that he had to wait some time until he received the minutes but from his comments it is clear that he received them all. Of course you know that the minutes were delayed because of the fact that they were edited by you and only after we got them back from you were we able to send them out to all concerned.

With regard to Maccabi Tzair - Z.O.A. (your letter to me - Jan. 26th) you must have received by now my short letter

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sent to you on Jan. 24th and immediately after the last executive meeting, giving you the decision taken on this subject. Zysman realized that he was wrong and he explained everything. The decision makes it quite clear that the set-up of nucleus Maccabi Junior Groups in the U.S.A., with the assistance of the Z.O.A., can only be done through the medium of the Maccabi World Union, according to programmes laid down and with the full knowledge and cooperation of Maccabi Clubs existing in the U.S.A. This of course calls for the immediate setting up of a U.S. Maccabi Federation. Letters concerning all this, to the President of the Z.O.A. and to our Maccabi Clubs in the U.S.A., are being prepared and as soon as they have Tory's O.K. they will be sent out accordingly.

Shimon Caspy has had a severe cold and has been house-bound for some days. The letter which he wanted to write to you will now have to wait until he is fit again.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

George

13th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

RA/TW/1615-67

Dear Pierre,

I think that by the time this letter reaches you, you will have already been informed, by Lionel Schalit, about our request for a meeting with members of Maccabi U.S.A. in order to straighten out matters. You are entirely wrong when you write about "waivering" in our resolution vis-a-vis the American problem. We strictly adhere to what has been decided. We think that we have come to a deadlock and that this situation cannot go further without making a last strong attempt to come to a solution acceptable to all parties and without giving up any principles. If our friends in the U.S. are not ready to come to such a meeting in London then nothing more can be done, but we must try our utmost to break this deadlock and to convince them that there must be a way out of it and their stubborn antagonism. We think that personal influence may help a lot and at least they will have the satisfaction that a great part of the executive has heard their personal views and that they could try to convince us where they failed to convince you. This will give them the opportunity to see for themselves that our stand is a united one. If they are willing to come to London then it would be sufficient for one or two from here to go over and to be present at such a meeting with you and your colleagues in England and perhaps somebody from the continent. Such a meeting should take place as soon as possible otherwise we shall lose an important opportunity. I think that you should cable Nesselroth and Torczyner and inform us about their reply and about a date for this meeting.

In the meantime I had discussions with Jacques Torczyner and with the general secretary of the Z.O.A., Leon Ilutovich, who is the driving spirit of this organisation. During their

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stay here they had negotiations with Maccabi Tzair Israel and a plan was worked out to set up Maccabi Hatzair groups in the U.S.A., under the auspices of the Z.O.A. The Z.O.A. is resolved to set up such an Organisation as three of their leading people, Ariele Evan, Willy Kraiem and Hanoeh, were members of Maccabi Tzair in Israel and are now working in the Z.O.A. youth group organisation. This the reason why the contacts were made and why they would like to set up a Maccabi Tzair in the U.S.A. When I learned about their negotiations I objected at once. This is a very dangerous plan and might lead to the set up of a new Maccabi Tzair Movement independent of the Maccabi World Union. I told Ilutovich and Torczyner that Maccabi Tzair in the U.S. can work only under the auspices of a Maccabi organisation in the U.S.A. and with the agreement of the M.W.U. Their answer was - there is no Maccabi organisation in the U.S.A. and they are not able and willing to set up such an organisation themselves. They are prepared to set up a Maccabi Tzair without regard to the existence of a Maccabi organisation in the U.S.A. I spoke with Zysman about this matter and told him that we cannot allow this to happen and he fully agreed with me that such an organisation would be very dangerous. He told me that Maccabi Tzair already tried hard, several times, to set up a world organisation for themselves and until now he has succeeded in blocking such attempts, but he too sees the danger in such an issue. The Z.O.A. is ready to help in setting up a Maccabi organisation and Maccabi Tzair groups in various cities could be the nucleus of such an organisation, but even without a Maccabi territorial organisation in existence they are going forward to set up Maccabi Tzair. Here lies a great danger for us and on the other side the danger is that the obstinacy of our people might lose us the support of the Z.O.A. and so a big chance will be lost. We must make this clear to our friends in the U.S.A. and here I am convinced that on a personal level and with such a challenge we can persuade them to set up the Maccabi territorial organisation in the U.S.A. Letters cannot help ^{bring} with the same influence as personal persuasion and for this reason we insist on such a meeting. We cannot lose the big chance of setting up Maccabi in the U.S.A. by default and on the other hand facing the set up of a Maccabi Tzair Movement in the U.S.A.

Youth Committee: I am sorry to inform you that at the last meeting of the executive my plan for the set up of the Youth Committee, headed by Luis Aron and with 4 or 5 members of Maccabi Tzair, was not accepted as some members of the Committee of Five objected for obvious reasons. It seems that they object mainly to the fact that I was able to reach an agreement with Maccabi Tzair which leaves Lucho as the head of the department and which they could not achieve. There is also another argument that Maccabi Tzair Israel is not a partner of ours and that such an agreement should have been reached through Maccabi Israel which, from a constitutional point of view, is correct.

You complain about much work, but believe me Pierre it is much more difficult and tiring to deal with people who always have their own interests in mind than it is writing long letters. A lot of patience is necessary to keep things going and to breach the difficulties of different opinions and ambitions. I shall try hard to bring this matter to an end at the next meeting.

Date for 8th Maccabiah: As you will have seen, from the minutes of the last executive meeting, the executive unanimously favoured my proposal to hold the 8th Maccabiah during the first half of July 1969. We don't think that a distinct

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number of members of the European teams are students and therefore would not be able to come at this time. If there aren't examinations exactly at this time then they even might be able to get leave from the various colleges before the end of the semester. The worst date for the Maccabiah would be the second half of July or the first half of August. There are good chances that the first half of July will still be cooler and certainly much dryer than later on. The same applies to the second half of August, as we had it at the 6th Maccabiah. I quite agree that you should send out a circular letter giving the reasons why the next Maccabiah can't be held in the second half of August and why the executive, and all experts, propose the first half of July (perhaps the 5th to the 15th July). We shall see from the reaction of most countries how the situation will be. Bear in mind that for South Africa, South America and Australia, no great difference exists between July and August, but we must await their reaction too. The first half of August would be the worst date thinkable on account of the heat and humidity.

Maccabiah Village: Kimmelfeld has been dismissed. The Board of Directors has decided to engage a professional manager under Sheiniak's supervision and I hope that the contract concerning the swimming pool will be settled within the next few days, thereby obtaining IL.200,000 in Bills. Together with the IL.100,000 that we shall give, we shall try to extract from Rasco the best possible conditions for a final settlement.

A.C. Meeting: Tory and Aron are in Jerusalem attending the meeting. Tory in his capacity as a member and Aron as the representative of Maccabi Tzair on behalf of non-political and non-affiliated youth organisations. We sincerely hope that something will come out for our Shlichim and for the Continental School.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. Atlasz.
Deputy Chairman.

Gildesgame

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Gildesgame

17th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
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RA/TW/1624-67

Dear Pierre,

I have received your cable as follows:-

"reference aschkenasy's letter eleventh january dont reply
yourself am inviting him london - gildesgame"

As you will see, from the enclosed copy letter, I did not heed
your advice not to reply to him directly as we here are of the
opinion that it would be much more useful to have a meeting, as
already asked for by us and as proposed in my letter to
Aschkenasy. What further use can there be in exchanging
6 and 8 page letters between yourself and Torosynner and others
without any sign of progress and each one sticking to his own
points. We are thoroughly convinced that only through a meeting
on a personal level can matters be solved and straightened out.
I have therefore sent you the following cable:-

"your cable aschkenasy executive asks convene meeting london
with aschkenasy in addition inviting by cable joshua torosynner
nesselroth in order straighten out matters letter following
please cable proposed meeting date - hazak"

As I have indicated in my last letters there is a further
important reason for such a meeting regarding the project of
founding of Maccabi Tzair groups in the U.S.A. We must try to
use the readiness of the Z.O.A. to set up such Maccabi Tzair groups
and make them the foundation stone for the future Maccabi U.S.A.
territorial organisation, otherwise Maccabi Tzair in the U.S.A.
will be the nucleus of a new Maccabi Tzair World Movement.
All this I have written to you in my last letter and I have
told it to Lionel Schalit and for all these reasons such a
meeting must be held in the near future.

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It is very gratifying to know that Sloan has been replaced and I hope that this will serve a good purpose in bettering relationships between Maccabi and the U.S. Committee.

Maccabi Review: We shall have a final meeting of the Editors Board this evening and the material will go into print immediately. The Review will definitely appear in February.

Restitutions: We had a 10 page letter from Dr. Schwartz, in which he is ready to accept the representation of our claim under financial conditions which are quite heavy. He is not very optimistic about the outcome, on the contrary he points out a number of failures, from beforehand, and thinks that it will be at least one to two years until we might succeed, if at all. I am of the opinion that it would be most important, that on the occasion of a London meeting, that someone from here, attending the meeting, should proceed afterwards to Berlin in order to clarify all outstanding problems with Dr. Schwartz. Please inform Worms of this and let us decide final steps after consultations in London. We shall make a photocopy of the 10 page letter from Dr. Schwartz and send it to Worms for further study.

with best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. Atlasz.
Deputy Chairman.

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What you have now done is to give the world a new and different picture of the situation in the Middle East. It is a picture which is not only different from the one which the world has seen in the past, but it is also a picture which is different from the one which the world has seen in the future. It is a picture which is different from the one which the world has seen in the past, but it is also a picture which is different from the one which the world has seen in the future. It is a picture which is different from the one which the world has seen in the past, but it is also a picture which is different from the one which the world has seen in the future.

Dear Roby,

Thank you for your letter of 17th January.

that, despite my request, you have written to Aschkenasy, offering a suggestion, which you and the Executive support, and which I did not favour, namely, that the London meeting should consist of Aschkenasy, together with Nesselroth, representing the U. S. Maccabi, in addition to myself and one or two members of the Executive in Israel. I am afraid you are magnifying the issue out of all proportion, and you are attaching more importance to Aschkenasy's "revolt" against the World Executive than the controversy deserves. As you have read all my correspondence, and have shown it to members of the Executive in Tel-Aviv, you must have observed that I have not over-stepped the authority, according to Executive decisions, and that I have spared no time or effort in an endeavour to convince Joshua Terczyner and his colleagues that they were waging a war without any positive aim. They have offered no alternative, they continue to confuse the composition of the IMGC Executive Board with that of a U. S. Maccabiah Organising Committee. Their hostility towards the U. S. Committee is unabated, and yet they would approve further co-operation with them - on their terms. They flout Executive decisions and they have not done anything whatsoever to form a U. S. Maccabi Federation. Jacques Terczyner has been dragging his feet, and continues to do so. I enclose Jacques' last letter to me, from which you will see that he is again playing for time. The contact established between himself and Maccabi Hatzair in Israel will create another complication and will undermine much of the work in which I have been engaged for the past 9 months. What then, do you hope to achieve from a meeting in London in which several members, leading members - of the Executive are to participate?

Do you really believe that we will succeed in convincing Aschkenasy and his colleagues that the U. S. Committee are, for the present, the only organisation capable of forming a U. S. Maccabiah team in 1969, and that Maccabi is incapable of so doing?

What you have now done is to provide Aschkenasy and his colleagues with implied proof that the Executive does not agree with its Chairman (this aspect of the controversy does not bother me very much) and Aschkenasy will emerge triumphant in that he has succeeded in making a substantial dent in the united front of the World Executive because I have invited him to come to London for further talks. This is just what he wanted us to do, to satisfy his ego.

Now I have also received a letter from Schicko Torczyner, containing yet another ultimatum. He is willing to attend a meeting in London on 25th February, providing that either you or Tory will also be present, and he insists upon an immediate reply being given to him. This is how the first disclosure in the minutes of the Executive meeting, following upon my departure from Israel, has served to encourage Aschkenasy and Schicko to dictate to the World Executive their own terms, disregarding completely all other circumstances. Needless to say that I shall welcome your visit to London and your participation in the meeting - if it takes place. You do not require my permission for this.

I have now received a letter from Aschkenasy, a copy of which I attach hereto, together with copy of my reply. Schicko will, no doubt, fly over to London, which will prove to be a very expensive trip. And what is going to happen, do you think? We shall go over the same ground again and again. They will insist upon 2 Maccabi nominees to be selected to represent the U. S. A. on the IMGC Executive Board, with the result that we shall either have to increase U. S. representation to 5, instead of 4, or to reduce the U. S. Committee for Israel's representation to 2 only. I am convinced that Haskell Cohen will object to this manoeuvring and, if I were in his place, I would not act differently. We will not succeed in reconciling our Maccabi friends and we will start a new and painful controversy with Haskell and his Board.

I have decided to give in to your request by inviting Aschkenasy to come to London because he assured me that he can speak for "all of us". Now he has prevailed upon Schicko to join him. When you and three members of the World Executive are in London, present at such a meeting, our American Maccabi friends will be highly delighted at the honour extended to them. But I warn you that, insofar as I am concerned, I am not prepared to go back on previous Executive decisions which I considered logical and justified.

I want to assure you, once again, that I do not treat this present issue, nor do I consider your action as an affront to me personally. I have sensed it some time ago that you, Caspy and Tory are wavering in your attitude vis-a-vis our U. S. Maccabi friends, and this you cannot deny. And yet you have gone out of your way in a desire for conciliation, not realising that, by so doing, we are no longer able to negotiate from strength.

I do not wish to take the credit for Sloan's dismissal from the U S. Committee. But I am sure that this decision was arrived at following upon my talks with Haskell and Bob Rosenberg in New York. Instead of getting on with their work to form a U.S. Maccabi Federation, they are hanging on to an issue which is inspired by personal vanity, rather than by a desire to do constructive work.

I wish you had told me in your letter what you hope to achieve by such a joint meeting in London. You still have the time to explain this to me in writing, before proceeding to London. Perhaps I am too stupid to see something which appears obvious to you.

Yours very sincerely,

29th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

AH/TW/1637-67

Dear Pierre,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 20th inst. There was really no need whatsoever to reply to me about the Maccabi Review/Bulletin in such detail. Your time is far too precious for this and we both very well know all that is talked about. I can only assure you that the Board of Editors has most carefully selected the material for the next edition in February and we here all feel that this one will be a true Maccabi publication according to your own intentions and those of the executive. We already have some material for the following number and I think that things will now run smoothly.

Mexican Visit: There were 2 groups here at about the same time. The first was rather a large group, here as guests of the Soldiers Welfare Committee, which took care of them during their whole stay. Julio Yasinovsky actually brought this group over but they had nothing to do with us even though they were invited and attended a party given by the second group - the Maccabi group from the C.D.I. - held in the Maccabiah Village. The picture you refer to is not one of the Maccabi group.

Minutes of the last executive meeting - January 23rd - are being stencilled and you will receive a copy during this week.

Copies of your Correspondence: Further to your letter of the 17th inst. I would like to assure you that every letter written by you to members of the executive, or copies in general, are brought to the immediate knowledge of all concerned. An original letter addressed to a specific member of the executive is forwarded to him immediately and copies of all letters are put in the

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incoming mail file and each member of the executive, when visiting the office, goes through all the correspondence and initials all those letters which he has read through.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

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24th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics,
England.

AH/TW/1634-67

Dear Pierre,

Re: Maccabi Tzair - Z.O.A.

Further to my letter yesterday, January 23rd, I would like to inform you that the above-mentioned subject was discussed at the executive meeting last night and where Shalom Zysman informed on the talks held with the Z.O.A. people. The following decision was taken unanimously:-

"The Maccabi World Union Executive duly noted the initiative taken by the Maccabi Israel Executive with regard to the establishment of a nucleus for Maccabi ^{Junior} Youth Groups in the U.S.A. and declared its readiness to contact all concerned so as to foster the creation of ^{new} Maccabi Youth Clubs in the U.S.A. ^{in first stage youth groups} in closest cooperation with the Z.O.A. and in accordance ^{Based} with the principles laid down by the Maccabi World Union for youth activities the world over."

This decision will be brought to the immediate knowledge of all concerned (Maccabi Israel, the President of the Z.O.A. and Maccabi Clubs in the U.S.A.).

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

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20th January, 1967.

Dear Arthur,

I am in receipt of your last letter, dated 17th January, and I hasten to assure you that I greatly appreciate the improvements in the MWU News Bulletin, upon which I have already congratulated you. When I wrote to you recently, on the subject, I referred to the MWU Review, of which only one number has appeared and no more since then. That is the number so severely criticised, and justifiably so, by all concerned. It was to be, and I hope it will be, the organ of our Movement, of which we can all be proud. It must, therefore, be published with material which is of interest generally, and not necessarily topical news. This purpose is already served fairly well by the MWU News Bulletin. Those responsible for the MWU Review should seek the co-operation of contributors inviting them to write on general subjects of policy, ideology and points of view having a bearing upon the Movement generally. I hope that you will not misunderstand me when I say that small Maccabi Clubs in various parts of the world publish their magazines regularly and for this they deserve every praise. See copy of my today's letter to Shalom Zysman in which I referred to the "Maccabim". I always give praise where praise is due and I do not hesitate to criticise when I feel that the occasion calls for it.

The remaining contents of your letter dealt with the visit of the Mexican Group and, in connection therewith, I enclose herewith a cutting from the "Jerusalem Post" in which reference is not made to the Group's relations with Maccabi, or to their stay at the Maccabiah Village. This is very much to be regretted.

I am glad to hear that Carmeli's salary has now been paid in full and that the Shaliaeh from Chile is now prepared to take over the same task in Peru.

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I also read copy of the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 2nd January. What a pity that the same topics have come up for discussion at practically each meeting. Many a time, decisions are made and, very frequently, not implemented. It is not my intention to criticise the Deputy-Chairman, or any particular member of the Executive. I am simply trying to draw attention to the fact that time is getting on and that, since the last Congress, many decisions remain on paper and several Executive decisions have been re-affirmed but not carried into effect. I don't wish to go into particulars but you know that I read all correspondence most carefully and that I follow the progress of the Executive - all very hard-working gentlemen, including yourself, always in a desire to be able to congratulate all and every one on achievements, and not merely on good intentions.

Very sincerely yours,


P. GILDESGAME.

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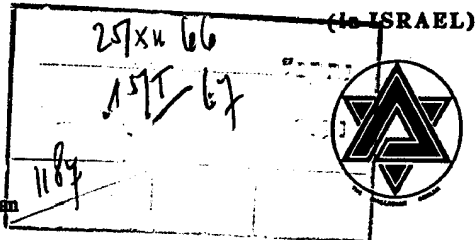
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Mr. A. Tory,
Maccabi World Union,
Tel-Aviv.

19th December, 1966.

Dear Avraham,

In another letter, addressed to the Executive, I have dealt with a few subjects of interest to you. This will serve to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9th December.

Maccabiah Village. I have read your report on what transpired at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, but it does not answer the queries I raised in a previous letter of mine, namely: How do you propose raising £500,000 to pay Rassco? Nor is there any mention in your brief report on the subject on which you reported in an earlier letter of yours, namely, the renewing of the offer made to Rassco for the transfer of 15 dunams of land in full and final settlement of our debt.

Gefner. I cannot understand why there should be any conflict between himself and Sheniack. After all, Sheniack, may well think that he can manage the Village without Gefner's help and advice. But what is Gefner doing? Does he come to the Village? Is he making contact with Travel Agents, with a view to advance bookings? What is the state of affairs at the Village now, present and prospective occupancy? Please do not allow any personal conflicts to affect the already critical financial position of the Village. When I was in Israel, I was told by everyone that Gefner has not put in an appearance for about 6 weeks. Gefner offered a variety of excuses. But now, moreso than ever, his advice is indispensable. If his advice or help are of no use, why do we go on paying him a fee of £1200 per month? Please give this matter very careful attention, and let me have your report as soon as possible.

South African contribution. I have noted Pincus's letter, but I don't expect anything else from him. This matter must not be left at that, and I hope that, with or without arbitration, the Board will decide to discontinue payment of interest on the loan. This is the only weapon we can, at present, use, without running any risk. You have already notified officially the Jewish Agency that we do not recognise the South African payment as a loan. This is, therefore, on record, and they cannot say that we have been labouring under any misapprehension.

Stadium. I await to hear the result of Mr. Heth's adjudication.

Yours very sincerely,

MR HANAK

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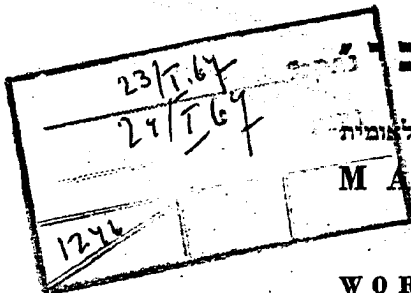
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P. GILDESGAME.

Tel Aviv 16.1.1967

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Me encuentro de regreso al trabajo luego de ocho días en Jerusalem en donde asistí a las sesiones del Comité de Acción de la Organización Sionista Mundial. Tuve allí la ocasión de reunirme con los Directivos de la Agencia Judía con quienes traté asuntos de Macabi.

1. A pedido de nuestros amigos de México, me encontré varias veces con el Sr. Dobkin quien me aseguró que Hagai Carmeli, nuestro sheliaj en México, recibirá sueldo completo hasta la terminación de su trabajo en dicho país. Debemos ahora buscar urgentemente un sucesor de Hagai.
2. Sobre la escuela permanente para Madrijim en Argentina he conversado con el Dr. Yahil quien recientemente ha visitado dicho país y Brasil. El Dr. Yahil se reunió en Buenos Aires con el Presidente de la F.A.M., Sr. Lipszyc, y con el Dr. Kamenszajn, Presidente de la AMIA; en San Pablo con el Dr. Fischer y el Sr. Goldfinger (el yerno del Sr. Kopenhagen), así como también con otros dirigentes de Macabi y los Embajadores Israelíes en dichos países. El Dr. Yahil manifestó sentirse muy impresionado por lo que vió y oyó sobre Macabi, Hacoaj y Hebraica y afirmó que la Escuela de Madrijim Macabi es un proyecto de tanta importancia que merece el apoyo del Mercaz Latfutzot, del cual es Director.

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Los Embajadores Israelíes en la región también expresaron al Dr.Yahil que apoyan el proyecto de la Escuela. El Dr.Kamenezsain reiteró la disposición de la AMIA de compartir la responsabilidad del mantenimiento de la Escuela cuando ésta comience a funcionar. La F.A.M. ofrece su colaboración práctica habilitando dormitorios para los futuros estudiantes de la Escuela y la Hebraica pone a disposición instalaciones. Dado que se trata de un proyecto de la Federación Latinoamericana Macabi, la coordinación y los arreglos finales deben provenir del Dr.Fischer y su comité. Lamentablemente, no hemos recibido respuesta concreta alguna de San Pablo, y por ello envío copia de la presente a la F.A.M. y a la Confederación Latinoamericana Macabi con el pedido urgente de que se determine la fecha de apertura de la Escuela, se establezca la lista de estudiantes, y, no menos importante, se apruebe el presupuesto.

El Dr.Yahil, a quien nos hemos dirigido para que financie a dos shlijim especiales que actuarán como Directores de la Escuela, me dijo ayer que, en las condiciones actuales, puede asignar de 12 a 15.000 dólares para el pago del Director de la Escuela, con la condición de que el candidato que elijamos sea sometido a su aprobación. El Dr.Yahil recalcó nuevamente la impresión favorable que le causaron los dirigentes de Macabi en Argentina y Brasil, lo que contribuyó a la elección del proyecto de la Escuela para Madrijim junto con otros tres, de entre doce proyectos sometidos a consideración para ser implementados. Asimismo lamentó el Dr.Yahil no poder comprometerse a un aporte mayor que el mencionado. Se mostró sumamente interesado en el proyecto y solicitó se le mantenga informado sobre su ejecución. De nuestra parte nos queda ahora por designar la persona adecuada como Director de la Escuela, y completar los trabajos preparatorios conjuntamente con los dirigentes de la F.A.M. y de la Confederación Latinoamericana Macabi.

3. El Sr.Pincus, a quien le he enviado una proposición de arbitraje en la cuestión del Préstamo Sudafricano, me ha dicho que considera que no hay lugar a arbitraje dado que existen convenios escritos sobre el Préstamo. En vista de la presión que abruma al Sr.Pincus en sus tareas como Presidente y Tesorero de la Agencia Judía no he creído conveniente presionar demasiado sobre este punto, pero volveré a plantearlo a breve plazo.
4. Congreso: Como leeré en el artículo que he preparado para nuestra Revista Mundial, que adjunto a la presente, ha sido elegido el Comité del Congreso que en fecha próxima enviará su primera circular sobre el tema.
5. En lo que concierne a Villa Macabi y otros varios asuntos volveré a escribirle por separado.

Reciba afectuosos saludos de

A.Tory
Secretario Honorario

Copia: Sr.Lipszyc
Br.Fischer
Sr.Tehina

7/11/67
P. Gildesgame

23rd January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

AH/TW/1630-67

Dear Pierre,

Re: Maccabi Tzair - Z.O.A.

Your letter to Dr. Atlasz, of the 17th instl, reached us today and in which the above has been mentioned by you and discussed in detail by us. I send you hereby two photocopies - one of the cover letter sent by Maccabi Israel and the second of Sahlon Zysman's letter to the President of the Z.O.A., Jacques Torcsyner, dated January 6th. I should like to point out that on January 18th Dr. Atlasz, Tory and Caspy met with Mr. Ilutovich and everything was discussed in detail and Zysman's letter is not according to the line taken. The whole matter will be raised tonight at the executive meeting and I shall hasten to send you immediately that part of the executive dealings with this subject so as to keep you completely in the picture.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

Encls:

17th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

RA/TW/1624-67

Dear Pierre,

I have received your cable as follows:-

"reference aschkenasy's letter eleventh january dont reply
yourself am inviting him london - gildesgame"

As you will see, from the enclosed copy letter, I did not heed
your advice not to reply to him directly as we here are of the
opinion that it would be much more useful to have a meeting, as
already asked for by us and as proposed in my letter to
Aschkenasy. What further use can there be in exchanging
6 and 8 page letters between yourself and Torczyner and others
without any sign of progress and each one sticking to his own
points. We are thoroughly convinced that only through a meeting
on a personal level can matters be solved and straightened out.
I have therefore sent you the following cable:-

"your cable aschkenasy executive asks convene meeting london
with aschkenasy in addition inviting by cable joshua torczyner
nesselroth in order straighten out matters letter following
please cable proposed meeting date - hazak"

As I have indicated in my last letters there is a further
important reason for such a meeting regarding the project of
founding of Maccabi Tzair groups in the U.S.A. We must try to
use the readiness of the Z.O.A. to set up such Maccabi Tzair groups
and make them the foundation stone for the future Maccabi U.S.A.
territorial organisation, otherwise Maccabi Tzair in the U.S.A.
will be the nucleus of a new Maccabi Tzair World Movement.
All this I have written to you in my last letter and I have
told it to Lionel Schalit and for all these reasons such a
meeting must be held in the near future.

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It is very gratifying to know that Sloan has been replaced and I hope that this will serve a good purpose in bettering relationships between Maccabi and the U.S. Committee.

Maccabi Review: We shall have a final meeting of the Editors Board this evening and the material will go into print immediately. The Review will definitely appear in February.

Restitutions: We had a 10 page letter from Dr. Schwartz, in which he is ready to accept the representation of our claim under financial conditions which are quite heavy. He is not very optimistic about the outcome, on the contrary he points out a number of failures, from beforehand, and thinks that it will be at least one to two years until we might succeed, if at all. I am of the opinion that it would be most important, that on the occasion of a London meeting, that someone from here, attending the meeting, should proceed afterwards to Berlin in order to clarify all outstanding problems with Dr. Schwartz. Please inform Worms of this and let us decide final steps after consultations in London. We shall make a photocopy of the 10 page letter from Dr. Schwartz and send it to Worms for further study.

with best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. Atlas.
Deputy Chairman.

16th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
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AT/TW/1619-67

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With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

A. Tory.
Honorary Secretary.

c.c. Mr. Lipsky.
Dr. Fischer.
Mr. Tekina.

Encl:

Gilgamesh

Tel Aviv, 17th of January 1967

AH-1623-67

Pierre Gildesgame Esq.,
Earl Shilton
Leicester-England

Dear Pierre,

This letter I write by myself, so as to keep Mrs. Wolfson free for Dr. Atlasz, so please do excuse mistakes.

To day's mail brought us your letter to Shimon as well as copies of your correspondence) please tell me just how do you manage to write so many letters in a short time.

I don't want to go into matters, where you will get explanations from Dr. Atlasz, Caspy or Tory. I am most careful not to overstep my responsibilities and you you that those are quite formidable.

Your cable with regard to Aschkenasys letter will be answered by Dr. Atlasz, who has his own ideas shaped by us.

I like to refer to a single item mentioned in your letter, as written to Shimon, regarding the Maccabi World Review. This will come out in February 1967. This will be quite a good number as it will include apart from interesting articles on sports and Maccabi Ideology actual news about our Movement. To this (actual news) Alexandroni and myself agreed most reluctantly, but we realised, that by giving some up to date information, we shall make the Review more readable.)

But I don't accept your remarks with regards to information or publications on Maccabi as mentioned in your letter to Shimon. How can you compare a "Maccabi Sport" of Maccabi in France (4 pages incl. 2 pages of advertisement) or regular news published in the press from Australia or South Africa or in other countries with the regular Maccabi News Bulletin? You will understand that I regard this Bulletin as a kind of my own baby and you, yourself,

sent me, not so long ago, a nice compliment on our last edition. I don't want to confuse matters. Our Bulletin is one thing, the Review quite another. We shall try to bring out the Review as good as possible and if we, by supplying running news about the Movement can make the Review more interesting reading, than I don't mind to stop the edition of the regular Bulletin.

Mexican visits: You know already, that we had the pleasure to take care of a group of about 20 young Mexican University students, members of the Centro de Portivo, Mexico, during their 3-weeks stay in Israel. To day this group left us and I parted from them at Ludd-Air port. They were very happy here and all plans made for their visits by us (Maccabi World Union) with cooperation of Maccabi Tzair in Israel, have been a great success. I learned much how to arrange matters for such visits and this will be good for further ones from this country or any other one.

Dr. Lipseyz, President FAM- wrote to day a letter to Tory, about his talks with Dr. Yachil. (Copy of Tory's letter to you from the 16th ist. has been sent to him in the Spanish translation.) He will be here with us in Israel at the end of this month and I shall make all arrangements for meetings with him. It will be very useful to tell him here more about our Movement.

Mexico: As I advised you already, the Jewish Agency is now ready to pay the whole salary to Carmeli.

Peru: Ariav, a former shaliach of our Movement, speaking Spanish, is ready to go there and I hope that he will leave for Peru in about 1 1/2 month time.

Chile and Argentina, where we have shlichim, finishing their terms this year, have been asked, by advise of the Youth and Pioneer Department of the Sochnuth, to give their opinion about the prolongation of their term of duty there. If they agree, we shall have solved the problem for both countries. This may even give us a chance to use Meirovitz, who works in Buenos Aires and may be Harlap too for our school for Madrichim in the Argentina.

Maccabi World Congress: The first meeting of the elected committee will take place at the end of this week and I shall report immediately.

Maccabiah Stadion: 2 meetings took place under Mr. Het but more about this from Shimon.

Maccabiah Village: Tory will give you his report.

The late Sidney Parker (Pinkus) from New York, left the Maccabi World Union and the Maccabi World News a legate. How much we don't know yet, but it is nice.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Arthur

P. Gildesgame

16th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
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AT/TN/1619-67

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c.c. Mr. Lipsey.
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10th January 1967

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

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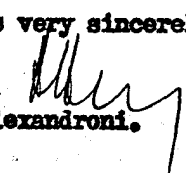
Dear Pierre,

I read, with interest, your letter of the 7th inst. and thank you for the compliment on my article on our territorial organisations in Latin America and on the other articles which I published about my visit to various South-American countries. I can only tell you that these articles were very favourably received and we received many letters in our Editorial Office. Until today I have published 13 articles and I have not yet finished my series. You are perfectly right in saying that these articles can be used in the Maccabi Review and the Editorial Board for the Review have already decided to publish them in English and Spanish and also in the Spanish Bulletin.

With best wishes to you and to your dear wife for a very happy, healthy and prosperous 1967.

Kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,


A. Alexandroni.

Johnstone

20/12

30th December 1966

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

RA/TN/1592-66

Dear Pierre,

Yesterday we had a meeting with Jacques Torczyner, attended by Caspy, Tory and myself. I tried to explain to him that concerning the 8th Maccabiah, the problem more important than the composition of the I.M.G.C., for the people in the United States, would be that of the U.S. Organising Committee for the 8th Maccabiah. If Maccabi in the U.S.A. want a decent share in the composition of such a committee and in the selecting of the team then they must give, not only manpower for this committee but also financial means. They cannot ask for half of the membership in the committee without committing themselves to mobilize an equivalent share in money. Our Maccabi people wrote several times that according to Jacques Torczyner the Z.O.A. will match, dollar for dollar, whatever the U.S. Committee will mobilize. On such a basis we could ask the U.S. Committee to accept members of the U.S. Maccabi and the Z.O.A. into the organising committee on an equal share, or at least on a fair percentage. Torczyner declared, emphatically, that he never gave such a promise and that it would be out of the question that the Z.O.A. could make such a commitment. The most that they could promise would be a participation in the fund-raising drive, without committing themselves to any specific sums. He reiterated that the Z.O.A. would not be able to set up a Maccabiah Organising Committee with much chance of success, and neither could the U.S. Maccabi. This made our position clear. He further stated that he is unable to convince his uncle or the other Maccabi people that they should first concentrate on putting up a U.S. Maccabi organisation and then, if successful, could make their claim for a fair share in the 9th Maccabiah. These are the facts, of which you are as well aware as we are here.

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All this leaves one point in favour of Joshua Torczyner's arguments. As a member of the world executive he is right in asking for a hearing of his own and his colleagues' point of view. This is a fair request and it is his right to ask for a meeting in which some people from the U.S. Maccabi would participate, at least the two members of the executive in the U.S., Torczyner and Nesselroth, should be present at such a meeting and should be personally convinced after hearing their views. We therefore propose the following three alternatives:-

- 1) That someone of the executive, yourself or one of the members from here, should proceed to the U.S.A. and deal with this matter, on a personal basis, with our friends and thereby bridge the hostility between the two camps.
- 2) That the two members of the executive, in addition to anybody else who would want to come, together with you, should come to Israel in the nearest future in order to straighten out the difficulties and differences existing now.
- 3) That such a meeting should take place in London with the presence of one or two members of the executive from Israel.

As I have written to you, in my letter of the 28th inst., I see no further use in an exchange of letters, which will only aggravate the situation and poison feelings still more. We shall have to act quickly and we are asking for your decision in this matter as soon as possible. If Haskell Cohen has accepted the ~~assumption~~ the I.M.G.C., as proposed by you with the backing of the executive, then the best thing seems to be, in my opinion, a meeting in London or Tel Aviv with our American Maccabi colleagues and there would be no need to proceed to the U.S.A. It is clear that we have spoken with Torczyner about the founding of some Maccabi junior groups in some U.S. cities, but nothing fruitful may come out of it without the cooperation of our friends. The first step should be the setting up of a U.S. Maccabi organisation, a step which Torczyner and Nesselroth now decline to take owing to their opposition to all our handling of this matter. We will waste a good chance now on behalf of their obstinacy and we must act quickly in order to overcome this deadlock.

Your request that the decision of the executive, re the set up of the I.M.G.C., should be included in the minutes of an executive meeting was postponed on behalf of the crisis in the U.S. and as we didn't want to pour more ~~oil~~ onto the existing fire. We want to wait until the crisis has been solved and then it will be the right time to publish the decision in the minutes of an executive meeting. The best thing seems to me that you should cable to Torczyner and Nesselroth about this proposal and arrange for such a meeting in February at the latest.

With best greetings and wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to your wife and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. Atlas.
Deputy Chairman.

P.S. I see from a letter to Malta that you have nominated 3 European members for the I.M.G.C. - Graddon, Menoo and Della Pergola. Is Fred Worms out?

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MR. B. GILBERGAME.

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Mr. S. Caspy
M. W. U.

Earl Shilton,
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England.

23rd December, 1966.

Dear Shimon, I received your letter of 18th December, and I am very grateful for your letter. It is very difficult to disagree with you because your arguments are sound and sensible. I refer, of course, to the criticism, listed in some detail, of the management of the Maccabiah Village. I confess that, whenever you drew my attention to the financial state of affairs of the Maccabiah Village, I expressed the view that things will sort themselves out, sooner or later. I have far too much faith in the Board of Directors and particularly so in those entrusted with the financial rather than administrative aspects. That I have been disappointed already, some two years ago, in all my expectations, of this you can be in no doubt for, if you have read my letters to our good friend, Zalman Susayeff and one or two others, you would know that I mention my surveys on the monthly financial statements, etc., etc. you could be left in little doubt as to my misgivings. It was for this reason that I have agitated with Krinitzi and others, either for the sale of 15 dunams of land to Rassco, or for a change in the administration. In fact, I have concentrated on both these aspects, especially when I had occasion to discuss them, face to face, with Dr. Lipschitz and Susayeff, on their visits to London. And yet, you were right in all your prognostications, and all that you can say now is "I told you so". But I maintain that you are wrong in one respect. Your decision to resign from the M. W. U. Executive Committee set up recently for the specific purpose of supervising and close scrutinising the Maccabiah Village accounts is not in keeping with what is generally known as "team spirit". It is true that many do not see eye to eye with you, mainly because as an experienced and hardboiled businessman, you believe in taking the bull by the horns. I adopt exactly the same method in my own business. But it is extremely difficult, to guide, let alone to admonish, members of the Board of Directors who give their services in voluntary capacity and who believe that they "can do no wrong". Our situation was aggravated even more so by virtue of the fact that Mr. Krinitzi is both Mayor of Ramat Gan, as well as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He ran his Council as an autocrat and applied the same methods to the Maccabiah Village. We must concede that, but for his initial help and assistance, we may have never come into possession of 75 dunams of land, nor would we have achieved the dream of a Maccabiah Village. I know that many of us have worked harder and have made more

I now await your positive reply and I trust to read a sentence in your letter...

tangible contributions in money, advice and time. But, so long as such a situation has existed, and still exists to some extent, we have no alternative but to "lie low" and all that remained for us to do was to complain. I have written two or three letters to Krinitz and have made my criticism so clear as to leave neither him nor anyone else in any doubt. I was told that Krinitz never read my letters and even when one of my rather important letters, containing a set of constructive suggestions, was translated into Hebrew, he neither read it nor replied to it. Nor has he kept the promises he gave to Fred Worms on one or two occasions. We were, therefore, helpless.

As regards Salem Brothers, a great deal more can be said about their management than what you state in your letter, a little of it is good.

But, here again, we have no alternative to fall back upon.

I am now informed that Gelfner and Schenlack do not see eye to eye. You yourself were present at a meeting I had with Gelfner at my hotel, when I reproached him for not having attended regularly at the Maccabiah Village, at a most crucial time in its existence. Gelfner offered some excuse which I did not consider valid and this had shaken somewhat my faith in his intentions or ultimate success. Then came on the scene the Nagler project. Even you favoured it. That was to be our salvation. This too has, so far, caused us nothing but frustration.

And so, my dear Shimon, you must realise, as I do, that we cannot always have our way. Although common sense tells us that we are acting wrongly, insofar as the M.W.U. Executive work is concerned, I have almost invariably followed your advice and every member of the Executive is aware and conscious of the invaluable contribution you have made towards putting our finances on a proper basis. When one works with a Committee, one must resign oneself, more often than not, and frequently against better judgment, to abide by a majority decision. I know that this is often an unpleasant experience and I can speak of it from my own bitter and somewhat frustrating records. But you know, as well as I do, that resignation from a Committee, or Sub-Committee, solves nothing. On the contrary, your resignation from the Maccabiah Village Executive Committee may spell disaster because the Committee will be deprived of your advice and hard-hitting at a time when it will be most needed. So, please, Shimon, follow the example which I have set, on a good many occasions, and return to the fold. Sooner or later, the problem of the Maccabiah Village will solve itself, but not without our fullest collaboration, whether in the capacity of Directors of the Board or in our legitimate role of majority shareholders. We must be watchful and we must not allow any opportunity to be lost.

What you told me about Mr. Schenlack, I know as well as you do. What you told me about the management, past and present, I am also familiar with. But what I await to hear from you now is that, regardless of the apparent misunderstandings between yourself and others, and their apparent reluctance to act upon your advice, you will stand by and do what is necessary and vital until this awful crisis is a thing of the past.

Maccabiah Stadium. As you read all my letters, you will see how many times I have referred to it in my correspondence with Hanah or Roby Atlas. It has been worrying me. Don't blame me for the further delays. See to it that Mr. Heth issues his verdict and, as soon as we have agreed to abide by it, urge him to announce his findings without further delay. Your resignation from the Sub-Committee will help nothing but, on the contrary, it will only cast a shadow of a doubt upon your integrity and splendid reputation of a man who has the courage of his convictions and stands by them, regardless of opposition or procrastination.

Jewish Agency. This is about the only piece of good news contained in your letter and I am glad that you have been successful. I have already commented, in my last letter to Roby, on the advisability, or otherwise, of issuing a threat to Placus to "go it alone". I would be very interested in your comments and further advice.

Shimon, I now await your positive reply and I trust to read a sentence in your letter

letter in which you say: "Pierre, I have decided to follow your advice and to join battle until victory".

IMGC. A cable received from Haskell Cohen today confirms their acceptance of our proposals and, so far, so good. But I am still locked in a wrestling match with Schicko Torcszyner and his colleagues. I am awaiting now to receive a report from Jacques Torcszyner, who promised to write to me soon after he has seen our Maccabi friends in New York, as well as Haskell Cohen.

Please note and advise Hanak and others that, until December 29th, my offices in Earl Shilton will be closed. All correspondence, until 3rd January, 1967, should be addressed to "Hildene", Thornfield Way, Hinckley, Leics.

International Olympic Committee. Please inform Roby that I had a letter from Mr. Avery Brundage in which he states that the meeting in Teheran is a closed one and, unfortunately, no provision is made for delegates, guests or observers. He adds: "At times we have meetings in which the Maccabi World Union might be interested and if and when, you will receive an invitation." In the meantime, we send our compliments on the international development of your Organisation."

I hope that, upon reflection on the comments contained in this letter and in view of our mutual friendship and respect for each others views, I may look forward to hearing from you that you will continue to give of your best to the Movement, and to the World Executive.

With kind regards to your dear wife and children and wishing you all a happy New Year,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

P. GILDESGAME.

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19th December, 1966.

Dear friends, re: Jacques Torczyner - ZOA - I.M.G.C.

He spent about 2 hours with me at my London Office, discussing the latest events re. the above. As he received copies of all correspondence, including the long letter from his Uncle Schicko, there was little need for me to spend any time analysing the divergent views, as held by the World Executive, on the one part, and those of our U.S. Maccabi friends, on the other. Although Erich Aschkenasy is a life-long friend of his, Torczyner agreed with my opinion of him, and which was not a favourable one...

Torczyner readily admitted that, so far, the ZOA had done nothing constructive. This, he claimed, was due to a variety of reasons:

a) The importance Aschkenasy and his friends attach to taking upon themselves the responsibility for American participation in the next Maccabiah and their insistence upon being represented also on the IMGC Executive Board (instead of Haskell's Committee). He considered both these claims as being totally unrealistic.

b) Despite many attempts, he has not been able to find, so far, a suitable man who could be entrusted with the formation of Maccabi Groups in provincial cities. He added that neither Nesselroth, Aschkenasy, or anyone else, offered to assist him in that task.

c) Torczyner is determined to embark upon the formation of Maccabi Groups, with the assistance of Zionist Commissions in provincial cities, but he did not think that this would materialise before a further 5 or 6 months have elapsed. He aims at the formation of 3 or 4 such Groups between now and next June.

It was quite obvious to me that Jacques Torczyner is inspired by very good intentions, but he just does not know how to go about this assignment.

After further discussion, and following upon his proposals, we have agreed on the following plan of action:

1. Upon his return to New York (last Thursday evening, 15th instant), he would arrange to meet with Haskell Cohen, with whom he has not met before. He would assure him that it is not ZOA's desire to usurp the U.S. Committee's Sports for Israel's responsibilities as regards the sending of a Maccabiah team in 1969. Nor is it the wish of the ZOA, for the present time, to play the role of a U.S. Maccabi Federation.
2. The request made by the World Executive to have a Maccabi nominee as a fourth member, representing the U.S.A., on the IMGC Executive Board, must be respected. Neither he (Torczyner) nor I have, so far, chosen that Maccabi nominee. He may not necessarily be a member of Maccabi New York (See my report on the phone conversation I had with Haskell Cohen the previous day).
3. Torczyner is not to go into polemics with Haskell Cohen on the merits or de-merits of the New York Maccabi people and their attitude towards the U.S. Committee.
4. Should any Maccabi athletes become eligible for participation in the 1969 U.S. Maccabiah team, the ZOA will hold itself responsible for their financial backing.

Torczyner promised to report to me fully soon after his meeting with Haskell Cohen. So as not to influence the trend of the discussion which these two men are to have, I did not reveal to Torczyner the contents of a phone conversation I had with Haskell Cohen the previous day. I was prompted to talk to Haskell, following upon a confidential letter I received from Marcel Loeb in which he informed me that, whilst Haskell was pleased to receive my proposals, as regards the future set-up of the IMGC Executive Board, and despite the criticisms I levelled at the U.S. Committee, in the same letter, he, and some of his closest collaborators have lost heart and all desire for co-operation on the IMGC, because of the following incident:

When the Israel Basketball team was in the States, playing various matches, organised for them by Haskell's Board, the U.S. Committee arranged a Farewell Party for them, prior to their departure for Bangkok. They have invited all members of the Board of the New York Maccabi Athletic Club, but none of them attended. They have decided to boycott the Reception. Only Marcel Loeb was there. Haskell and Winnick thought this to be a slap in the face, especially as many players in the Israel Basketball team were known to be members of Maccabi Israel.

My phone conversation with Haskell Cohen:

I asked Haskell why he had not, so far, replied to my letter, considering that he promised to do so a few days following December 5th (the date of the departure of the Israel Basketball team from New York). Haskell's reply was somewhat to the following effect: "I am sick and tired of fighting your Maccabi friends in New York. They spread atrocious stories about us and we do not want to have anything to do with them, especially as they have boycotted a Reception given to the Israel Basketball Team, many of whose members happen to be Maccabi. Bob Rosenberg, Winnick and I feel that the best thing for us to do is to concentrate on promoting a U.S. team for the next Games, and to have nothing to do with the IMGC Executive Board, especially if you intend nominating - as a fourth member representing the U.S.A. - a man like Erich Aschkenasy. Your Maccabi people have had every chance and opportunity to co-operate with us and to make their contribution towards our work, for many years past. They do not turn up at meetings and I know that they are consistently fighting you and others, because you wish to extend co-operation with us. We have had enough of it and, if you do not wish us to have anything to do with the next Maccabiah Games, please say so

and the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel will concentrate on other promotions benefiting Israel sports." etc., etc.

I did not wish to give Haskell the impression that the World Executive proposes insisting upon the U.S. Committee co-operating with the IMGC. I simply replied by saying that we must have an early decision from them, one way or the other, and that, insofar as relations with the Maccabi people in the U.S.A. are concerned, this is a matter which the World Executive has been dealing with and will continue to deal with in accordance with the authority vested in it. By way of a gesture I informed Haskell that, prior to the Maccabi nominee being chosen to represent the U.S.A. jointly with three members of his Board, I will consult the World Executive, as well as him (Haskell), it being understood, however, that final approval is left to me.

Whereupon, Haskell informed me that he was unable to convene a meeting of his Board earlier because many of them live outside New York, but that such a meeting has now been convened to take place on Thursday, December 22nd. and that he will cable me his decision.

My personal feeling in the matter is that someone has kept Haskell informed of the correspondence which I had with our friends in New York, that the best we can expect of them is to fall into line with our decision, subject to the fourth member not being Erich Aschkenasy and that, at the worst, they will decide not to participate in the IMGC Executive Board, but simply ask us to allow them to sponsor a U.S. Maccabiah team for 1969.

This morning, I sent to Haskell a cable reading as follows: "PLEASE CONSULT YOUR BOARD AND CABLE ME AT THE SAME TIME AS YOUR DECISION NOMINATING MOST SUITABLE DATE FOR 1969 GAMES KIND REGARDS PIERRE"

I have discussed the events, on which I have reported above, with Fred Worms who, as you know, often adopts a very realistic view. He advised me to write a confidential letter to Haskell, the purpose of which would be to induce him to accept the MWU decision concerning the IMGC Executive Board set-up and to ask him to disregard the behaviour of our New York Maccabi friends. Worms added that it would be a tragedy for the U.S. Committee to decide to make a complete retreat, in which case, we would depend for the U.S. participation in the next Maccabiah on the ZOA, who are quite incompetent, or on the New York Maccabi people who were sure to fail. I informed Worms that I was not prepared to send such a confidential letter, but to allow the U.S. Committee, Sports for Israel, to make its own decision. All we have to do now is to wait and see. Rest assured that I will take what steps are necessary to remedy the situation, without loss of dignity. Nor am I prepared to allow our New York or San Francisco Maccabi friends to carry on with their destructive intrigues.

Naturally, I wish to consult you as circumstances will demand, but I feel that we find ourselves now in a very unenviable position because the ZOA has, so far, failed to perform whilst the Maccabi people in the U.S.A. have done a tremendous amount of damage to the reputation of the Maccabi Movement generally, not to mention to their own standing as so-called Maccabi leaders.

The letters which Atlasz and Tory sent to Schicko Torczyner were excellent and, when reading them, I was particularly gratified to see that my Executive colleagues in Tel-Aviv thought fit to support their Chairman in his struggles. For this I am very grateful to you.

Continental School, Buenos Aires. I have grave misgivings as to Dr. Fischer's ability to steer the right course and to implement this project under the auspices of the Latin-American Maccabi Confederation. For this reason, and anticipating such a contingency, I wrote, some weeks ago to Luis Tchina, inviting his co-operation. Tchina and Fischer are not friendly towards one another. An incident occurred during the Congress in Sao Paulo, as a result

of Tchina's very critical remark addressed to Dr. Fischer, and which caused Fischer to leave the Congress, only to be re-called by me a few hours later. Israel Lipszyc is a very good man, but lacking in Maccabi experience. Whilst Lipszyc is a man of the highest integrity and inspired by the best of intentions, our good friend Luis Tchina always gives the impression of a "politician". Only those who know him intimately appreciate his dedication to Maccabi. Others labour under the impression that he is a difficult man to get on with. There is a certain amount of truth in that too.

Hagai Carmeli. I have heard nothing further on this subject.

I will now endeavour to reply to your letter, dear Roby, dated December 11th.

Publications. Just because I knew Fritz Lewinson to be an Editor of an important Israel Export magazine, I was hoping that he would apply his talents also to the MWU. Review. Since you decided to give him another chance, I hope that the second edition will be properly examined by the Editorial Board, and that it will do more credit to the Movement than did the first edition.

Sports. I fully agree with you that Klieger's plans and proposals are constructive. But not everything that is constructive is also implementable. I particularly refer to his project for a "Roving Sports Shaliach" in Europe. Worms sent out a circular letter to all T.O.s I fear that the offer may not be readily accepted.

Central American Games. I have no doubt that such a set of Games, for the benefit of Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, etc., could do much good, but we must ^{not} allow Dr. Fischer to become a Maccabiada promoter before he has been able to consolidate the Latin-American Confederation as one of the largest sectors of the Maccabi Movement - in the broadest interpretation of this conception.

A date for the 8th Maccabiah. I am glad that this matter has now been put on to the Agenda. As soon as the IMGC Executive Board has been set up (and I hope that this will be completed before the end of January) I will send out a circular letter to all countries in the world. Before doing so, however, I would like the Executive's views, which I will mention in the circular letter, by way of a guidance to the various countries. Please bear this well in mind.

Schlichim. I know that you and Tory attach much importance to the forthcoming meeting of the Actions Committee. But even Jacques Torczyner agreed with me that the A.C. is a glorified Debating Society and that ~~any~~ opinion expressed of a Maccabi representative will amount to a "voice in the wilderness".

Because of Shimon Caspy's persistent silence, and having regard to his resignation, or intended resignation, about which you wrote to me recently, I have not, as yet, decided what action to take with a view to issuing a serious warning to Mr. Pincus and to his Jewish Agency colleagues as to our intention to seek financial contributions from the U.J.A. supporters. Insofar as Great Britain is concerned, it is already too late to do anything about it because the Inaugural Appeal took place last week and all my friends, including myself, have already pledged their donations for 1957. To organise such a campaign in other parts of the world is by no means easy and it certainly cannot be done by correspondence. Caspy was present when I spoke to Pincus on the subject. Having issued a similar warning to Mr. Dobkin, it will not come as a surprise to them if we inform them of the course of action we propose taking. But it is my impression that they do not fear the consequences because they know that the U.J.A. Appeal and the costly campaigns which they organise in each country, with the help of orators and propagandists from Israel and all other parts of the world, has already made such an impact on the generous contributors that Maccabi will find it exceedingly difficult to make an inroad on their campaign, unless we have trusted Maccabi leaders in each country, who can approach their personal friends. It is with these considerations in mind that I was reluctant to embark upon such a campaign in previous years because, if we fail, all Jewish Agency doors will be closed to us, even in respect of the very meagre allocation we receive from the Jewish Agency towards our administrative expenses.

Youth Department. I am very worried about the future of this Department and the work which it hopes to be doing, with or without Luis Aron, and especially because of the misunderstandings with the management of Maccabi Hatzair in Israel. Please let me have a report on your conferences with Yasinovsky and on his meeting with the Youth Department and the Jewish Agency.

Restitutions. Your letter to Dr. Schwartz was excellent. It now remains to be seen what the next step is going to be. Nachmann did not reply to my letter, inviting him to come to London. Instead, Walter Feuchtwanger's office sent me a copy of Nachmann's letter to Walter, informing me that Nachmann is abroad, and that he will not be able to come to London on 18th December. I read in the press that Nachmann attended some important UJA Conference in New York. In a covering letter from Feuchtwanger's office, I am informed that he is shortly due back from a trip to the U.S.A. and Israel. As soon as you have talked with Feuchtwanger, you will have, no doubt, formed your own opinion as to the prospects of our claim being considered by the present German Finance Ministry. The matter must be pursued with all vigour. The longer we allow this to "hang fire" the less are our chances of success. I was glad to note that Loewy has declined ~~the offer of~~ a remuneration (D.M. 2,000). Such an offer should never have been made to the Hon. Secretary of Maccabi in Germany.

IMGC. Insofar as European representation on the Board is concerned, I have nothing further to report. A reply is still awaited from Massimo Della Pergola and Menco has not made up his mind. *Yes, he has now accepted.*

As to Chaim Wein, he offered to serve on the IMGC Executive Board in advisory capacity, and I think we should leave this matter at that, for the time being. Let me think about this a little longer. Whether the Board consists of 17 or 18 members is immaterial. We will be in a better position to review our decision in the light of the reply still awaited from New York. As usual, I shall be consulting you.

Shimon Caspy. If he will not write to me to clarify his position as a member of the World Executive, as well as a member of the various Sub-Committees, may I ask you to be good enough to let me have a very comprehensive report on this subject, which is causing me a great deal of worry.

Arthur Hanak. Thank you for your letter of 12th December, and for your very full report on the subject of the Institute for Foreign Youth Leaders.

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

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Dear Roby,

I have to thank you for copy of your letter of 7th December, addressed to Joshua Torczyner of San Francisco.

I was extremely gratified to read it because I have replied to Schicko's letter on the same day, and many of the arguments advanced by you are identical to those which were contained in my letter. If Schicko and his friends will not now be convinced that the World Executive, and particularly so its Chairman and Deputy-Chairman, are of one mind, this letter of yours provides ample proof.

But try hard as I may, our New York friends are, in many respects, incorrigible and refuse to be reformed. I have just had a letter from Nesselroth, dated 9th December. As always, he types his own letters and I would rather not comment on his spelling or grammar. The gist of his letter, of which I am not sending you a copy, is that he is working hard, he is tired, he cannot undertake any additional duties, he hates the U.S. Committee, and will have nothing to do with them. By implication, he also conveys the impression that he has no trust in Jacques Torczyner, or in the Zionist Organisation of America. In capitals, he says: "I want the Maccabiah to help the Maccabi Movement here and my Club." He thinks that a paid Secretary could do the work with which the U.S. Committee, Sports for Israel has been entrusted in the past... As candidates for such a job, he suggests Attar from San Francisco, or George Flesch. Apparently, he does not know that Sam Sloan is leaving his employment by the end of this year. (This has now been officially confirmed to me by Marcel Loeb, as well as by my brother Leon).

He advances no concrete proposals, but he does say that he and others intend closing their Clubs in New York and elsewhere and, if they are to carry on, they will call themselves "The Jewish Club of New York". Then he tells me also that he invited Ben Gurion to be guest of honour at the dinner which Maccabi New York are giving on March 25th. Once this dinner is over, he thinks they will close the New York Club for good because we have not entrusted him and his colleagues with the Maccabiah. He says this despite the fact that, in a previous part of the letter

he stated that neither he nor his colleagues are capable of so doing.

So you will see that we are dealing with people quite irresponsible, incited and prodded by Erich Aschkenasy. He concludes his letter by saying "I am sorry that you feel that I now belong in the opposite camp ~~with~~ Erich Aschkenasy, but I agree with them 100%"

I am dictating this letter 24 hours before I am due to see Jacques Torczyner, who is already in London. He postponed his meeting with me last Sunday until tomorrow night. In a brief telephone conversation with me last night, he stated that he cannot understand the mentality of his Uncle Schicko, or that of all his New York friends. Whatever happens - if anything at all - as a result of my conversation with Jacques Torczyner, I will report to you, in due course. Frankly, I expect very little.

I am at a disadvantage in that I have not yet received a further reply from Haskell Cohen and so I do not know what his reaction is going to be, considering that I did not answer his last letter. But Marcel, in his letter of December 7th, comments: "Haskell has shown me your letter and I would like to congratulate you on your decision, which I thought was very well taken. Unfortunately, our friends of the Maccabi A.C. in New York were very dissatisfied with your decision because they feel that they are only a minority against 3 votes which the U.S. Committee holds." I have quoted this to show you how little our friends in New York understand the situation. I am glad you have explained to Schicko in your letter that the IMGCC will consist of 14 Maccabi people and only 4 non-Maccabi. Nor do they understand the difference between the Executive Board of the IMGCC and the nature and set-up of a Territorial Maccabiah Organising Committee.

Would you kindly thank Alexandroni for the various articles received from him, describing his experiences in Latin-America.

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

Photocopy

9th January 1967

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Dear Pierre,

Enclosed please find a photocopy of the
"statutes Committee", sent to us by Mr. Goldfinger,
as I am not sure if you have received this material from
him.

With kindest regards.

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

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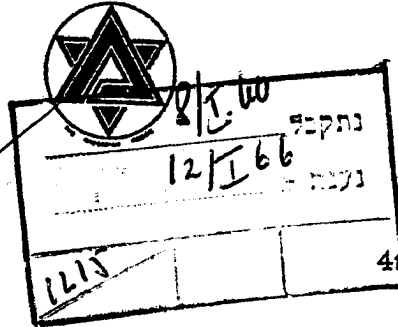
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4th December, 1967.

Dear Roby,

I have to thank you for your two letters of 28th and 30th December.

Let me, in the first instance, wish you and all my dear Executive colleagues in Israel a Happy and Prosperous 1967. We have entered a year full of challenges and problems. We must face up to these determined to solve them, sooner or later, either individually or collectively. Let us hope and pray that we will succeed.

Visitors. I am sure that the time spent with Yasinovsky must have proved beneficial. He is a sound and energetic young man, dedicated to Maccabi, upon whom we can rely for minor or major assignments.

Maccabiah Village. Now that Rassco's financial position has been saved by the joint effort of the Government and the Jewish Agency and a consortium of Bankers, the danger of them proceeding against us legally is somewhat minimized. Nevertheless, I would like to feel relieved of this burden but cannot see any daylight.

I have already commented in one of my recent letters to Tory on the negotiations with the Swimming Pool Club and I repeat - unless I am completely wrong in my views - that their offer to let us have £200,000 in bills will not absolve us from payment of interest when discounted. Even if Rassco were to receive £300,000 in cash, including £100,000 from the M. W. U., how is this going to effect our indebtedness to them, which approaches the £700,000 figure?

Sheniack's desire to remain as General Manager is appreciated, but the fact that he does not see eye to eye with Geffner is, of course, a source of immense concern to us. Geffner is offered a ready excuse for not doing anything about finding a General Manager for us, so long as Sheniack does not want to give way. In the absence of a suitable candidate, Sheniack would be looked upon as a "Godsend". I agree with your suggestion that Sheniack should remain the Manager, representing the Board, but that the commercial management of the Village (as an hotel) must be entrusted to a professional man, if we can find one reliable, knowledgeable, of unimpeachable integrity, and who does not demand too high a remuneration. So much has already been written about Kimmelfeld's dismissal from his job but, so far, nothing has been done about it. I cannot see the reason for this indecision, considering that everybody has agreed his services are no longer required, or useful, whilst we still incur considerable expense in terms of his remuneration.

I have known it, right from inception, that Sheniack was receiving an expense allowance of £500 or £600 per month, to which he is perfectly entitled, considering he has given so much time and is so devoted to the Village. Judging by the report he renders to the Board, from time to time, he has succeeded in paying off a good many debts, as well as to save us a great deal of money since the Salem Brothers have left. I know Caspy's view in the matter and I am prepared

and I adhere to that view on the basis of such experience as I have had with him from correspondence as well as during conversations. The whole situation can be described as sheer American bluff. The tragedy is that we have not got anybody in the U.S. endowed with a capacity for leadership or none that has organising ability. All of them, without exception, and that goes for Marcel Loeb too, suffer from deep-rooted inferiority complex and in some ways lack also in person pride or dignity. Their hostility towards the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel stems from that complex and even though I hold no brief for Haskell Cohen and his colleagues, at least they claim credit for having been instrumental in bringing strong U.S. teams to the Maccabioth since 1932. Our Maccabi friends have very little to be proud of. They labour under false pretences and the trouble is that they cannot - to use a commercial term - "deliver the goods".

It was for this reason that I had to place the onus of responsibility of nominating someone on behalf of the non-existent Maccabi Federation upon Jacques Torczyner. After all, Jacques Torczyner and the ZOA were nominated by general consent to be the umbrella organisation for the U.S. Maccabi Federation. But, since neither the ZOA nor the Maccabi people seem capable of doing any constructive work, where do we go from here? You yourself admit - and you know all these American Maccabi people as well as I do - that you have no proposal for such a candidate. To invite our Maccabi people in New York or San Francisco to nominate one of their own friends, would amount to courting trouble because I can tell you, here and now, that the only nomination that could come from them would be Erich Ashkenasy. Despite his apparent hostility towards the U.S. Maccabi and Haskell Cohen, he would jump on the band waggon quickly. But he is the one ~~one~~ with whom neither Haskell Cohen nor any one of his colleagues would wish to sit around the same table. It was he who discredited the U.S. Committee Sports for Israel, more than any other person, and he goes on doing so, regardless of consequences. Another possible candidate with our Maccabi friends and one they might put forward, is Charlie Green who, in my opinion is passé and, to all intents and purposes, useless. He is yet another person with whom no member of Haskell's Board would wish to co-operate and I would not blame them for that.

You list in your letter of 30th December, three alternatives on how to solve the differences between our American Maccabi friends and ourselves. I suggest to you that no useful purposes will be served by meeting them either in London, New York or Israel. You know the reasons and I have enumerated some in the preceding paragraphs. What we have to concentrate on now is to find a "Maccabi nominee" - a person who would be the 4th representative of the U.S.A. on the IMGC Executive Board. Neither you nor I can think of anyone, nor has Jacques Torczyner fulfilled his promise to me to see Haskell Cohen upon his return from London, to talk matters over with him. If he did, he failed to report to me, which he faithfully promised to do. So upon whom can we rely? I have put out a "feeler" in one of my letters to Schicko Torczyner, asking him whether he would agree to be nominated, to which he gave no answer, probably fearing opposition from his New York "friends". But when he mentioned the names of some 7 persons, he included, naturally, himself, but he did not say in what capacity he was willing to serve. As you rightly say, being resident in San Francisco, liaison between him and the remaining 3 U.S. members on the IMGC would not be easy, although it is not very essential, so long as Schicko would undertake to attend meetings of the IMGC Executive Board wherever and whenever held. This is the only hope I now have, but I do not propose approaching him until the storm has abated.

I don't know what made you think that when I phoned Haskell Cohen I did so in an endeavour to "push him into a decision". I reported on my conversation with him and, since I already issued a friendly ultimatum in an earlier letter to him that I required a decision to reach me by 5th December, and since I was about to meet with Torczyner in London, I wanted to know whether Haskell has decided to sever nonconnections with the IMGC Executive Board altogether, or whether he was still prepared to "play ball". Having been assured by him that he and his Board were willing to co-operate, and having informed him that the Maccabi nominee was subject to my approval, he advised me that the meeting of his Board would take place a few days later, and we now know that he lost no time in sending me a cable confirming the Board's decision to conform. I now await to receive

his nominations of 3 persons.

I am glad you have replied to my question as to why the Executive decision re. the IMGC has not been revealed in the Minutes of the Executive meeting. I still feel that there was no point in concealing this as it would only add strength and would assert our authority as the Governing Body of the Movement if we had the courage to make known our decision by which we stand.

I hope you are now satisfied with the three European member of the IMGC who have been nominated. I have not yet heard from Della Pergola. Fred Worms is out because, since he became Grand Master of the B'nai B'rith Lodge in England, he is involved in a great deal more work entailing travel and speaking engagements and he thought he could not play his part as fully as others might do. I accepted his decision, which I considered right under the circumstances. He is not one of those who runs after kavod. He likes to do a job once he undertakes it, or else quit and thus be relieved of duties to which he cannot do justice.

I hope I have answered your last letters in detail, notwithstanding the fact that I am under great pressure of work, in view of the deteriorating economic situation in England. As you know, I had no summer vacation, nor can I spare any time to go away for a rest this winter. I am rather tired and over-worked and I hope that those members of the Executive in Israel who play their part will bear their burden as dutifully as you, Shimon and Tory do.

World Congress. I have read very carefully Tory's letter to Mr. Kauffer and I must say that I fully agree with the proposed programme, as set out in that letter, dated 25th December. I hope that Kauffer will accept it, especially if it is supported by Yasinovsky, upon his return to Mexico. As soon as this programme has been approved, I suggest that it be given widest possible publicity throughout the Movement, in the form of a special circular in English, as well as in Spanish.

I also take this opportunity to thank Arthur Hanak for his letter of 30th December, on the subject of the Mexican Group of youngsters, as well as concerning the latest M. W. U. News Bulletin in Spanish.

Latin-American Maccabi Confederation. Although they have now issued their first Bulletin, which summarises, in the main, the Congress decisions and the newly ratified Constitution ~~and~~ I can see no signs of real dynamic activity. You have seen Tchina's letter to Fischer on the subject of the Continental School. Fischer, so far, has made no move at all, and this is another subject which I will have to raise with Fischer again and again, until some action materialises - probably soon after the summer vacation in South America.

I.O.C. Practically every Olympic Committee in the world sent us New Year greetings, which I reciprocated by letter, per copy enclosed. We have also received New Year greetings from International Governing Bodies of Sport. I wonder what the President of the Moroccan Olympic Committee will say when he sees a letter from the M. W. U. showing that our H.Q. are in Israel. They are all Arabs or Moslems.

The triumph of the Israel team in Bangkok has aroused a great deal of interest among sections of Anglo-Jewry. I hope this news will be spread to other parts of the world as it was fully reported in the London "Jewish Chronicle" as well as in the London "Jewish Observer and Middle East Review". I think Hanak should make full use of this material in his next MWU Bulletin. When shall we see the next edition of the M. W. U. Review?

You may be interested to read a quotation from a letter just received from Fred Oberlander. I quote it verbatim, despite some quite unseemly terminology which he has used:

"Congratulations to you and Haskell Cohen on the agreements reached with them. You have triumphed once again and your diplomacy proves unfailing. As to our

Youth Committee. I have read your report on this subject most carefully. What puzzles me is that Luis Aron's behaviour is still being tolerated at a time when everyone is against him, and no-one is prepared to plead with him on merit. He already made a psychological faux pas during one of the meetings over which I presided, and during which he has been severely criticised, when he insisted on a vote of confidence which he ought to know would not be conceded to him. Now that the Youth Committee is being re-organised, he repeats a signal mistake by demanding the right of veto. Since the Maccabi Hatzair management seem unwilling to co-operate with him and the record of Latin-American activities in recent months is nothing to be proud of, I feel that the time has come for the Executive to make a decision, however drastic. Failure on our part to do so - "16 months after the Congress" (I quote your own words) would spell disaster and will draw open World Executive criticism for inactivity in one of the most important sectors in the limited field of high priorities. I am glad of your assurance that you are determined to bring this matter to a conclusion at the next Executive meeting. Likewise, I await to hear from you the outcome of the meeting between Yasinovsky, Tory and Dobkin.

Date for the 8th Maccabiah. At the time of writing, so far as I know, European Schools and Colleges break up for their summer holidays at the end of July. This is why we could never organise the Maccabioth earlier than in August. I will follow your advice and, just as soon as I have completed the IMGC Executive Board personnel, I will send out a questionnaire to all countries suggesting two alternatives:
a) yours, the first half of July and (b) the early part of August. Do you agree?

IMGC - U.S. Maccabi. I must confess that I am somewhat surprised at your wavering attitude in the matter of handling our U.S. Maccabi friends. Reading the minutes of the Executive meetings, dated December 19th, and copies of which are also sent to our Maccabi friends in the U.S.A., I find a reference to a suggestion that "It would perhaps be desirable to send someone to the U.S.A. to settle these problems." You repeat that suggestion in your letter under reply, as well as in the letter in which you report on your meeting with Jacques Torczyner. I have paid more attention to our Maccabi U.S. malcontents than to any section of Maccabi in any other part of the world. I did so in deference to such veteran Maccabi stalwarts as the ever-silent Henry Nesselroth and the very emotional Schicko Torczyner. I deliberately excluded from these the name of Erich Aschkenasy because he is a typical trouble-maker and if it had not been for his agitation and manoeuvring much of the trouble, to which I have devoted so many letters and so much time, would not have occurred. What is there to be gained from further discussions with our U.S. Maccabi friends? Whom do they represent, if not themselves? Your excellent letter, as well as that written by Tory to Schicko Torczyner has dealt amply with the situation and I venture to suggest that mine were equally convincing and full of substance and fair arguments. Had I known of one single Maccabi man in the U.S.A. possessed of tact, knowledge, average sporting expertise and a will to co-operate with others, I would have nominated such a man a long time ago, without waiting for Jacques Torczyner to supply a candidate. Let me add promptly that I have described, soon after my return from New York, Jacques Torczyner as a light-weight President

Maccabi boys in New York and San Francisco, I admire your patience with them. They are senile kackars and just don't know what's going on in North American Jewish Movements. They will live another 100 years in the U.S. and they will not get out of their old mentality of German European. I am not surprised that some people don't want to work with them, and I am under the impression that Jacques Torczyner is so disappointed in their behaviour that he is now afraid of associating with them. It may be blamage for him and the ZOA.

"Ten days ago I had a very successful Maccabiah Executive meeting with Judge Batshaw in the Chair, and with the participation of Alec Fisher, Rubi Richman, Jack Richer, Joe Becker, Jimmy Raymond and Dave Goodman. We decided to start work early in January, to write to advise Maccabiah participants for contributions, and to get the Maccabiah movement in Canada going. I was very surprised that all these people turned up during the luncheon hour, especially those from Toronto. You will soon receive minutes of the meetings. With your encouragement and under your leadership, we are bound to succeed."

Yours sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

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29th December, 1966.

Dear Roby,

Confidential

I have seen copy of your letter to Moises Kahan, of Sao Paulo, congratulating him on his re-election as President of the Sao Paulo Maccabi Club. You know nothing about this "gentleman" but I know too much, because I have met him on several occasions during my recent stay in Sao Paulo and I can only describe him as one of the most destructive men that any Jewish Community can possibly have in its midst.

Moises Kahan is an elderly gentleman, a lawyer by profession and who is the evil spirit of Samuel Beck, the Chairman of Maccabi Brazil. When I was awarded the Hon. Membership of Maccabi Sao Paulo, the day after my arrival in that city, Moises Kahan took the chair at a special function and, soon after he paid a brief tribute to me, he attacked David Kopenhagen in a most rude manner, reproaching him (Kopenhagen) for having done so little for Maccabi in Sao Paulo. Some of those present resented Kahan's remarks because they too know that David Kopenhagen has given more money for Maccabi Sao Paulo than any other living person. Fortunately, David Kopenhagen remained silent and did not react to Kahan's foul attacks. Kahan attacked also Dr. Fischer and the Organising Committee of the Maccabiada on several occasions and declared that he would not attend either the Opening and Closing ceremonies, nor any of the functions. He did attend one or two receptions, as well as a dinner which I gave in honour of the heads of delegations. During that dinner, Moises Kahan behaved in a most abominable manner to demonstrate his disapproval of the Maccabiada and when Samuel Beck received a gift from the Organising Committee, as was due to a Head of a Delegation, Moises Kahan forced him to return it, which Samuel Beck did. Mrs. Beck cried bitterly, for she was ashamed at her husband's behaviour but Moises Kahan appeared triumphant now that, once again, he had succeeded in making a public demonstration.

Fortunately, Mrs. Fischer, who is a gentle lady, consoled Mrs. Beck, and went to see her in her own home the following day, trying to convince her that her husband would not have behaved in the manner he did had he not been under the diabolical influence of Moises Kahan. Indeed, Dr. Fishcer has shown himself even more forgiving in that he invited Samuel Beck to present medals during the Closing Ceremony to the winning Basketball team.

As I already reported in my last Chairman's Newsletter, Samuel Beck agitated throughout Congress against Dr. Fischer's re-election but, in the absence of his evil spirit, Moises Kahan, it was he who nominated Dr. Fischer as President and everybody felt that this was a fine sporting gesture on his part.

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I just wanted you to know who Moises Kahan is and I only wish that Samuel Beck and his friends had the courage to get rid of this evil man and to make way for somebody younger, more inspired and more dedicated to the Maccabi Movement.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Kopenhagen, for his information.

Restitution. Walter Feuchtwanger is in London. He gave me a brief account of your conversation with him in Tel-Aviv. He is leaving for Germany and has promised to establish contact again with Mr. Nachmann, with a view to prevailing upon him to come to London for conversations with Worms and myself. Walter does not think we will ever reach agreement with Nachmann about distribution, or rather the percentage which Maccabi Germany are to retain but, nevertheless, he is in favour of a meeting taking place. I informed him to go ahead and to make the necessary arrangements, as no harm can be done by making Nachmann's acquaintance on our own grounds.

With all good wishes for 1967.

Yours very sincerely,



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30th December 1966

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
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Dear Pierre,

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Today's mail brought your letters addressed to Shimon Caspy, which has already been handed over to him, as well as your letter to me, which made me very happy because to receive a compliment from you, who have just edited a very interesting Newsletter, which I shall study tomorrow (Shabbat) at my leisure, is very gratifying and will surely encourage us to bring out even better future editions of our Bulletin. In the meantime you must have received the Spanish edition, which has been sent out in sufficient numbers to all territorial organisations. As you will have seen it is a much larger edition than the English one as it included material written by you, Alexandroni and Klieger on the Maccabiada, as we knew that your Newsletter would be printed in English only.

At present we have here a group of 20 students from the C.D.I. Mexico. This group visit was arranged on the initiative of Julio Yasinsky and we are doing everything possible to make their stay here a very pleasant one. Closest cooperation exists with Maccabi Israel, and especially with Maccabi Tzair, and apart from lecturing to them on Israel and our Movement (Tov, Aron, Tovy, Klieger), they have already met and will meet with the "bograim" from Maccabi Tzair and with former Shlichim. Generally speaking they are very happy. I write you this because I see in the taking care of this group an excellent opportunity to find out how we will be able to deal with Maccabi groups which we expect here next year (see Maltz's letter to you and your reply) and we also hope that some groups from European countries will come to Israel in the summer.

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All members of the executive are taking these visits very seriously and I am very grateful to them for the great help given in order to make this Mexican visit a success.

On Monday next (2nd January 1967) there will be an executive meeting and you will get the minutes as quickly as possible.

As Dr. Atlasz has already written you a long letter, and I am sure that you will receive more correspondence next week, I won't go into detail on the more important subjects concerning us at the moment, such as the Village, the Stadium and the Youth Department.

Wishing you and dear Mrs. Gildesgame a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

28th December 1966

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
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RA/TW/1587-66

Dear Pierre,

There are many letters to answer but time is lacking for letter-writing as we have so many problems on our hands that I can't even manage to write a letter or have anything arranged privately. I have just come from a meeting which lasted for 3 hours on behalf of the new contract with the swimming pool. Yesterday we had a long meeting with Maccabi Tzair on behalf of the Youth Department. Two days previously we spent some 3 hours with Yasinovsky and so it goes on and on. I have so many problems to deal with and there are so many difficulties, partly arising out of personal rivalry, that we have to postpone many important things for another meeting until we can solve them. Apart from all this there are always people visiting us and with whom I have to meet. Besides Yasinovsky, Leo Kaminsky and Yoel Haskell are here and we have to meet with them and are very happy to discuss common interest problems. Lionel Schalit is here for the second time without even bothering to contact us and it is only perchance that we know he is here in the country. Among the many problems with which we are dealing now are the following:-

Maccabiah Village: Rasco is pressing very strongly for finalization with them. Tomorrow there will be another meeting with them where we shall try to come to an arrangement. If we are able to finalize a new contract with the swimming pool people then we shall get IL.200,000 in bills and we shall give IL.100,000 for a settlement and try to reduce our debt to a minimum. There remains the problem of a general manager for the Village. Sheiniak tries hard to convince us that he is the man able to manage the Village himself and he has the backing of Krinitzi and Zysman in this matter. We are convinced that with the best will from Sheiniak we still need a professional man to be responsible for the daily management, leaving Sheiniak as the director responsible

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and on behalf of the Board. Kimmelfeld will be dismissed as his work has no value at all and if we have a professional manager then we can renounce the services of Gefner too. Here I want to clarify two points in Caspy's letter to you. Sheiniak does not get a salary but expenses only which amount to IL.600 a month, which is certainly not an equivalent to his great service given and the time and work he is devoting to the Village. Furthermore I want to question Caspy's statement that the expenses of the swimming pool are coming to more than 50%. According to their book-keeping the income for the 1966 season was IL.197,000 and the expenses IL.60,000. According to Gefner the real expenses are IL.85,000, which seems to me to be more realistic, but this is not 50%. In my opinion the real problem seems to be Krinitzi's stand against the inclusion of Caspy in the Board of Directors and it is very regrettable that you didn't or couldn't finalize the change in the Board of Directors when you were here. The question now is - Krinitzi or Caspy, and we don't want, at this critical stage, to push the issue. Tory will give you a more detailed report.

Youth Committee: The group of 6, here for the Foreign Youth Leaders Course in Jerusalem, from the Argentine and Mexico have now finished and we had a meeting with them, in which Caspy and I took part. They expressed their deep disappointment with their experiences during their stay in Israel and they complained almost about everything. Nobody really cared about them. There was no fixed and prepared programme for them. All arrangements made by our Youth Department were improvisations, and partly unsuccessful ones. They had dozens of other complaints and we had to admit that a large percentage of their complaints were well founded and we must certainly make a new approach to the forthcoming course, which begins in February 1967. They complained about Lucho and about Maccabi Tsair and, as a matter of fact, this is the real basis of their dissatisfaction. Yasinovsky took up their complaints with very sharp criticism for the Youth Committee too. Tomorrow evening the Maccabi group from Mexico will arrive, for 3 or 4 weeks, and we must have the full cooperation of Maccabi Tsair for this period otherwise it will be a débâcle. The Committee of Five, which was set up in your presence, didn't come to any solution, therefore I took matters into my own hands and invited, together with Caspy, the leaders of Maccabi Tsair. First of all they promised to give their fullest cooperation to us on behalf of the Mexican group and that they will take care of them during their stay in Israel. I hope that this promise will be kept. I further succeeded in convincing them that they should try again to cooperate with Lucho on the basis that a Youth Committee will be set up and consisting of 8 members, 5 from Maccabi Tsair and 3 from the M.W.U. Executive. The Chairman of this committee, and the representative of the executive, will be Lucho, but all plans and their execution will be in the hands of the Committee, in which Maccabi Tsair has the majority. Of course, final decisions on principle matters remain with the Executive and to which they agreed. What they didn't agree to was Lucho's wish for a power of veto, to which I agreed too. I shall bring this matter to a final decision at the next executive meeting and I hope that everybody will agree to this solution in order that productive work might start in the Youth Committee, 16 months after the Congress!! Until now nothing final has come out of the meeting of Yasinovsky, Tory and Dobkin and there will be a second meeting, about which Tory will write to you.

Date for the 8th Maccabiah: We received a letter from the Israel Students Sports Association in which they inform us that the Universiada will take place in Moscow from the 15th to the 25th of August 1969. I proposed the date for the 8th Maccabiah

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to be during the first half of July. No bigger international event will be held at that time and there is a very good chance that the first half of July might not be as hot as it is in August. For the organization of the Games it is much better too, having an earlier date, so that we do not exhaust ourselves with the preparations during the high season of heat in July and August. I think that this date would be convenient for other countries too as in most countries, certainly in the U.S.A. and Canada, the summer holidays commence in July. At the next executive meeting we shall decide about this and then you may, if you agree, send out a circular letter asking the various countries for their opinions and stating the reasons why this date has been proposed. The final decision should be made at the first meeting of the I.M.G.C.

Congress in Mexico: We have discussed this problem most thoroughly with Yasinovsky and came to a full agreement about conditions and preparations. At the last meeting I proposed a committee of three for the preparation of Congress, emphasizing that being a member of this committee will in no way give any person the right to travel to Mexico City on behalf of the executive. Nevertheless, this proposal of mine was not accepted as almost everyone of the executive wanted to be a member of the committee, which is certainly not practical. We shall decide finally at the next meeting and then this committee will send out the first circular letter to all countries preparing for Congress, which will be attended by as many people and representatives as possible. We have already discussed some plans with Yasinovsky about the possibility of a combined charter flight from Israel and Europe to Mexico. The date of the Congress will be approximately 10 days before the Opening of the Olympic Games and will last for 3 days, apart from the festive evening opening of Congress. I wish to correct your statement in one of your letters that the Congress will take place in August 1968. It must take place on about October 1st.

Caspy: You wrote, in your letter dated December 19th, that I had informed you recently about Caspy's resignation. I have never written anything like this to you and you have misunderstood an item in the minutes of the executive meeting where Caspy informed us of his resignation (or his intention to resign) from the Maccabiah Village and the Maccabiah Stadium sub-committees. The executive did not accept this resignation. In the meantime he has written to you explaining his complaints, which don't seem to me reason enough to resign from these important committees and in which he plays a very important role.

I.M.G.C. - U.S. Maccabi: Jacques Torczyner is in the country and we shall meet him within the next few days. He informed us, indirectly, that he will give a press conference this week, in which he will speak too about the Z.O.A. intention to help in the setting up of new Maccabi groups in the U.S.A. and of their support for Maccabi Tsair in Israel. More details will be available when we meet with him.

I had a confidential letter from Marcel Loeb in which he informs me about the situation in New York and in the U.S. Committee. He strongly criticizes his Maccabi colleagues and endorses, absolutely, your stand on this matter. I certainly don't understand this fellow anymore as just half a year ago he wrote strong letters in support of the Maccabi Association in the U.S.A. He even resigned in protest against your own and our stand from both committees, and now this "volt face".

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As I have written to you before, it was absolutely wrong on your part to ask Jacques Torczyner to nominate the candidate from the U.S. Maccabi for the I.M.G.C. This especially upset our Maccabi friends and they took strong objection to such an approach and, in my own humble opinion, this is almost the only thing on which they are right. It would also be a mistake to appoint Joshua Torczyner, as a representative of Maccabi U.S.A. should be in New York in order to act as a counter-weight against the U.S. Committee. I personally have no proposal for such a candidate, but we should leave it to our Maccabi friends to make a proposal. The names which Joshua Torczyner proposed are more or less unsuitable, but for heavens sake, let them decide among themselves. As the situation is now I don't see how we can extract ourselves from this deadlock. I believe that only by personal intervention can this thorny problem be solved. Either yourself or someone from here should proceed to New York and make some order there.

I am also not too happy that you 'phoned Haskell, pushing him to a decision. We must achieve some sort of cooperation between the U.S. Committee, Maccabi in the U.S.A. and the Z.O.A., otherwise we will forfeit, forever, the chance of setting up a Maccabi in the U.S.A. just now when the Z.O.A. is ready to help. On the other hand it is imperative that the U.S. Committee belongs to the I.M.G.C., otherwise the I.M.G.C. has no "raison d'être" and problems, not only with the U.S., but with Hapoel too will begin anew.

I propose therefore, in the name of the executive, that further discussions should be made on a personal level and I ask your advice in this matter.

Nesselroth sent me a copy of his letter to you and we are therefore aware of its content too.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. Atlasz.
Deputy Chairman.

Gilgamesh

28th December 1966

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
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Dear Fierre,

There are many letters to answer but time is lacking for letter-writing as we have so many problems on our hands that I can't even manage to write a letter or have anything arranged privately. I have just come from a meeting which lasted for 3 hours on behalf of the new contract with the swimming pool. Yesterday we had a long meeting with Maccabi Tzair on behalf of the Youth Department. Two days previously we spent some 3 hours with Yasinovsky and so it goes on and on. I have so many problems to deal with and there are so many difficulties, partly arising out of personal rivalry, that we have to postpone many important things for another meeting until we can solve them. Apart from all this there are always people visiting us and with whom I have to meet. Besides Yasinovsky, Leo Kaminsky and Yoel Haskell are here and we have to meet with them and are very happy to discuss common interest problems. Lionel Schalit is here for the second time without even bothering to contact us and it is only perchance that we know he is here in the country. Among the many problems with which we are dealing now are the following:-

Maccabiah Village: Rasco is pressing very strongly for finalization with them. Tomorrow there will be another meeting with them where we shall try to come to an arrangement. If we are able to finalize a new contract with the swimming pool people then we shall get IL.200,000 in bills and we shall give IL.100,000 for a settlement and try to reduce our debt to a minimum. There remains the problem of a general manager for the Village. Sheiniak tries hard to convince us that he is the man able to manage the Village himself and he has the backing of Krinitzi and Zysman in this matter. We are convinced that with the best will from Sheiniak we still need a professional man to be responsible for the daily management, leaving Sheiniak as the director responsible

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and on behalf of the Board. Kimmelfeld will be dismissed as his work has no value at all and if we have a professional manager then we can renounce the services of Gefner too. Here I want to clarify two points in Caspy's letter to you. Sheiniak does not get a salary but expenses only which amount to IL.600 a month, which is certainly not an equivalent to his great service given and the time and work he is devoting to the Village. Furthermore I want to question Caspy's statement that the expenses of the swimming pool are coming to more than 50%. According to their book-keeping the income for the 1966 season was IL.197,000 and the expenses IL.60,000. According to Gefner the real expenses are IL.85,000, which seems to me to be more realistic, but this is not 50%. In my opinion the real problem seems to be Krinitzi's stand against the inclusion of Caspy in the Board of Directors and it is very regrettable that you didn't or couldn't finalize the change in the Board of Directors when you were here. The question now is - Krinitzi or Caspy, and we don't want, at this critical stage, to push the issue. Tory will give you a more detailed report.

Youth Committee: The group of 6, here for the Foreign Youth Leaders Course in Jerusalem, from the Argentine and Mexico have now finished and we had a meeting with them, in which Caspy and I took part. They expressed their deep disappointment with their experiences during their stay in Israel and they complained almost about everything. Nobody really cared about them. There was no fixed and prepared programme for them. All arrangements made by our Youth Department were improvisations, and partly unsuccessful ones. They had dozens of other complaints and we had to admit that a large percentage of their complaints were well founded and we must certainly make a new approach to the forthcoming course, which begins in February 1967. They complained about Lucho and about Maccabi Tzair and, as a matter of fact, this is the real basis of their dissatisfaction. Yasinovsky took up their complaints with very sharp criticism for the Youth Committee too. Tomorrow evening the Maccabi group from Mexico will arrive, for 3 or 4 weeks, and we must have the full cooperation of Maccabi Tzair for this period otherwise it will be a débâcle. The Committee of Five, which was set up in your presence, didn't come to any solution, therefore I took matters into my own hands and invited, together with Caspy, the leaders of Maccabi Tzair. First of all they promised to give their fullest cooperation to us on behalf of the Mexican group and that they will take care of them during their stay in Israel. I hope that this promise will be kept. I further succeeded in convincing them that they should try again to cooperate with Lucho on the basis that a Youth Committee will be set up and consisting of 8 members, 5 from Maccabi Tzair and 3 from the M.W.U. Executive. The Chairman of this committee, and ~~the~~ representative of the executive, will be Lucho, but all plans and their execution will be in the hands of the Committee, in which Maccabi Tzair has the majority. Of course, final decisions on principle matters remain with the Executive and to which they agreed. What they didn't agree to was Lucho's wish for a power of veto, to which I agreed too. I shall bring this matter to a final decision at the next executive meeting and I hope that everybody will agree to this solution in order that productive work might start in the Youth Committee, 16 months after the Congress!! Until now nothing final has come out of the meeting of Yasinovsky, Tory and Dobkin and there will be a second meeting, about which Tory will write to you.

Date for the 8th Maccabiah: We received a letter from the Israel Students Sports Association in which they inform us that the Universiada will take place in Moscow from the 15th to the 25th of August 1969. I proposed the date for the 8th Maccabiah

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to be during the first half of July. No bigger international event will be held at that time and there is a very good chance that the first half of July might not be as hot as it is in August. For the organization of the Games it is much better too, having an earlier date, so that we do not exhaust ourselves with the preparations during the high season of heat in July and August. I think that this date would be convenient for other countries too as in most countries, certainly in the U.S.A. and Canada, the summer holidays commence in July. At the next executive meeting we shall decide about this and then you may, if you agree, send out a circular letter asking the various countries for their opinions and stating the reasons why this date has been proposed. The final decision should be made at the first meeting of the I.M.G.C.

Congress in Mexico: We have discussed this problem most thoroughly with Yasinovsky and came to a full agreement about conditions and preparations. At the last meeting I proposed a committee of three for the preparation of Congress, emphasizing that being a member of this committee will in no way give any person the right to travel to Mexico City on behalf of the executive. Nevertheless, this proposal of mine was not accepted as almost everyone of the executive wanted to be a member of the committee, which is certainly not practical. We shall decide finally at the next meeting and then this committee will send out the first circular letter to all countries preparing for Congress, which will be attended by as many people and representatives as possible. We have already discussed some plans with Yasinovsky about the possibility of a combined charter flight from Israel and Europe to Mexico. The date of the Congress will be approximately 10 days before the Opening of the Olympic Games and will last for 3 days, apart from the festive evening opening of Congress. I wish to correct your statement in one of your letters that the Congress will take place in August 1968. It must take place on about October 1st.

Caspy: You wrote, in your letter dated December 19th, that I had informed you recently about Caspy's resignation. I have never written anything like this to you and you have misunderstood an item in the minutes of the executive meeting where Caspy informed us of his resignation (or his intention to resign) from the Maccabiah Village and the Maccabiah Stadium sub-committees. The executive did not accept this resignation. In the meantime he has written to you explaining his complaints, which don't seem to me reason enough to resign from these important committees and in which he plays a very important role.

I.M.G.C. - U.S. Maccabi: Jacques Torosnyer is in the country and we shall meet him within the next few days. He informed us, indirectly, that he will give a press conference this week, in which he will speak too about the Z.O.A. intention to help in the setting up of new Maccabi groups in the U.S.A. and of their support for Maccabi Tzair in Israel. More details will be available when we meet with him.

I had a confidential letter from Marcel Loeb in which he informs me about the situation in New York and in the U.S. Committee. He strongly criticizes his Maccabi colleagues and endorses, absolutely, your stand on this matter. I certainly don't understand this fellow anymore as just half a year ago he wrote strong letters in support of the Maccabi Association in the U.S.A. He even resigned in protest against your own and our stand from both committees, and now this "volt-face".

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As I have written to you before, it was absolutely wrong on your part to ask Jacques Torczyner to nominate the candidate from the U.S. Maccabi for the I.M.G.C. This especially upset our Maccabi friends and they took strong objection to such an approach and, in my own humble opinion, this is almost the only thing on which they are right. It would also be a mistake to appoint Joshua Torczyner, as a representative of Maccabi U.S.A. should be in New York in order to act as a counter-weight against the U.S. Committee. I personally have no proposal for such a candidate, but we should leave it to our Maccabi friends to make a proposal. The names which Joshua Torczyner proposed are more or less unsuitable, but for heavens sake, let them decide among themselves. As the situation is now I don't see how we can extract ourselves from this deadlock. I believe that only by personal intervention can this thorny problem be solved. Either yourself or someone from here should proceed to New York and make some order there.

I am also not too happy that you 'phoned Haskell, pushing him to a decision. We must achieve some sort of cooperation between the U.S. Committee, Maccabi in the U.S.A. and the Z.O.A., otherwise we will forfeit, forever, the chance of setting up a Maccabi in the U.S.A. just now when the Z.O.A. is ready to help. On the other hand it is imperative that the U.S. Committee belongs to the I.M.G.C., otherwise the I.M.G.C. has no "raison d'être" and problems, not only with the U.S., but with Hapoel too will begin anew.

I propose therefore, in the name of the executive, that further discussions should be made on a personal level and I ask your advice in this matter.

Nesselroth sent me a copy of his letter to you and we are therefore aware of its content too.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. R. Atlasz.
Deputy Chairman.

Gefner and

M.N.U. ISRAEL

COPY
WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF
MR P. GILDESGAME.

Earl Shilton,
Leics., England.

Mr. A. Tory,
Maccabi World Union,
Tel-Aviv.

19th December, 1966.

Dear Avraham,

In another letter, addressed to the Executive, I have dealt with a few subjects of interest to you. This will serve to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 9th December.

Maccabiah Village. I have read your report on what transpired at the last meeting of the Board of Directors, but it does not answer the queries I raised in a previous letter of mine, namely: How do you propose raising £2500,000 to pay Rassco? Nor is there any mention in your brief report on the subject on which you reported in an earlier letter of yours, namely, the renewing of the offer made to Rassco for the transfer of 15 dunams of land in full and final settlement of our debt.

Gefner. I cannot understand why there should be any conflict between himself and Shenick. After all, Shenick, may well think that he can manage the Village without Gefner's help and advice. But what is Gefner doing? Does he come to the Village? Is he making contact with Travel Agents, with a view to advance bookings? What is the state of affairs at the Village now, present and prospective occupancy? Please do not allow any personal conflicts to affect the already critical financial position of the Village. When I was in Israel, I was told by everyone that Gefner has not put in an appearance for about 6 weeks. Gefner offered a variety of excuses. But now, more so than ever, his advice is indispensable. If his advice or help are of no use, why do we go on paying him a fee of £1200 per month? Please give this matter very careful attention, and let me have your report as soon as possible.

South African contribution. I have noted Pincus's letter, but I don't expect anything else from him. This matter must not be left at that, and I hope that, with or without arbitration, the Board will decide to discontinue payment of interest on the loan. This is the only weapon we can, at present, use, without running any risk. You have already notified officially the Jewish Agency that we do not recognise the South African payment as a loan. This is, therefore, on record, and they cannot say that we have been labouring under any misapprehension.

Stadium. I await to hear the result of Mr. Heth's adjudication.

Yours very sincerely,

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Dear Roby,

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7th December, 1966.

I am sure Hanak will forgive me if I address my reply to his letter, dated November 31st, to yourself. I propose touching on a number of current topics with which Arthur is fully familiar.

IOC. I have written to Mr. Brundage, per copy enclosed.

Sao Paulo Congress. At long last, I have received a portion of the report and a translation of the Constitution, from Mrs. Miriam Chansky, who is the Hon. Assistant Secretary of the Confederation in Sao Paulo. But for the fact that she is a charming and beautiful woman (Alexandroni and Klieger will confirm this to you) and that she has been of tremendous help to me before and during the Congress, I would have screamed at her. In her covering letter, she apologised for ~~not~~ sending ~~my~~ part of the report, due to Dr. Schraiber's apparent negligence. It seem to me that, when I receive the rest of the report, I shall have to spend hours trying to pick up loose ends, with particular reference to the Statutes (this is their word for Constitution) to which I attach much importance, because it places distinct obligations on the Latin-American Maccabi Confederation to introduce a Maccabi programme and policy throughout their Clubs. Just in case I don't have enough work to do, this is yet an additional burden which I have to shoulder. Also, Mrs. Chansky's spoken English is almost perfect, but her translation from the Spanish is worse than 'pigeon' English.

IMGC. You have seen copies of all letters exchanged recently and I also mailed yesterday copy of the last letter from Haskell Cohen, to which I am not replying for two reasons: Firstly, because he states that his Board's decision will be made after December 5th - in a few days' time and, secondly, because I don't know what message Jacques Torczyner is bringing with him to London. I have also written at length to Schicko Torczyner in reply to a letter tightly typed on 8 pages with 12 enclosures, being copies of testimonials and evidence of what he did during the war years, and since then.

When we have decided at an Executive meeting that the fourth member representing the U.S.A. should be a Maccabi nominee, I have deliberately worded it in this manner. I now notice from recent minutes of the Executive meeting that reference is made to the nomination of a U.S. Maccabi member. Although in theory this may not make much of a difference, in practice, it amounts to a contradiction of our final decision, and you can rest assured that Erich Aschkenasy will hang on to it for all he is worth. It is tragic that we cannot think of a single Maccabi stalwart in the U.S.A., who is possessed of the necessary qualifications such as are claimed by members of Haskell's Board.

Jewish Agency. I could not understand, and I still cannot, why stronger representations are not being made to the Treasurer's Office in respect of allocations, Schlichim, etc. Shimon Caspy was present during the interview I had with Mr. Pincus. Shimon heard Mr. Pincus say that he would immediately look into the question of Hagai Carmeli's unpaid salary, that the grant for the administrative expenses remained unchanged and, therefore, uncut, and that Mr. Pincus welcomed the project of a Continental School for Madrichim in Buenos Aires. He suggested that, when a memorandum, setting out our requirements was available, we should send a copy of it to Mr. Gila/d in Montevideo, who is the Financial Representative of the Jewish Agency in Latin-America.

Time and again, in my recent letters, I have enquired why Shimon Caspy has not written to me since my last visit to Israel. Neither you nor Hanak gave an answer. Now I gather, from Minutes of the Meeting held on November 21st, that a letter has been received from Caspy informing you of his intention to resign from the "Executive Committees for the Maccabiah Stadium, the Maccabiah and the Maccabiah Village." I fear this Minute is worded in a manner which might lead to misinterpretations. Am I to understand that Caspy has also resigned from the Executive Committee, as well as from its various Sub-Committees, or has he only resigned from the Sub-Committees, whilst remaining Hon. Treasurer of the Executive Committee? There is nothing in the Minutes to indicate the motives which prompted Caspy to arrive at such a serious decision at so critical a time affecting our Movement. The least I would expect of Shimon Caspy was to send me a copy of his letter to you, or to write and tell me, giving me the reasons for his decision. Is it, yet once again, a case of personal conflicts, or is it due to the fact that we did not heed his advice in a matter of some important decisions? Whilst I was in Israel, he attended all Executive Meetings. He made a useful and constructive contribution to all our discussions. He took a lively interest in the various problems affecting the Stadium, the Youth Committee, the next Maccabiah, as well as the Maccabiah Village. What got hold of him, all of a sudden, to perform yet another salto mortale? I insist upon an immediate explanation, preferably from Shimon Caspy himself. After all, it is due to me, as Chairman of the Executive, as well as to a colleague, who has placed so much reliance on Shimon for so many years past.

Schlichim. All I knew, when in Israel, was that Hagai Carmeli's salary remained unpaid for 3 months. I deny having had any knowledge that his salary has also been cut by 50%. This information reached me only upon my return to England and I immediately expressed my astonishment and dismay. Now that Yasinovsky is in Israel, maybe he will sway the Agency with better effect than we have done to date. I hope so.

Institute for Foreign Youth Leaders. I have read the Latin-American report on this subject, which seemed very gratifying, but I still await an explanation to a question put in one of my recent letters to Hanak.

Maccabiah Film. Please write directly to the Rank Organisation instructing them to deliver the film to me.

M. W. U. Bulletin. I look forward to the receipt of the next issue. My Chairman's Newsletter will be airmailed at the end of this week. See my letter on this subject to Noah Klieger and the explanation for the delay in its production.

M. W. U. Review. Now that Fritz Lewinson has agreed to become Editor-in-Chief I note from the Minutes that only three members of the Editorial Board attended the first meeting. I have already drawn Arthur's attention to the fact that this should not be referred to as "Editor's Board".

S. A. Maccabi Council. I had occasion to write to Kellen yesterday and I have now received another letter from him, to which I am replying per copy enclosed. I cannot understand how the confusion has arisen in Kellen's mind.

Youth Work. To a recent letter addressed to Tory, ^{he} attached copies of cables sent to Fischer and others concerning Dr. Yahil's visit to South America. I enclose a cutting from the London "Jewish Chronicle". See the difference between fiction and fact.

Maccabiah Village. I have written very fully on this subject to Tory only last week and there is very little else I have to add after reading Minutes of the Meeting held on October 15th. This matter deserves of the highest priority and I trust that members of the Executive, including Shimon Caspy, will see to it that the Village is saved, for the sake of the Movement. If need be, we must prevail upon Krinitzi and the Board to part with the 15 dunams of land in favour of Rassco but, in return, to receive from Rassco a full and final disclaimer to any further monies due to them.

Restitutions. I have not received a reply from Nachmann. I don't propose insisting upon this gentleman coming to see us. It is fairly obvious to Worms and myself that Mr. Nachmann did not mean what he said and that our Maccabi friends in Germany have, as yet, to deserve our support or confidence.

IMGC. I have noted with pleasure that Zysman has now agreed to represent Maccabi Israel. Accordingly, I am writing to Hapoel, inviting their nomination. You will agree that I have exercised an enormous amount of patience and forbearing with all those who have tried to pick bones with me over our decision concerning U.S.A. representation on the IMGC Executive Board. Is it not strange how many people, contemporaries of ours, normally considered as "decent types" fight for a seat on an august body and, once elected, they do no work, or very little?

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

P.S. Congress in Mexico. In view of the letter you received, dated November 28th, from Centro Deportivo Israelita, I suggest that you do not insist again on some of the delegates being accommodated at the expense of the Centro, or in private homes. Those who can afford to travel to Mexico will, therefore, have to make arrangements to pay for their hotel or boarding houses. It is essential, however, that the M. W. U. sends out a circular as soon as possible to T.O.s officially informing them of the Congress which, in all probability will have to be held before the commencement of the Olympic Games. Early consultations with the Centro as regards an appropriate date should, therefore, be initiated by you without further delay - unless you wish me to do so on behalf of the Executive.

*Caspy 2-ny letter
to Shimon Caspyner will
follow tomorrow -*

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12th December 1966

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

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Dear Pierre,

In my last letter to you, December 1st, I told you that I would write you more about the Institute for Foreign Youth Leaders. This Institute, run by the Jewish Agency, is attended by selected members of Youth Movements, especially from the Latin-American countries, and selection of participants is made according to a key so well known to you in all matters concerning action taken by the Jewish Agency, therefore the participation of Maccabi students is always small as preference is given to the so-called Pioneer Youth Movements. Still, up to now and this is the third year running where this comparatively very small group of Maccabi students are coming for a year study period in Israel, we took care of them with the sole aim of bringing them, during this year, in close contact with our Maccabi Movement in Israel and to help as much as possible in their Maccabi education by sending them to special course, either arranged by Maccabi Israel or by ourselves. According to the study plan of the youth leaders' seminar, all students, after spending 6 months in Jerusalem at the Katamon School, are sent for practical work to Moshavim or Kibbutzim for a period of about 4½ months and during this period the Movements to which participants belong take care of them. If we, as Maccabi, would not take over the responsibility then they would be sent, together with all other participants, to various places and a pioneer Movement, like Hashomer Hatzair, or some other one, would gladly take care of them, which means that they would be indoctrinated with the ideology of these Movements and lost for Maccabi work after they return to their home countries.

Taking all this into consideration, the Executive decided to take care of these groups which, as you so rightly mentioned in your letter to me, involves us not only in great organisational

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work but also in great financial expenses. This year we had here a group of 6, one from Mexico and the others from the Argentine, and they really are excellent young people and an asset to our Movement. I personally am convinced, and so are others, that these 6 youngsters, after their return home, will take over responsible tasks in their Maccabi organisations, as did those who passed through the School in previous years and about whom we get regular very good reports. For instance, out of the 6 who were here for the study year 1965/66, four took over the running of Maccabi Clubs in Chile and Argentine. Unfortunately one of them died some weeks ago in a traffic accident.

In our Bulletin we give regular progress reports about the group, telling what has been done for them. This present group, after having spent the period August/November in practical work in Kibbutzim, Religious settlements and Moshavim, (in each place they were constantly under the care of a special Maccabi youth leader - in this case Eytan Sagi was engaged by us for this purpose) attended all national events as arranged by Maccabi Hatzair, visited Maccabi Hatzair clubs in different parts of the country and attended special courses as arranged by Maccabi Israel. We sent them for a 2 week special course to the Wingate Institute for Youth sports leaders and there we held for them a one week seminar on our Movement. They are now spending Chanukka week with Maccabi Israel and on the 25th of this month they go back to Jerusalem.

Closing this report I can only say there is no objection, whatsoever, from the Jewish Agency for taking care of any Maccabi group attending the School. If we did not want to do so then of course we would save on expenses and have an easier life, but should lose any Maccabee student attending the School. Each year we learn from our mistakes and if we carry on with this project we shall prepare an even better plan for the year 1967/68. Much more could be done by even closer cooperation with Maccabi Israel, but here, and especially this year, the existing differences around the personality of our Director of the Youth & Shlichim Department interfered very much. The question of Maccabi Israel Hatzair versus Aron is still not settled and the Committee of Five, as elected by the executive in the meeting under your chairmanship, will have to make a drastic decision soon. I personally believe that even if Maccabi Israel is not what we want, we can't possibly take care of youth education for visiting groups without fullest cooperation with them.

Julio Yasinovsky is here and Tory, Aron and myself spent hours with him. We are now preparing, together with him, the forthcoming visit of a group of Maccabi students from Mexico. He will meet with the executive on Thursday afternoon and will go, together with Tory, to the Jewish Agency on matters concerning Carmeli and the requirements of Mexico for even more Shlichim.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

A. Hanak.
Executive Director.

P. Gildegame

11th December 1966

Mr. P. Gildegame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

RA/TW/1572-66

Dear Pierre,

I wish to reply to your letters of November 24th and December 2nd.

Publications: Fritz Lewinson was elected at the Congress for Publications. Till now he failed with his task as the first edition of the Review came out very late and was in no way satisfactory. He took upon himself, together with an Editorial Board, to bring out a second edition and I believe that we should give him this chance. He is the editor of some very influential and well-edited Magazines and I hope that the second edition of the Review will be a much better one in every way. We can take more drastic steps if this second edition, on which he is now working, will be another failure.

Sports: Klieger is quite constructive in his plans and proposals and I shall do all in my power to encourage him in carrying out his task. Concerning his plans for a Youth Jamboree in Israel for the forthcoming summer, with 2 days of sports competitions, arranged by Maccabi Israel who have already agreed to this. These are very important plans and we hope that this first step will get the support and encouragement of the European Maccabi Executive and those countries belonging to Europe. A further positive idea is to have a continental sports organiser for Europe who will reside, for some time, in a centrally located country, going from country to country according to well co-ordinated plans. The European Executive should do all in its power to support such a scheme and this organiser will help to set up new clubs in certain European countries and instruct those clubs which do not have enough manpower (instructors etc.) in the setting up of new departments of sports and culture.

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We have a very good man in mind for such a scheme and the European Executive should make all efforts that this proposal should materialize. We believe that his plan is feasible too from a financial point of view as expenses divided between the various territorial organisations would not be too high and the executive, in case we don't get financial support from the Jewish Agency, will try to help in financing this scheme.

Regarding the Maccabi Efficiency Badge, I have my reservations too from long experience, but I will not discourage Klieger.

Central American Games: I share your opinion about the scheme for further Maccabiadas, in principle, but owing to the fact that countries like Venezuela, Colombia, Guatemala, Panama etc., have only very weak and small Maccabi organisations, such an idea should be considered on its merits only. If Dr. Fischer succeeds with this plan then we can assume that it will help much to strengthen these organisations, in the above mentioned countries, which will finally strengthen our Movement too and bring additional teams to the Maccabiah itself.

Date for 8th Maccabiah: After Chaim Wein's return we shall discuss this matter again and I shall inform you of the opinion of the Executive. I would suggest that you circularize the proposal, with the alternative proposal, to the members of the I.M.G.C. They should sound out their respective countries and bring the stand of their territorial organisations to the first meeting of the I.M.G.C., thereby coming to a decision as early as possible, which be absolutely necessary.

Shlichim: I had a long discussion with Safronchik, who returned from the Argentine, and he gave me a very illuminating report about the situation there. It is really a shame that we can't have one more Maccabi Shaliach, since our Movement is so much stronger and give a more impulse to the Jewish youth in the world. We are trying our best here but come up against a wall of silence and ill-will. ~~If it were not for the fact that you and some of your friends really are active in your financial contributions to the Jewish Agency then I don't see how we would make any progress at all.~~ We need at least 4 to 5 additional Shlichim for South America in order to ensure the present build up, not speaking about the future. The problem of a European Shaliach, or sports organiser, has been mentioned. We are now preparing for the meeting of the A.C., where we shall bring, once again, our claims, but the situation there, where everybody is only for themselves and against everybody else, forbodes nothing encouraging for our prospects. I feel that it is really time for you to act as you have already threatened to do so to Pincus and Dobkin.

Youth Department: The crisis has not abated. The committee of five had several meetings, without much result. The question is purely on personal lines - Lucho versus Maccabi Hatzair. I don't want to give in to blackmail, in spite of the fact that I am not so satisfied with the work of the Youth Committee. If Maccabi Tsair would present a coordinator who would be better than Lucho then we could speak about this, but up to now, besides other considerations, I have not yet seen the big merits of Maccabi Tsair Israel. What bothers me just now is that the Mexican group of youngsters will come next week and if Maccabi Tsair will make obstructions then the situation will be bad. I am trying to persuade them to accept an Armistice for the duration of the Mexican visit in order to entertain this important group as well as possible.

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Yasinovsky is already in the country with another Mexican group. We haven't seen him yet but are in contact with him. We shall speak with Yasinovsky about the Congress too.

Zyman is in Bangkok for the Asian Games and when he returns I shall ask him for his intervention too, which he has already promised to give.

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Dear Roby,

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IMGC. Please let me know Zysman's decision. According to precedent, the Chairman of Maccabi Israel, for the time being, is entitled to be a member of the IMGC Executive Board. But there is nothing to prevent Zysman from appointing another man to represent Maccabi Israel. And so, let us have a

decision promptly.

As regards Hapoel, I have not extended an invitation yet because I am still waiting to receive a reply to my last letter to Haskell Cohen. I will follow your advice and I will not, at this stage, ask for a grant from the Histadrut. I know that Shimon Caspy is of the same opinion.

During the past few days, I have received insulting and threatening letters and cables, mainly inspired by Erich Aschkenasy. These were provoked by the proposals which I submitted to the U.S. Committee, Sports for Israel, with the full consent of Jacques Torczyner, to whom I spoke on the telephone from London to Los Angeles. I don't want to pre-hudge the issue, but I fear that my misgivings about Jacques Torczyner and the generous promises and assurances he gave me in New York, may prove to be fully justified. So far, he has done absolutely nothing to help Maccabi, in accordance with the promises he made on behalf of the ZOA, nor did our Maccabi friends in New York or San Francisco do anything to promote a Maccabi Federation in the U.S.A. Erich Aschkenasy accuses me of treason, or of some such crime, totally ignoring the questions which I put in my previous letters to him, and to Henry Nesselroth. I also had a letter from Nesselroth, a very brief one, as usual. All he says in it is: "Many thanks for all this terrific work. I took notice of your decision. I will call my Executive Board as soon as possible. Erich Aschkenasy is in California, others are also away. I will try to have a meeting with Jacques Torczyner. I have plenty of work with the Maccabi, " etc., etc. Then he sent me two tickets for a fundraising function and, in the final paragraph of his letter he says: "On account of your decision, I do not get new members and personally not too much encouragement."

Erich Aschkenasy is spending a lot of money travelling around the West Coast and sending me cables running into 50 or 100 words. Most of his cables are signed by Nesselroth, Torczyner and Aschkenasy, although I am convinced - as I was when we received that notorious cable in Israel, that he takes it upon himself to wage war against me. In one of the latest cables, he threatened that he will close all Clubs in the Spring of 1967. We have heard that threat before. However,

I am sending you copies of all the cables and so you can judge for yourself what is going on. I am determined to endure and to bear these ~~insulting~~ attacks because the proposals as to the set-up of the IMGC have met with the unanimous approval of the World Executive members and this is one of those occasions when we must assert ourselves, as well as our authority. Our New York friends have nothing to offer and have shown themselves quite incapable as organisers. They do not even know how to run their own house. So how can we entrust them with the U.S. Maccabiah team?

Joshua Torczyner sent me also copy of a letter he sent to his nephew, the President of the ZOA. All these emotional letters lead me to think that I have wasted a great deal of time in New York and that we are dealing with a group of ambitious people who refuse to recognise their shortcomings and incompetence. In fact, I am thoroughly ashamed of them, not to mention the fact that I grow steadily, more and more tired of their insulting behaviour towards me and towards the Movement as a whole. I will not reply to any of their ~~letters and~~ cables until I have heard from Haskell Cohen. That Haskell must be fairly well informed of the reaction of our Maccabi friends, of this I have no doubt. If our Maccabi friends had any sense, they would behave themselves with greater discretion, not showing so much envy and jealousy. But you know that envy and jealousy do not go hand in hand with dignity.

All I wish to add on this subject is that if you receive any appeals from our New York friends, requesting you to alter the Executive decision, you will, I am sure, write and inform them that the Executive decision is irrevocable and they have plenty of time in which to prove to me, and to all of us, that they can produce at least 2 persons who would form the nucleus of a Maccabiah Organising Committee in the U.S.A. They have been relying on the ZOA and the ZOA have, so far, failed them, and us. *It would be best if you did not reply at all!*

I have not yet had a reply from Ian Maltz, but this is nothing unusual. I hardly ever receive a reply from him to any letters. Even when I informed him of the financial crisis of the Maccabiah Village and asked him to make representations to the S.A. Council to send us the remaining £3,000 which they subscribed towards the Maccabiah Village in 1960, I had no answer from him. Frankly, he made a very poor contribution towards the IMGC deliberations. I did not say in my letter to him that he is to nominate Sandler, I merely suggested that he and his Executive might consider it wise to nominate Dave Sandler. After all, all members of the IMGC Executive Board are subject to approval by its Chairman. This too must not be lost sight of.

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As to the choice of a Director-General, I have discussed this matter also with Chaim Wein last weekend. I have made it perfectly clear to Haskell Cohen and his Board that they would be responsible for the remuneration of a Director-General. If an American could be found, well and good. If not, a suitable man

should be engaged, regardless of nationality (this, therefore, does not exclude an Israeli). Here again, I didn't wish to cross the t's and dot the i's when writing recently to Haskell on the matter of the Director-General, which will come up for discussion as soon as I have completed the "Cabinet" of the IMGC. This task has not yet been accomplished. We may even go so far as to dispense with the Director-General, providing we can engage several experts for different assignments, such as accommodation and feeding, transportation, sports administration, etc. Past experience has shown, however, that good Israeli men have jobs and are well paid. These, therefore, would not be willing, or able to leave their jobs for a period of 6 months to serve on the Maccabiah Committee. Bad men we do not want. On Army men we cannot rely because they are always liable to be recalled. This is why I was thinking of a foreigner who might be treated with more respect by members of an Organising Committee and, if he is possessed of an impressive personality, he might be found very useful when making representations to Municipalities, Government Authorities, etc.

Chaim Wein and I also agreed that, as and when the IMGC Executive Board is being set up, we will invite, as Observer, without a vote, the Head of the Israel Sports Authority, Asael Ben-David. His presence at meetings might go a long way towards helping us get help from the Ministry of Education, as well as from other Government Authorities. Chaim Wein also offered his services in voluntary capacity, without voting power.

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Minutes of Executive Meetings. I have not yet seen a minute of the meeting when we have decided on the IMGC set-up. Has this been circulated?

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Mr. A. Tory
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Dear Avraham,

re: MACCABIAH VILLAGE.

I thank you for your letter, dated November 26th, and am enclosing herewith a photostat copy of it, as requested. The subjects raised by you could not be answered by cable, but I will mail this, my reply, by express. Worms has been consulted.

Ever since I have heard about the Nagler proposition, prior to my visit to Israel, I have expressed my doubts and misgivings, primarily because we knew nothing about their financial standing. Their tentative promise to pay half a million Israeli pounds by way of advance rent, increased my doubt. Nevertheless, I felt it my duty to probe and examine the proposition soon after my arrival in Israel, since everyone concerned was in favour of some such proposition, rather than to postpone the evil day, in view of Rassco's threats and the Government Investments Corporation pressure. You will remember that before the crucial Board Meeting took place, I have made it my business to hold conferences with Mr. Scheniak, Mr. Gefner, as well as with Mrs. Nagler. I issued an ultimatum to Mrs. Nagler, and when I was told that she would be represented by a very respectable firm of lawyers of which the Senior partner is Mr. Gorney, I was prepared to give the Naglers the benefit of my doubt. I have accompanied you to Gorney's office and, thereafter, we had a private luncheon meeting with Mr. Krinitzi during which maximum and minimum conditions were agreed to. Thus, I have gone through the motions of preliminary negotiations, leaving it to you and to a Committee of four to bring these to a head. I am not saying all this in order to prove that I have been more cautious than anyone else. Because we have all shared the doubt as to the Nagler's ability to meet their engagements, we have prepared an alternative plan. With this in mind, we have decided to increase our representation on the Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village and, following upon consultation with Caspy, we have nominated Ben-Dror, Atlasz and yourself as the MWU representatives on the Board. Caspy assured me that he would give our members of the Board the benefit of his advice and that he would also watch carefully the trend of negotiations which were to be conducted with the Naglers by a Committee which included Scheniak, Lipschitz, yourself and Ben-Dror.

We all know that Caspy is possessed of considerable business experience, and that he is about the ablest negotiator we have. But, for reasons best known to Mr. Krinitzi, who, apart from being Chairman of the Board, has also tremendous powers as Mayor of Ramat Gan, on whose grounds the Maccabiah Village is sited, he resisted the inclusion of any more representatives of the MWU. My personal guess was, and I am still convinced of it now, that Krinitzi's grudge against Caspy is due to our wholly justified opposition to the unreasonable demands being made upon us by Maccabi Israel for financial aid. As Mr. Krinitzi leans heavily on Zysman, his Deputy, I can trace some connection in this particular relationship. That it is wrong,

of this there can be no doubt. I am sure that even Caspy would not like us to adopt an uncompromising attitude towards Krinitzi at a time when "the house is on fire".

When I received your cable, a week ago, informing me that the Nagler deal was off, I have immediately replied by suggesting that we fall back on the alternative plan and that you assume full responsibility for the future management of the Maccabiah Village. I realise - and so would every one of you - that such a change of policy cannot be implemented overnight, nor should we embark upon drastic action, which might cause Krinitzi to resign and to wash his hands of the whole affair. Patient negotiations and the subordination of our personal pride are, therefore, necessary in this critical phase which places the future of the Maccabiah Village in balance.

I must confess that I would be most reluctant to part with our meagre reserve to the tune of I£100,000, unless and until I was reasonably satisfied that, by so doing, the immediate situation would be saved and the future of the Maccabiah Village based on solid foundations. Certain pre-requisite conditions must, therefore, be examined, prior to making so important a financial decision:

a) We must find a professional and honest hotel manager.

b) In the meantime, we must be guided by Gefner's expert advice.

c) We must introduce further economies during the "dead season" and, much as I regret it, we may have to dispense with Kimmelfeld's services. He is costing us, I believe, something to the order of I£2000 per month. To release him from his job ~~which~~ would entail also a redundancy payment. If you could find him a suitable job among our various Maccabi sympathisers who are in trade or commerce, some arrangements might be made with Kimmelfeld, providing he will agree to a token redundancy payment, subject to a month's notice with full pay of his salary.

d) We might also satisfy ourselves that, until such time as a hotel manager has been found, Mr. Scheniak receives the necessary assistance and encouragement as, otherwise, he too will become frustrated and will resign.

e) We cannot run the Village profitably unless we are assured of a 60% occupancy. To achieve this, we must rely on one or more travel agencies who would send their tourists to us. As you know, financial restrictions in Great Britain, limiting every tourist proceeding to a non-sterling area to an allocation of £50 only, has greatly benefited several small hotels and boarding houses in Israel - unknown until recently. This opportunity has not been taken advantage of and Mr. Gefner's attention thereto must be drawn since he claims to have good connections with leading travel agents.

As regards the settlement with Rassco, I have the following comments to offer: If the Swimming Pool Club could raise I£200,000 in cash, in addition to I£100,000 of our own, this would make negotiations with Rassco much easier because, however negotiable the Swimming Pool promissory notes might be, - discounting and the interest payable on the ~~for~~ money so made available, would be equal almost to the same amount of interest now payable to Rassco. Would you not consider it advisable to re-open negotiations with the Swimming Club along the lines suggested?

At all events, it must be assumed that, so far as Rassco is concerned, they will receive, in one form or another, a token cash payment of I£300,000. Would they be prepared to make a deal with us? To declare that they would write off our debt in any amount exceeding I£500,000 and that they would ~~use~~ ^{reduce} the amount of interest payable on the outstanding balance to 7½%. They must know by ~~know~~ that we are insolvent and that no useful purpose would be served by pressing us too hard to raise more money than we are capable.

Are you reasonably sure that as from May, 1967 we will be in a position to remit to Rassco monthly payments at the rate of I£9,000?

I feel that there now exists a reasonable basis for negotiations with Rassco providing we make it clear to them, beyond a shadow of doubt, that we can do no better and that any drastic measures adopted against us would only make them the greater losers.

Unless we can satisfy all the requirements, as set out on the preceding page and which I consider to be pre-requisite conditions, any negotiations with Rassco will prove futile and no matter how well we have established our good faith, we are liable to fail.

I am sorry that I cannot offer any more advice. I now have to rely on my colleagues: Caspy, Ben-Dror, Atlasz and yourself to act wisely, and with a sense of urgency, always bearing in mind that both as the Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village, as well as shareholders, we constitute a majority. The remaining members of the Board have at all times adopted a passive attitude and if they are really concerned, as much as we are, to save the Village from bankruptcy, this IS THE TIME to show their loyalty and real intentions. Almost anyone is capable of putting up an opposition. But I would like every other member of the Board, as well as Mr. Krinitzi, its Chairman, to show real concern and to climb down from their high stools and to meet the situation realistically and without introducing unnecessary personal issues.

South Africa. I fully approve of your letter, dated November 24th, to Mr. Pincus and I await to see copy of his reply.

Please keep me informed about the situation and acquaint other colleagues of the Executive with contents of this letter.

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESCAME.



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24th November, 1966.

Dear Roby,

I have read the Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st October under your Chairmanship, and wish to offer a few comments.

Publications. As Lewinson was so reluctant to assume the responsibility of Editor, would it not be advisable, in view of past experience, to relieve him of this job and to entrust it to a professional man who would act on instructions received from an Editorial Board. (I noticed in the Minutes that there is frequent reference to "The Editor's Committee". The proper definition is "Editorial Board" and I suggest that this terminology be used in future.)

Sports. Kliager's proposals are constructive but I don't think that the MWU Executive can approve of them without prior consultation with the Regional Executive Committees in Europe and elsewhere. Moreover, Kliager apparently is not aware that Massimo Della Pergola is the Central Sports Co-ordinator for Europe but that he received very little co-operation from T.Os. Nevertheless, several tournaments are in the process of being organised, such as Soccer and Tennis and any correspondence on this subject, insofar as Europe is concerned, should be addressed to Worms for his and his Executive's advice and approval.

The Maccabi Efficiency Badge idea is as old as I can remember and it has never fired the imagination, nor has it roused much enthusiasm among our sportsmen. We must think of some more modern and attractive idea.

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I fully agree with Klieger that the most neglected sport in the Maccabi Movement is Track and Field. How to remedy that I don't know. Perhaps a direct approach to Sports Directors in various countries might prove more rewarding.

As regards Maccabiadas, this matter has been fully discussed in Sao Paulo and Klieger supported me in my argument that these Games, however welcome, can be overdone, if held too frequently. Already, Dr. Fischer is planning a Central American Maccabiada. See the comments on this in my yesterday's letter to Dr. Fischer. I fear that Dr. Fischer will attach far more importance to the promotion of Sports competitions than to the spreading and better understanding of Maccabi as a means for Jewish Youth education.

I am seeing Chaim Wein this coming Saturday and I will be discussing with him this and other related subjects.

8th Maccabiah. The date for this is already under consideration. The sooner we decide, the better. In my submission, we must choose a date which we consider most convenient for those we expect to participate, the majority being average-class sports performers. Champions, or potential champions will, if given the choice, opt for the Track and Field Championships or Universiada. As soon as the IMGC Executive Board has been set up, we will send out a circular letter to all countries, asking them to vote for or against one or two tentative dates upon which the 8th Maccabiah is to be held. This should influence our final decision. We will, of course, have to take into consideration the periods of School and University vacations in various countries, as well as the availability of best venues in Israel for indoor and outdoor sports. It is, therefore, premature now to discuss this matter in the same way as it would have been unwise to start an argument now as to whether we are to include all sports in the next Maccabiah as were competed for in the last, or whether we are to limit participation to 600 or to allow any number. Such matters will come under discussion, in due course.

Schlichim. I am very concerned about this particular issue and, as you will see from letters written to Fischer, Hanak and Tchina, I spare no time with a view to bringing off at least one of the serious projects, namely, the Continental School in Buenos Aires.

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

I enclose letter from
Fruchtman addressed
to Fred. I fully agree with
his opinion about his
attitude towards Nachman.

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23rd December, 1966.

Dear Shimon,

I am very grateful for your letter of 18th December, received yesterday. It is very difficult to disagree with you because your arguments are sound and sensible. I refer, of course, to the criticism, listed in some detail, of the management of the Maccabiah Village. I confess that, whenever you drew my attention to the financial state of affairs of the Maccabiah Village, I expressed the view that things will sort themselves out, sooner or later. I had far too much faith in the Board of Directors and particularly so in those entrusted with the financial rather than administrative aspects. That I have been disappointed already, some two years ago, in all my expectations, of this you can be in no doubt for, if you have read my letters to our good friend, Zalman Susayeff and one or two others, not to mention my surveys on the monthly financial statements, etc., etc., you could be left in little doubt as to my misgivings. It was for this reason that I have agitated with Krinitzi and others, either for the sale of 15 dunams of land to Rassco, or for a change in the administration. In fact, I have concentrated on both these aspects, especially when I had occasion to discuss them, face to face, with Dr. Lipschitz and Susayeff, on their visits to London. And yet, you were right in all your prognostications, and all

that you can say now is "I told you so". But I maintain that you are wrong in one respect: Your decision to resign from the M. W. U. Executive Committee set up recently for the specific purpose of supervising and close scrutinising the Maccabiah Village accounts is not in keeping with what is generally known as "team spirit". It is true that many do not see eye to eye with you, mainly because as an experienced and hardboiled businessman, you believe in taking the bull by the horns. I adopt exactly the same method in my own business. But it is extremely difficult, to guide, let alone to admonish, members of the Board of Directors who give their services in voluntary capacity and who believe that they "can do no wrong". Our situation was aggravated even moreso by virtue of the fact that Mr. Krinitzi is both Mayor of Ramat Gan, as well as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He ran his Council as an autocrat and applied the same methods to the Maccabiah Village. We must concede that, but for his initial help and assistance we may have never come into possession of 78 dunams of land, nor would we have achieved the dream of a Maccabiah Village. I know that many of us have worked harder and have made more

tangible contributions in money, advice and time. But, so long as such a situation has existed, and still exists to some extent, we have no alternative but to "lie low" and all that remained for us to do was to complain. I have written two or three letters to Krinitzi and have made my criticism so clear as to leave neither him nor anyone else in any doubt. I was told that Krinitzi never read my letters and even when one of my rather important letters, containing a set of constructive suggestions, was translated into Hebrew, he neither read it nor replied to it. Nor has he kept the promises he gave to Fred Worms on one or two occasions. We were, therefore, helpless.

As regards Salem Brothers, a great deal more can be said about their management than what you state in your letter, a little of it is good...

But, here again, we had no alternative to fall back upon.

I am now informed that Geffner and Scheniack do not see eye to eye. You yourself were present at a meeting I had with Geffner at my hotel, when I reproached him for not having attended regularly at the Maccabiah Village, at a most crucial time in its existence. Geffner offered some excuse which I did not consider valid and this had shaken somewhat my faith in his intentions or ultimate success. Then came on the scene the Nagler project. Even you favoured it. That was to be our salvation. This too has, so far, caused us nothing but frustration.

And so, my dear Shimon, you must realise, as I do, that we cannot always have it our way, although commonsense tells us that we are acting wrongly. Insofar as the MWU Executive work is concerned, I have almost invariably ~~followed~~ followed your advice and every member of the Executive is aware and conscious of the invaluable contribution you have made towards putting our finances on a proper basis. When one works with a Committee, one must resign oneself, more often than not, and frequently against better judgment, to abide by a majority decision. I know that this is often an unpleasant experience and I can speak of it from my own bitter and somewhat frustrating records. But you know, as well as I do, that resignation from a Committee, or Sub-Committee, solves nothing. On the contrary, your resignation from the Maccabiah Village Executive Committee may spell disaster because the Committee will be deprived of your advice and hard-hitting at a time when it will be most needed. So, please, Shimon, follow the example which I have set, on a good many occasions, and return to the fold. Sooner or later, the problem of the Maccabiah Village will solve itself, but not without our fullest collaboration, whether in the capacity of Directors of the Board or in our legitimate role of majority shareholders. We must be watchful and we must not allow any opportunity to be lost.

What you told me about Mr. Scheniack, I know as well as you do. What you told me about the management, past and present, I am also familiar with. But what I await to hear from you now is that, regardless of the apparent misunderstandings between yourself and others, and their apparent reluctance to act upon your advice, you will stand by and do what is necessary and vital until this awful crisis is a thing of the past.

Maccabiah Stadium. As you read all my letters, you will see how many times I have referred to it in my correspondence with Hanak or Roby Atlasz. It has been worrying me. Don't blame me for the further delays. See to it that Mr. Heth issues his verdict and, as soon as we have agreed to abide by it; urge him to announce his findings without further delay. Your resignation from the Sub-Committee will help nothing but, on the contrary, it will only cast a shadow of a doubt upon your integrity and splendid reputation of a man who has the courage of his convictions and stands by them, regardless of opposition or procrastination.

Jewish Agency. This is about the only piece of good news contained in your letter and I am glad that you have been successful. I have already commented, in my last letter to Roby, on the advisability, or otherwise, of issuing a threat to Pincus to "go it alone". I would be very interested in your comments and further advice.

Shimon, I now await your positive reply and I trust to read a sentence in your letter

letter in which you say: "Pierre, I have decided to follow your advice and to join battle until victory".

IMGC. A cable received from Haskell Cohen today confirms their acceptance of our proposals and, so far, so good. But I am still locked in a wrestling match with Schicko Torczyner and his colleagues. I am awaiting now to receive a report from Jacques Torczyner, who promised to write to me soon after he has seen our Maccabi friends in New York, as well as Haskell Cohen.

Please note and advise Hanak and others that, until December 29th, my offices in Earl Shilton will be closed. All correspondence, until 3rd January, 1967, should be addressed to "Hildene", Thornfield Way, Hinckley, Leics.

International Olympic Committee. Please inform Roby that I had a letter from Mr. Avery Brundage in which he states that the meeting in Teheran is a closed one and, unfortunately, no provision is made for delegates, guests or observers. He adds: "At times we have meetings in which the Maccabi World Union might be interested and, if and when, you will receive an invitation." In the meantime, we send our compliments on the international development of your Organisation."

I hope that, upon reflection on the comments contained in this letter and in view of our mutual friendship and respect for each others views, I may look forward to hearing from you that you will continue to give of your best to the Movement, and to the World Executive.

With kind regards to your dear wife and children and wishing you all a happy New Year,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*Survived: Have you received
the balance of the monies
which he promised to
raise for the Maccabiah?*

Pie

P. GILDESGAME.

22nd December 1966

Mr. E. Rayman,
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England.

Dear Eric,

It was a real pleasure to hear from you after such a long time. I was really rather surprised that I hadn't heard from you until now, although I have written to you at least twice, as far as I remember. My plans for the next few months do not include going abroad and this applies also to my son Oded. I understand, from your letter, that you will be in Israel next year and of course next year is now within a few days time!! It will be nice to hear from you, at your earliest convenience, when you intend to come here and where you will stay. If you let me know in time of the date and time of your arrival then either my son, Oded, or I myself will come to Lod Airport to meet you.

Hope that all is well with you all. With best regards to your wife and daughter. Looking forward to seeing you very soon in Israel.

Yours sincerely,

Shimon Caspy.

18th December 1966

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

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My dear Pierre,

Since your departure from Israel I have been through all the correspondence sent by you and which reaches our office, also all letters written to you by my friends. I haven't written to you, till now, for several reasons and to be quite frank with you I didn't agree with the views expressed by our friends on topical subjects, but as I didn't want to contend their views, thinking that they may be right and I may be wrong. However, on reading your letter of the 7th inst. addressed to Robby, I decided to write to you and to explain to you what made me write my letter to the executive, in which I informed them of my resignation from two executive sub-committee - Maccabiah Stadium and Maccabiah Village (photocopy of this letter is enclosed herein) - but before going into this matter may I call your attention, dear Pierre, to the fact that, even in my younger days I never did a "salto mortale" and I definitely don't do this now. If I didn't consider you as a good friend of mine and a great leader of the Movement, not only because of your title "Chairman of the M.W.U. Executive", I would certainly be offended by such an expression, but knowing you it is perfectly clear to me that this expression was used by you out of your worry to find a solution to problems in which you think I could be of certain help. We have known each other for many years now and you have your opinion of my character and realize, very well, that I am not a "yes man". But I never force, neither in public nor in private affairs, others to be of my opinion. If I am not able to convince them to accept my views then I cannot help this but one has to be constant to ones views and therefore I cannot take part in such committees, where my name and personality are involved but allow others to do the job.

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I didn't resign from the executive and I don't know how you came to such a conclusion. I can only assure you that if someday a situation may arise when I shall have to consider this, then I shall certainly consult you prior to taking such a step. This, I feel, is due to you as the Chairman of the executive and as a colleague of many years standing.

Maccabiah Village: You will remember that years ago I told you my opinion about the financial position in the Village, its management etc. I still remember your answer - "Don't worry, everything will come out alright". I can recall too my repeated warnings, given to you, to Fred and to others, about this, but as you were so reluctant to listen to me I decided not to interfere anymore. This, of course, is for the sake of history and doesn't mean anything today.

When we held a meeting of the executive sub-committee for the Maccabiah Village in the Samuel Hotel, we took certain decisions and I know, very well, what then happened at meetings of the Village Board of Directors. I was never interested in the opinion of Rivkah Netanel and of Mr. Krinitzi (you know exactly what poison he has spread after the Maccabiah), but I can sincerely declare that there is no personal conflict between him and myself. However, since I am an independent man, thank God, I don't very much care. As a matter of interest, mutual friends who have known about this have never tried to clarify the matter, even you yourself didn't. What more can I do than to declare again and again that I shall never be a member of the Board of Directors, even if Mr. Krinitzi would want this most heartily. I agreed, at that time, to serve as a member of the sub-committee for the Maccabiah Village so as to help, if at all possible, to change the position in the Village, but what can I do if even the sub-committee, as elected by the executive, all ignore my proposals and advice. How would you feel, Pierre, about being a member of a committee which ought to find a solution to a dangerous position in the Village but only talk and don't act, which is definitely of no help? This is, of course, against my nature as I think that MWU affairs should be handled with not less care than private ones. No serious business man would and could have agreed to the handling of business matters in the Village as they have been handled under the Shalem brothers, and even after they left. I once made a mistake when I agreed with you and my friend in Israel to pay the Maccabiah Village the amount of IL.50,000 on account of the 7th Maccabiah. I sincerely wish that I had never agreed to this and that I would have remained firm, as I am now. If we would not have paid this money then we would have faced the real situation there already some two years ago and would have saved ourselves a lot of money and troubles. You know as well as I do what we suffered with the accommodation at the time of the Maccabiah and if I would tell you now that at this present time the Village management offers to groups (2 in a room) full daily board for IL.18 (\$6) you will realize what it meant when we paid IL.15 a day for full board for so many people for thousands of days and all this after we invested in the Village monies received from the U.S.A. and Canada, equivalent to IL.100,000. I am very well aware of the report that you received from Mr. Gefner, who I personally consider as one of the most experienced men in the hotel business here in Israel, but who, to the best of my knowledge, is not given the facilities to do his job. There were, and still are, some interests in the Village to which I don't agree. Just to give you an example: I was pressed by my friends, and even by you, to pay other sums due from us to the Village and if I would have given in to this pressure then Shalem, who owes the Village about IL.40,000 or even more, would have had an even bigger debt to the Village, perhaps even double the amount and we have to take into consideration too the interest

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that we have to pay on the amount that Shalem owes us there. Now, try to imagine how it would be if one would conduct his private business affairs on such a line. There are many other things which were done by the previous management, by the Shalem brothers, but I had better not write about them and will presume that you know about them very well. Do you know that when the Ellern Bank opened its branch office in the Village, a lump sum for the concession, a kind of key-money, was paid by them, but afterwards they never paid rent, taxes nor telephone, and every time that I raised this point, and others too, people did not like to hear about it, but I cannot sit back in a composed manner.

You are furnished with figures about the swimming pool, but do you know that the annual figures for maintenance now exceed 50% of the sum that we receive, so why shouldn't the pool be rented to someone who is ready to accept what would be better conditions for us on the basis of an even greater income. In the position that we now find ourselves can we afford to be sentimental on matters like the Maccabi Ramat Chen swimming club? Who will take care of us?

At the time when Mr. Sheiniak took over, it was not due to his, my own nor others credit that there was a good season and many tourists were here in Israel. I certainly appreciate the great devotion shown by Mr. Sheiniak when he, in a time of emergency, accepted the running of the Village with Gefner assisting him, but in my humble opinion he is a very poor business man. It was not very clever to pay debts accumulated at the time of the Shalems, which were not approved by Mr. Gefner, and thereby depleting liquid cash. Anybody who is in business realizes that not every day is Purim and has to divide his income on a long-term basis and not only for two or three months. When I stressed this point of view, people got angry with me but now they admit that with the money that Sheiniak paid we could possibly have settled accounts double in value and still have had something left for later days. In finance there are no miracles, but if matters are properly arranged miracles do sometimes happen. To give you an explanation: A certain supplier, who appeared as a creditor for the Shalem Brothers at the time of their management, claims his money now. He is short of proof, but ready to get some cash. Don't you agree with me that there would have been a fair chance of settling with him for about 50% of the money he requested? But everything was handled largely. Sheiniak wanted to show that he repays debts and that the Village is run in a most proper manner. The Board of Directors was very happy with everything that Sheiniak did and with what he is doing today. The same goes for the Shalems when they produced budgets and balance sheets which, in the end, could only be regarded as paper work.

I have read a circular letter, issued by Freddy, in which he says, among other items, that Mr. Sheiniak runs the Village on an honorary basis. This is not exactly true as Sheiniak is being paid for his services and you ought to know this. This doesn't mean that Sheiniak doesn't deserve to be paid if he really needs it. In one of the executive meetings, at which you were present, it was decided that by all means we have to engage a first class manager for the Village, but nothing has been done about this. I always told my friends that business must go on as usual, as I never seriously believed in the Naglers.

You know very well that the proposal of handing over 15 dunams to Rasco came from the Board of Directors, as they never succeeded in collecting a penny for the Village. They have always acted as a sort of "Brains Trust" and asked us to give the money. In one of your recent letters you again advised

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approaching Rasco and offering land for the debt. I am sure that you are now informed about the serious position in Rasco and of the resignation of Mr. Stern. I, personally, was so devoted to the problem of the Maccabiah Village at that time that I really wanted to check all accounts with Rasco, but unfortunately I didn't succeed in this.

I want you to know, dear Pierre, that there is nothing in this letter in complaint about my colleagues, but I had to remain constant in this matter and it was I who strongly supported the nomination of Ben Dror to the Maccabiah Village Board of Directors. I know everything that is going on in the Board and also know of personal matters there. I give you my word of honour that I really wanted to do my best but, unfortunately, without result.

Maccabiah Stadium: You will very well remember the decision taken at the executive meeting under your chairmanship. After the given termination (15th November 1966), when matters ought to have been finalized according to executive decision, I was of the opinion that we must apply to Court, asking for receivership. This would naturally have put pressure on the other side, so as to convince them that we are very serious about this and thereby bringing matters to a solution. But after November 15th approaches were made to Mr. Keth to convince him to deal with this case and until today, when this letter is written to you, not a single meeting has been held.

Jewish Agency: You will be glad to see from the enclosed photocopy that the Sochnut has allocated to us the sum of IL.15,000 for this financial year. I think that in January of 1967 steps have to be taken by you, as the Chairman of the M.W.U. and also in your private capacity, to convince Mr. Pincus that we shall not agree to the same allocation for the next year but that we shall certainly ask for much more. This is the only tactic that they understand there.

I could write you much more, dear Pierre, by my intention is only to explain to you what brought me to the decision to resign from the two sub-committee, meaning the Maccabiah Village and the Maccabiah Stadium sub-committees.

I hope to hear from you soon and remain,

with kindest regards to you and to dear Mrs. Gildesgame.

Yours very sincerely,

Shimon Caspy.
Honorary Treasurer.

Encls:

Tel Aviv, 9.VIII.1966

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Confidential

Dear Pierre,

I sincerely hope, that you and dear Mrs. Gildesgame had a pleasant flight from London to New York. When this letter reaches you, you will be already much involved with your talks with our Maccabi friends and the U.S. Committee. This will be a very difficult task and we all hope, that you will conclude them successfully and for the best of our Movement.

Youth Department: We wrote for Luis Aron a letter to you. This letter from the 8th inst. has been written as he asked us to do so, but an P.S. has been included, which makes it clear that you are being asked to handle the matter of the "Hanhaga Ha Continentalit". As he could not come to the office himself to sign this letter here, he sent Chaim Ben Ami, a member of his Committee to collect it here and told me, that he will post it by himself. As it is possible, that some changes may have been made in the original letter, I feel it right to send you hereby an original copy of this letter with the draft-proposal for the Circular letter, so you could check up by yourself.

Yes Pierre, I learned my lesson and I am sorry for this. This does not mean that I personally still *do not* regard the Hanhaga Ha Continentalit as a sound idea, but under prevailing circumstances and after having learned much during the last days, which I did not know and did not believe possible in a Movement like ours, I strongly object to lend my hand to actions which may serve ambitions contrary to the

aims of our Movement. Just now we received an Circular sent out by FAM (english translation included hereby). This circular proves, that

- a/ Executive directives as sent by us to them, are being dealt with accordingly and
- b/ that FAM under its new executive acts contrary to the opinion voiced by Luis (Since Ing. Tschina has not been included in the new executive, he has nothing to say anymore and FAM will act, as far as Youth-activities are concerned with, according to policy laid down by his Department).

Sao Paulo: It seems that Noah Klieger will be there too. (Without Basketball team). The Executive was always of the opinion, that the Director of Sport ought to be present at such an important sports-event, so as to enable him to see matters on the spot and contact sports-leaders there. As Noah will cover the greater part of expenses by himself, Dr. Atlasz has been asked to give his opinion and to day a cable has been received signed by Dr. Atlasz and Tory, strongly supporting his participation. He and Alexandroni will take with them further copies of the Congress-Report as well as Maccabi-needles for distribution.

Restitution: In the above mentioned cable from Atlasz he writes shortly: „Duesseldorf meeting encouraging“. That's all and therefore we shall have to be patient and wait until we get a written report or, as Tory will be back here on the 18th inst., a verbal report immediately after his return. We shall have an Executive meeting about the 20th inst.

Buletin: The next english number (Nr. 4) will come out at the start of September devoted mainly to „Sports“. Nr. 5 we shall print after we shall have all the material about Sao Paulo and after your visite to Israel. The same goes for the next spanish edition.

This is all for to day. I only hope, that you will be strong enough to pass through the hectic days waiting for you. Best wishes for your health, kind greetings to Dr. Mr. Gildesgame and your brothers family

Yours very sincerely

Arthur Hanak

Copy for Dr. Atlasz

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My dear Shimon,

I hasten to reply to your letter (in Ivrit), dated
25th instant.

I have also received your letter of 20th July, concerning
Mr. Tunik, the lawyer dealing with the Maccabiah Stadium
litigation, and who is due in London on August 1st. I will
endeavour to make contact with him, as well as to spend an
hour or so with him for the purpose of a discussion, as

requested by you.

IMGC. I have now disposed of the controversy between Marcel Loeb and myself and, as you will see from the copy correspondence I sent you yesterday, I have called Marcel's bluff. You have also seen Haskell Cohen's remarks on this subject. I have kept Nesselroth fully informed as regards this incident and I have now also heard from him that he will be pleased to see me during my brief stay in New York. I will discuss with him the relationship between our New York Maccabi friends and the U.S. Committee, prior to seeing Haskell Cohen. Even Joshua Torczyner has now thought it necessary to offer advice as to how to handle the U.S. Committee in connection with the formation of the IMGC, as can be seen from copy of a letter he wrote to Atlasz on 23rd July, and which I will take along with me to New York for further study. Torczyner is by far the wisest man among our Maccabi people in the U.S.A., although he too is not altogether realistic, especially as regards the importance he attaches to the prospects of the American Zionist Organisation taking over responsibility, not only for the U.S. Maccabi Federation but also for the sponsorship of the U.S. team to the 8th Maccabiah. However, I don't wish to discourage these friends or to dismiss their opinions without further discussion.

I am not surprised that Chaim Wein and some other members of our Executive in Israel are opposed to my project that the U.S. Committee should find for us a Director-General in charge of the 8th Maccabiah. In the past, as well as recently, when writing my Survey of the 7th Maccabiah, I have explained in great detail what I understood the responsibilities of the Director-General to be. He is not intended to be just Chief Administrator, but also a person with experience in the organising of International Sports Meets and all that this entails. We could not find such a man in Israel, although the Executive agreed on the necessity, nor did we have enough opportunity to enquire as to whether such a man could be found in any European country. The reason why I suggested that such a man be found in the U.S.A., was attributable to another important consideration, namely, how to solve the question of what may prove to be a very substantial remuneration to a reliable and experienced man wishing to uplift himself for at least one year, to settle in Israel for a period of 12 months, his board and lodging being paid either

in his remuneration or in addition to it. Anyone assuming that, in the event of such an American expert being found, I would agree to his appointment without first making sure that he would accept the authority of the Organising Committee in Israel unquestionably and that he would be the servant of that Organising Committee, without in any way allowing himself to be influenced, directed or guided from New York or from the Headquarters of Hapoel, deserves to have his head examined.

I don't know whether Chaim Wein, and those who think like him, believe that the 8th Maccabiah can be organised without a Director-General, or that Chaim Wein is confident that he alone could act as Director-General and, therefore, there is no need to import one from abroad. . .

It is my considered opinion that, if the U. S. Committee is to have any representation on the future Board of the IMGC, they must be made to pay for it - in some form or other. On the last occasion, they promised initially \$250,000 for the American Friendship House. They were only able to raise \$50,000, in addition to providing us with a goodish quantity of sports gear and other amenities which should not be underrated. If, on this coming occasion, they can make a similar contribution, worth \$50,000 and if that amount (or even less) would enable us to pay for the services of a Director-General, as well as to help us with other organisational expenses, then I think that we should not reject such an opportunity out-of-hand, merely because we are over-confident as to our own ability to improve on the organisation in 1969 - of which I do not believe ourselves capable. I would not insist upon the Director-General being American. So far as I am concerned, he can be French, English or coming from any Scandinavian country. But my main consideration is that I will insist upon the U. S. Committee making a substantial contribution towards the 8th Maccabiah and, if they do not agree to commit themselves irrevocably to such a contribution, I will just not have them on the Committee. Nor do I fear that, if it comes to a crisis in our negotiations, they will give up the idea of sponsoring the participation of an American team in the Maccabiah. Without the Maccabiah, the U. S. Committee has no raison d'etre. We must bear in mind, however, that the IMGC would not be representative of World Jewry, that is if Chaim Wein and others still attach any importance to the concept of an IMGC - unless North American Jewry constituting 46% of world Jewry were represented on that Board.

Our Maccabi friends in New York and San Francisco may well harbour the hope that they can do as well as the U. S. Committee have done on 7 previous Maccabioth. Neither Roby, you, nor anybody else share that optimistic view. I may insist, of course, that the U. S. Maccabiah Organising Committee should also have on its own Territorial Board, representatives of Maccabi Clubs in the U. S. A. They have had such representatives on this last occasion in the persons of Nesselroth, Ashkenasy. But you know, as well as I do, that neither one of these gentlemen have made much of a contribution, and I don't think that they are likely to improve on their record three years from now. But, to satisfy our own selfish Maccabi interest, I think it desirable that the U. S. Maccabiah Committee should also have representatives of U. S. Maccabi units, as well as at least one Maccabi man, on the Executive Board. If I ~~would~~ insist on one such person being on the Board, this will generate a great deal of argument, as well as jealousies and I know, from past experience, that Nesselroth, Ashkenasy, Marcel Loeb and Torczyner, will compete for that honour and a new row will begin, which will only produce more unpleasantness, of which I am sick and tired.

So may I ask you, please, to appeal to Chaim Wein and those who think like him, to allow me to initiate negotiations in New York with Haskell Cohen without in any way coming to any agreement until next September or October, by which time I will be in a far better position to advise the MWU Executive on the situation as I have found it after my discussions with all parties concerned.

I have also written to Torczyner, in reply to his letter to Atlasz and am sending copies of this, as well as other letters to Atlasz, for his information.

In all my Maccabi work I experience more obstruction from our own Maccabi leaders on each occasion when I engage on some constructive endeavour and I think that the time has come for my Maccabi friends to check up on my record and to assess it on its merits.

If you wish to reply to this letter, after consultation with Chaim Wein and others, please address it to Mount Kisco, to reach me there on or by 8th August.

German Restitution. I am as surprised as you are that Walter Feuchtwanger is unwilling to sacrifice even one day of his vacation in order to meet with Fred Worms and others at Dusseldorf. Fred informed me only yesterday that he telephoned to Germany and that he is in constant touch with Feuchtwanger and others. He too is beginning to be very frustrated at the lack of co-operation. I have already expressed my view as to the prospects of that meeting proving successful and, although I am not too optimistic, I pin all my hopes to Fred Worms' determination to see some progress in the near future. It is unfortunate that Daume is now pre-occupied with the Olympic Games and it will, therefore, be extremely difficult to arrange a meeting with him and even more difficult to prevail upon him to make representations to Dahlgren, who is quoted recently as saying that the German Government are short of money. You are now doubt reading the papers and you know that even the British Government is having critical discussions with the German Minister of Finance and I fear that Mr. Dahlgren will not lend a sympathetic hearing to any of our representations, for the time being.

MWU Review. I have not received the first number yet, but Roby has already expressed his disappointment with its contents and format. This is yet another instance where my warnings and requests are being ignored. I stated repeatedly that if we wish to publish a MWU Review, it must be entrusted to a professional Editor and not to volunteers to do this job in their spare time and, more often than not, reluctantly, and without paying much attention either to cost, or to the ultimate purpose which such a publication is to serve. When Tory wrote to me several months ago, asking me to contribute an article, he appeared to be writing as if he were the Editor of the paper. I knew that Fritz Lewinson was entrusted with the task. Fritz never wrote to me about it at all. I feared that if this first number will be a fiasco, it will doom all future publications to failure, unless we come to realise that, if such a publication is to serve a purpose, it must be impressive and be done professionally. What you, my friends in Tel-Aviv do not seem to understand is that we are neither Editors, nor are we endowed with versatility rendering us capable to do and to perform tasks without previous experience. All previous Maccabioth amounted to miracles of organisation. I would prefer them to be branded as patterns of perfect organisation.

Maccabiah Village. I am kept fully informed on the situation which is causing me a great deal of concern. It is my considered opinion that Krinitzi and Zysman are either unable or unwilling to grant any concessions to Rassco and that Krinitzi is trying to influence the Board by his optimism, which is based upon

the present high occupancy of the Village. He is quoted as saying that if we continue with the present Management, having cut expenses drastically and by increasing the number of tourists in the future, we shall not only emerge from our present financial difficulties, but we will also have a surplus to enable us to pay off Rassco's as well as the Government loans. No-one seems courageous enough to contradict Krinitzi, or to argue with him. I suggest that we review the matter in the light of Gefner's management and Scheniak's hard work when we meet next October and, if any drastic decisions have to be made by then, in the light of events prevailing, I will not hesitate to speak my mind, even at the risk of incurring Mr. Krinitzi's anger. There is nothing much more I can do about it, for the present. It is good to know that Gefner and Scheniak are in constant touch with you and, in this manner, you are afforded an opportunity to give them the benefit of your commercial wisdom and foresight.

Jewish Agency. I hope you will receive a positive reply to your last letter to Mr. Pincus.

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

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25th July, 1966.

My dear Shimon,

I have for acknowledgment various letters dated
July 7th, 11th, 12th and 18th. Hereunder, I will deal with the
various subjects raised therein.

Hanhaga Arzit. It now seems clear to me that
neither Congress nor the MWU Executive have ever approved of
the policy counselled by Lucio Aron in his circular letter. I would request you,
therefore, to write to Luis Tchina, on behalf of the World Executive, informing him
that the matter is not to be raised at the Pan-American Maccabi Convention in Sau
Paulo and, if it should be discussed, the matter is to be referred to me. I am
very much surprised at not having received a reply from Lucio Aron to my last
letter and I only hope that he did not think my letter to be either offensive or
obstructive. If Lucio still feels that he would like his policy adopted by the Executive,
or at least his suggestion put forward to the Convention at Sau Paulo as a mere
proposal for consideration he can, of course, do so by writing to me immediately to
the address indicated in my letter to Hanak, Mount Kisco, New York. I strongly
suggest that Lucio be prevailed upon to do so as I don't wish him to think that his work
on behalf of the Youth Department is underrated, or not appreciated. On the other
hand, he must be made to understand that he cannot, and should not, send out
circular letters dealing with matters of policy by invoking a Congress Resolution
which has not been submitted, let alone ratified by Congress. Arthur Hanak
will have learned an object lesson in that he will never again counter-sign a
circular letter issued in the name of the MWU Executive without the necessary
authority vested in him to do so.

For your benefit Arthur, I wish to add the following observations. In your letter
to me of 11th July, you went to great lengths in an effort to explain and to justify
the issuing of the circular. This I appreciate. It is true that Regional Councils
are autonomous and can, therefore, act as they wish, providing their activities
and the policy they pursue are consistent with (a) Congress Resolution and (b) MWU
Executive decisions. The circular in question clearly referred to a Congress
Resolution. This was an interpretation but it is not a correct one. You have seen
many of my letters to Lucio and you have heard me speak a good many times about
Maccabi Hatzair. I have always maintained, and I have not departed from that view,
that the Youth Department can and should promote youth activities all over the world
and, wherever it is helpful to do so, they can encourage the formation of Maccabi
Hatzair groups being part and parcel of the Territorial Organisation and subordinated
to its Territorial or Regional Executive. But to set up either a World Regional
or Territorial separate organisation, Hatz Maccabi Hatzair, would amount to
flaunting the letter and spirit of our Constitution under the terms of which the MWU
Executive is vested with authority by the supreme governing body of the Movement

Congress, and there can, therefore, be only one World Executive, all-embracing and, therefore, wielding also authority over any subsidiary organisation which it may set up. In an earlier remark in this letter, I stated that if Lucio Aron wishes the Pan-American Congress in Sao Paulo to pass a resolution, according to which Junior Maccabi Sections should be created in all Territorial Organisations throughout Latin-America, and that their activities be intensified, this he is at liberty to do. But he would be utterly wrong, and I would oppose it, had he suggested that either the Latin-American Maccabi Confederation, or any Territorial Organisation affiliated to it, should set up separate Hanhaga Arzit, dealing solely and exclusively with Junior Groups, otherwise known as Maccabi Hatzair. Once you and Lucio will understand my view in this matter, and which is consistent with the considered policy of the leadership of the Movement constitutionally, way and means can be found to implement the activation of Maccabi Hatzair without, however, the setting up of a special organisation for this purpose, global, regional or territorial. Please bring this matter to Lucio's notice.

World Jewish Congress. You, Shimon, and other members of the Executive residing in Israel do not understand, apparently, that the larger majority of leaders of Maccabi outside Israel do not wish to become involved with any organisation or Institution whose objects or activities can be interpreted as being political. Whilst you were in England, I explained to you very fully the difficulties which we have had recently with the Income Tax authorities, as a result of which we had to change completely the aims and objects of the Maccabi Movement in Great Britain. What is acceptable in some countries is not desirable in others. Charles Gordon, who is a leading member of the South African Maccabi Council, was in London last week. I entertained him to lunch and had a three hours discussion with him. Even in South Africa, the Maccabi Council are labouring under some difficulties because they happen to be treated as a branch of the S.A. Zionist Federation. Likewise, I am reluctant to assist Joshua Torczyner in his endeavours to become involved with the Zionist Organisation of America through his nephew Jacques, who is President of the ZOA. Nevertheless, and because Torczyner is so insistent, I will endeavour to meet his nephew Jacques in London, prior to my departure and have, therefore, cabled Torczyner on 22nd instant, asking for the name of the hotel where his nephew will be staying in Brussels, whilst attending the WJC Convention. If the meeting takes place, I shall simply explain to the President of ZOA that it is their duty to help and encourage the formation of a strong Maccabi Federation in the U.S.A., but they cannot do so without the necessary funds. Whether this will have any effect remains to be seen but, at all events, should the President of the ZOA commit himself to any financial aid, I will have to warn him that this will have to be done without any strings attached. We have suffered for some years past, and continue to be embarrassed by the association existing between Maccabi Israel and a branch of the General Zionists. We do not want to repeat past mistakes, or to encourage others to commit them.

I have received a cable in which it is suggested that a member of the Executive in Europe should attend the Brussels WJC Convention as an observer and, failing that, I should ask Hadari to do so. Members of the European Executive are absolutely of the same opinion as I am, that we should not become involved with the World Jewish Congress, let alone apply for affiliation. I have already assured you and others repeatedly that I am an ardent supporter of the WJC, not merely by paying lip-service to it, but it is my considered opinion and conviction that we should not.

even appear as observers. It just would not do us any good and, if anything, the propagandists of the WJC might well announce the fact in their report that a representative of the MWU was present at the Convention. As to asking Hadari, surely, this would be the last thing in the world for me to do. He is a very eloquent speaker but somewhat out of touch with the policy of the MWU. He is likely to do more harm than Tory - had Tory spoken once on behalf of his own political party and then on behalf of the MWU. It should be fairly obvious to all that a leading member of the MWU Executive is also a leading representative of a political party. I hope that you and others will understand my reasoning and will not take me to be obstructive, merely because I happen to be responsible for MWU policy, especially insofar as it affects overseas Territorial Organisations.

Restitution. This matter has been touched upon in every letter under reply. A meeting has now been fixed, with Fred Worms in attendance, and I hope that those present will do their utmost with a view to offering our case to the best of their ability.

I did not realise that Kroll has already received a copy of the JNF statement. If my memory serves me aright, I have asked Fred to confirm to me, some time ago, whether Kroll has seen this document, and he assured me that he has not. Besides, Fred keeps the original of this document in his safe and will not produce it until such time as it will be considered opportune to do so. It may well be that Kroll knows about the existence of such a document, but he could only obtain this information from none other than Fritz Lewinson. I repeat that my only hope of an early success is if Daume will agree to meet with Mr. Dahlgren and providing that, at that meeting, Daume can prevail upon the Minister of Finance to intervene in our favour, then there is a hope of some compromise settlement being reached without having to go around in circles in the absence of adequate evidence of our claim.

IMGC. Our New York friends have withdrawn their participation in Sao Paulo and, instead, are sending a team to San Francisco where a Soccer Tournament is to take place, with the participation also of Los Angeles. We are all agreed that our New York friends are incapable of ensuring participation of the U.S.A. in the 8th Maccabiah and that further negotiations should take place with Haskell Cohen and his Board. You have seen previous correspondence with Haskell Cohen and I am now enclosing herewith copies of further correspondence with him and which is far more promising. I will make my condition to Haskell Cohen for the provision of a Director-General, at their expense, and if he and his Board accept that condition, and if I am reasonably assured that they will honour such an undertaking, we can then proceed with the formation of the IMGC Executive Board, as previously discussed. This will, therefore, answer also Tory's letter to me, dated 7th July and, as I am enclosing herewith a spare copy for him, I shall be glad if Arthur Hanak will mail it to him, wherever he may be between now and the end of the month. *I am mailing it to Brussels.*

Maccabiah Village. Nothing surprises me in what you, Shimon, write on this subject. I am aware that Krinitzi made a firm promise to Fred, and Fred confirmed it to him in writing, at my request. A promise is one thing, but to carry it out is another. What Krinitzi and Zysman have in mind by obstructing progress with Rassco is a mystery to me. Krinitzi is Chairman of the Board of the Maccabiah Village and he ought to know that, if we get into trouble with Rassco he, more so than anybody else, will be involved. I am at a loss to know what to do about it but, as Fred has received a copy of your letter, and he is also receiving a copy of this, my reply, maybe he will write again to Krinitzi, as well as Zysman, pleading with both of them to approve of Rassco's plans and let us put an end to this critical state of affairs, which is only rendering our financial situation worse than ever every day. I am equally surprised

that men like Gurewitz, Susayeff and Ellern are not using their influence with Krinitzi. Afterall, they are all members of the Board of Directors and, therefore, as involved as Fred and I.

Maccabi Stadium. I have not heard from either Maccabi Tel-Aviv or from the Maccabiah Stadium Development Co., but, should they be writing to me, I will not reply to them without consultation with you.

My visit to Israel. I realise that Roby is making a sacrifice by cutting his holiday by a few days and that, during his stay in Europe, he will also have to spend a few days dealing with the Restitution problem, but may I also draw your attention to the fact that I have completely given up my summer vacation this year and, instead, will be devoting the next 4 weeks to Maccabi affairs exclusively. Whilst in New York for one week I shall have to meet with Nesselroth and his colleagues, with Haskell Cohen and members of his Board and possibly also Marcel Loeb. Thereafter, I will spend a night flying out to Brazil and from the moment of my arrival, ~~until~~ round about 16th August and until 31st August, I shall be involved in hectic activity in connection with the Games and, thereafter, with the Congress. As the representative of the MWU, I shall be expected to attend all competitions, as well as receptions and, at the request of Copenhagen - a request I could not possibly refuse, I also had to agree to give a dinner to all leaders of the delegations present in Sao Paulo, which Copenhagen estimates will cost me 600 dollars. Expenses apart, not to mention the cost of return flights, I am still unwell and have just returned from Paris where I saw an eminent Professor, specialising in Rheumatology. He prescribed several treatments and he emphasized very forcibly the need for as much rest and relaxation as possible. I don't know whether you can describe my present comments as a sacrifice but I don't think you would be far wrong in so doing. Now, you and Roby are asking me also to spend at least 2 weeks in Israel next October. I am not expected back in England before 9th September because Fred Oberlander wants me to come to Montreal to help him with the formation of his Maccabiah Committee. I have not promised him anything, but I feel I shall have to do it. This means that some 3 weeks after I have returned to England and following an absence of 5 weeks, during which I have neglected my business, not to mention my health you, my dear friends, will expect me to spend another fortnight in Israel. I don't refuse to do it but, for God's sake, give me a break, as well as a chance to do justice to my health, as well as to my other commitments.

With kind regards to everybody,

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDEGAME.

חל-אביב,
ח' אב תשכ"ו
25.7.1966

לכבוד
מר פ. בילדסגייט
יו"ר הנהלת הסתדרות
עולמית "מכבי"
ל ו נ ד ו נ

מייר יקירי,

אני מצטער שאני צריך לכתוב בכתבי זה בשפה העברית מאחר שהכתבים האנגלית במגרה
וברצוני שמסתב זה יגיע אליך כמה שיותר מהר.

אני מחיחם אל סכתבך מ- 12.7.66 בקשר לבעיה של הועדה הבינלאומית למען המכביה
(I. M. J. C), אני מסכים בהחלט לעמדתך בקשר להתכתבות עם מרטל לייב , אך יש
להניח שמאחורי כל ההתכתבויות האלה מסתתר משהוא, ועד כמה שאני יכול להבין זה
ההתנגשויות בין אנשים מסויימים במכבי ניו-יורק לבין חברי הועד האמריקאי למען
הספורט בישראל . קשה להניח כי התפתרותו של מרטל לייב באה מהטעמים שהוא מזכיר אותם
דחיינו , שהוא עסוק יותר מדי ועמדה הועד האמריקאי כלפי מכבי בניו-יורק . שני הדברים
האלה אינם חוצמים לדעתי את המציאות . מענין היה לקרוא את התנצלותו של מרטל לייב
בכתבו אליך אשר העמק קבלנו כאן , אולי נדע יותר פרטים לאחר שאהיה בחייה בניו-יורק.

ועכשיו ברצוני להפנות את תשומת לבך כי ועדת הסקר של המכביה השביעית בראשותו
של ה. ויין שמעה ממני גם פרטים בקשר להכניסתך בקשר לוועד האמריקאי והייתה התנגדות
כללית לבקש מהאמריקאים שישלחו פנהל כללי לישראל לנהל את המכביה השמינית . בודאי הבין
כי התעוררו סיבות שונות אך הועדה קבלה ברצון ואף מחשיבה זאת , כי הועד האמריקאי ישלח
לבו אדם או שניים מומחים בשמאים אחרים הקשורים למכביה כגון - אדמיניסטרציה, אכסון,
תחבורה , אם כי ידוע לנו היטב כי זמן רב

היטב כי זמן רב וכיחוד בשתי המכביות האחרונות התלבטנו קשות למצוא מנהל כללי, באופן ולמעשה לא היה לנו מנהל כללי. יתכן שיש משהוא בדבר זה מאחר ועצם העובדה שיהיה מנהל כללי מב מבחון שיהיה נתון להשפעת הועד האמריקאי ובדאי כתוצאה מכך יהיה גם נתון להשפעה אחרת וזה בודאי מובן לך הקשר של הועדה האמריקאית בארץ. לי נדמה כי בהגדרת תפקידים אפשר גם להתגבר על כך, אך יש להתחשב ולהתיחס להחלטת הועדה, כך שבעית המנהל הכללי לא צריכה לשמש ויכוח בארצות הברית, אלא רק ענין של מומחים יועצים.

הייתי מאד מבקש ממך למרות שאולי יש לך דעה אחרת לקבל את דעת הועדה בכדי להמנע שוב מויכוחים שאין לנו צורך בהם בכלל. אני יודע שגם רובי כתב לך בקשר לועדה האמריקאית, אך שוב אני בא להזכיר, וזאת אמרתי גם לחברי שיש צורך שגם למכביה השמינית תורכב ועדה בינלאומית פרי יוזמתך במתכונת שהייתה או אחרת, דבר שימנע מאיתנו הרבה טרדות והרבה מכשולים במכביה השמינית.

פיצויים מגרמניה

בודאי פורד מסר לך על חכן מכתביו של מר פויכטוונגר, כידוע לך בקשנו ממר פויכטוונגר להשתתף בטגישה שנקבעה ב-2 לחודש בדיסלדורף, ועם קצת רצון טוב הרי בודאי היה יכול לעשות זאת ולהמטיק את חתירה ליום אחד, כי /החשיב מאד את נוכחותו במקום. שלחנו לו גם מברק בנדון, אך לפי מכתבו האחרון לוורמס מיום 21.7.66 מסתבר שאין בדעתו להמטיק את חופשתו. מה אני יכול לעשות באם קרבן קטן כזה אי אפשר להשיג מפויכטוונגר שאני מחשיב אותו מאד. אחמול כחבתי לר"ר אטלס והעברתי אליו העתקים מהמכתבים האלה של פויכטוונגר ובקשתיו לעשות את כל המאמצים כדי להשאר בדיסלדורף לפגישה עם ראומה, אני מקוה שיעשה זאת ויש להניח שגם תורי יתקב בדיסלדורף לפגישה זו.

מצב העניינים בקשר לכך ידוע לך ואין כל ספק שהדברים הם דחופים ביותר וזה כתוצאה מהזנחה של שנים.

ביטאון מכבי עולמי מס' 1

אני פניה שכבר קיבלת את הביטאון, ואינני מחימר להיות מומחה לדבר, אך נדמה לי שהסך של 3,000.- לי ויותר מזה אשר בטאון זה עולה כולל המשלוח אינו שווה את הכסף אשר הוצע עליו. זה היה נסיון בלתי מוצלח ובדאי אהיה נגד הוצאות בטאון בסכומים כאלה אם הדבר יעשה בצורה כזאת, יש לי הרבה להאיר ובייחוד לגבי המאמרים והשמות המומחיים תחת ההמונות אך אשאיר את הדבר למומחים גדולים ממני בשעה זה, אבל שוב הדבר מוכיח שצריך לטפל בכל דבר אם כי זה נגד רוחי מאחר וחמיד נהגתי לתת סמכויות. יתכן שאני שוגה בקשר לכך ובדאי אשמה לשמוע את חוות דעתך בנדון.

כפר המכביה

למי בקשתו של מר שנייטק נפגשתי עמו מספר פעמים בקשר לעבודה יום יומית, אין כל ספק ששנייטק וגמנר עשו עבודה טובה במשך זמן קצר, אך פייר יקירי, אני חוזר ומדגיש כי אין הדבר יכול בשום פנים לפתור את בעיית הכפר בכללותה. אתה מקבל דו"חות משנייטק על הנעשה אבל מי יכול להיות אחראי כי התפוסה לקראת הבאות תהיה כזאת כפי שהיא עתה, ואף אם הדבר יהיה כך כיצד יפתרו מהחובות המעיקים כל כך. לנו יש החלטה ברורה כי עלינו להחזיר את הכפר לתקופה מסוימת ותיכתי בקוצר רוח לקבל תשובה על מכתבי האחרון אליך בקשר לענין רמקו, דבר שעדיין לא קבלתי, אני נפגש עם מר אויסטריכר, מסביר לו את המצב ומשתדל לרכך את הדברים אבל זה לא מהרוץ. אינני שותף לשום אופטימיות של משהוא שהדברים יסתדרו ויהיה טוב, ברור כי המכביה השביעית שמשה לך ולנו גם אפשרות לדעת כיצד התנהל הדבר בימי שלם, שלא הייתם מוכנים לעשות שינויים אלא אך ורק לאחר שהסברנו לכם את הדבר כי הענין יורד מהומה, יש להעריך את אומץ הלב של מרד וורמס אשר בשהותו הקצרה בארץ לאתרונה נוכח לדעת כי משפחת שלם, מלמד אינטרטיים אישיים בכפר אין להם בו דבר, המצב החדרני וחם חסבו שיעמדו על הבריכיים ויבקשו מהם להמשיך לנהל את הדבר. הזמן יראה שיש עוד הרבה דברים מאחורי השתלשלות העניינים עד כה. מובן שיש לנהל את הכל כעת בצורה טקטית על מנת להגיע לתוצאות טובות ומשביעות רצון. בנתיים אני מבקר מדי יום ביומו בכפר המכביה ומשתדל להגיש את מיטב עזרתי במידה יכולתי.

אצטדיון האכביה

בודאי קבלת בנתיים את מכתבנו אליך בקשר לביקורו של עו"ד טוניק באנגליה, אני יודע עד כמה הנך עסוק ומרוד, אבל מאחר והייתי רוצה מאד שחפשי עם מר טוניק ותשמע ממנו את כל השתלשלות העניינים, דבר שנמנע לעשותו בכתב, נהני במכתבי אליך נהני לך את כתובתו ואנא מצא אפשרות להפגש עימו, אני כשלעצמי רואה שמר טוניק מהמבא היטב עכשיו בבעיות. לפני ימים מספר נפגשנו עימו במאדנו בנוכחות בן-דוד, על מנת לנקוט בצעדים לקראת הבאות.

הסוכנות היהודית

בנתיים לא קבלנו מהם שום תשובה בקשר להקצבתם לשנה 1966/67, אני מצ"ב העתק ממכתב ששלחתי היום למר פינקוס בנדרון.

פייר יקירי, אני משתדל לעשות כמיטב יכולתי בכדי להשיג על העניינים כאן, ואשמח לשמוע ממך בהקדם.

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הוועדה הבינלאומית למען המכביה

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Confidential

Dear Shimon,

I write in reply to a letter dated July 6th received from Roby. By the time this letter reaches you he will have left Israel. For this reason I cabled you today requesting that his Itinerary, Timetable and Postal Address be Airmailed to me at once. In this manner I shall be able to keep him posted on all current events, either by direct correspondence or by means of copies. As Tory will also be away for some time you may wish to send him a copy of this letter, for this purpose, I enclose a spare one.

I.M.G.C - The correspondence with our Maccabi friends in New York is beginning to be a little tiresome. Although Henry, in his letter to Roby dated June 30th, emphasises that he is not engaging in Blackmail, I am afraid that this is exactly what he is doing without, perhaps, realising it fully. I am sorry to add that both the tone and contents of his letter illustrate a lack of experience as well as his mentality which cannot be construed as being promoted by constructive intentions. In his recent letters he also did some bluffing and it is my impression that Henry and his friends never really intended sending a Soccer Team to Brazil and would, therefore, be happy to find an excuse for not doing so. As usual the U.S. Committee is to blame. I am certainly not going to be an advocate for Haskell Cohen and his friends, nor will I defend their negative attitude towards Maccabi generally. I know them too well for that. But Henry's behaviour, Marcel's "diplomacy" and Ashkenazy's tactics have never been conducive towards fostering a better understanding with the native Americans and I fear - they never will. Henry and his friends had long and protracted correspondence and debates with Torczyner about the U.S. Maccabi Federation. They refused to co-operate or they pleaded inability to do so. They made nasty remarks about Torczyner and they have obstructed and discouraged him for the past few years. Unable to close their ranks with only three other Clubs in the United States, they now want us to

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believe that they are capable of raising the funds or setting up a National Organisation to sponsor U.S Maccabiah participation in 1969.

I know the Executive views about my negotiations with the U.S. Committee in New York. I enclose, herewith, a photocopy of Haskell Cohen's last letter to me from which you will see that Haskell is not having an easy time to convince his friends. What this is due to - is anybody's guess. Haskell does not mention a single word about the incident with the New York Maccabi Soccer Team. If what Henry reported be true then Haskell must have his own views on the subject which may not be altogether true. Nor am I certain to what extent Haskell has been kept informed by Marcel, who until recently, had his feet in both camps.

I will do my best to meet with Henry and his friends before I arrange a meeting with Haskell. I will be as kind and as accommodating as I possibly can, but even if the U.S. Committee were unwilling to come on to the I.M.G.C. Board, I am sure that they will still sponsor U.S. participation in the next Maccabiah and there will, therefore, be no need of setting up a special Committee as envisaged by Henry and his colleagues. Should Haskell notify me in due course of his Board's agreement, he will know, because I will tell him so during our first Meeting - that our only condition, for the time being, is that they must provide, at their entire expense, a Director-General for the 8th Maccabiah who will take up residence in Israel in 1967 and will stay on for at least one month after the 8th Maccabiah has ended. Whether they will get the necessary money from the State Department or from their own resources, does not bother me. But this will be my condition for admitting them to the Board of the I.M.G.C and I will say so in the name of the M.W.U Executive.

I shall be away from London until the 22nd July and I hope to leave for the United States the latest by the 7th August. Note please that my Earl Shilton Offices will close for the Summer Vacation on Friday, July 29th and will not re-open until Tuesday, August 16th. I would therefore suggest that any correspondence sent to me from today onwards be addressed to my Country Home as follows: "Hildene", Thornfield Way, Hinckley, Leicester.

Yours very sincerely,

P. Gildesgame

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CHAIRMAN.

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My dear Shimon,

I welcome your 5 page letter, dated 26th June, in which you reply to many outstanding questions which were the object of correspondence between us in recent weeks.

German Restitution. You will have seen copy of a letter from Fred Worms to Dr. Evian, of a few days ago, in which Fred commented on the photostat copies of the documents in Kroll's file. Fred discussed this matter also with me verbally. He does not share the view expressed by Loewy and his friends that the prospects are black. Evidence submitted to the German Authorities, however fairly comprehensive, having regard to the absence of any irrefutable evidence, has not, so far, caused the authorities to show that they will not pay compensation. They are simply of the opinion that, so far, the M.W.U. has not substantiated its claim as being the rightful successors and, therefore, heirs to the pre-war Maccabi Germany. As yet, Kroll has not seen the document from the K.K.L. and, ^{so far as} ~~as far as~~ I know he has not been advised that such a document is in our possession. Fred does not even blame Kroll for the failure to date. The matter has been going on for several years, without a sense of urgency, and this is why both Fred and I are of the opinion that the only positive hope open which we could reasonably rely on is the effect of the personal representations made by Daume to the West German Minister of Finance who, if he is so inclined, might consider coming to terms with us on the basis of a compromise. To achieve this, Feuchtwanger has been urged to remind Daume of his promise to see the Minister and to report. To date, we have no news from Feuchtwanger. Fred is writing to him again. The fact that Fritz Lewinson resigned from the Sub-Committee and has laid down his power of authority, of which he informed Kroll, can do no harm unless, during his forthcoming visit to Germany, Fritz might establish personal contact with Kroll and do or say something which may undermine Kroll's relations with us. Let us hope that Fritz will not go that far. After all, he is still a member of the World Executive.

We have nothing up our sleeve, for the present, to reinforce our claim, with the exception of the K.K.L. document which the German Authorities might or might not accept as circumstantial evidence that only the M.W.U. can appear as claimants for restitution. But, here again, no lawyer, however able, can convince a person in high office to take that view. Consequently, the only hope is that Daume will make the necessary representations and will succeed.

Dr. Evian is on holiday and, as he is the only man with whom Fred would like to consult as to further action, a meeting with him had, inevitably, to be postponed. But Fred hopes to be in Munich by the middle of July. He promised me

that he would see Daume, as well as Feuchtwanger, and make sure that some immediate action will be taken with the Minister unless, in the meantime, a meeting already took place. According to the outcome of such representations, we can then decide what to do about Kroll and also as to what compensation, if any, we are to offer him for his services rendered to date. To precipitate action with Kroll would, therefore, be inadvisable and, consequently, there would be no point in asking Kevehazi to fly to Berlin.

In view of what I have said in the preceding paragraphs, I see no purpose at all in a top-ranking delegation proceeding to Munich next August, or towards the end of July, consisting of Atlasz, Tory, Fred, Kevehazi and myself. You must exclude me from any such delegation because, as you already know, I have not set foot on German soil since 1938 and I don't intend doing so now, regardless of the ultimate purpose which this might serve. Fred and Kevehazi are quite able to represent our interests, in accordance with such decisions as will be taken jointly with yourself, Tory and Atlasz.

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S. Caspy.
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26th June 1966

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

SC/TW/1377-66

My dear Pierre,

I know that you are anxiously awaiting my reply to your letter to me of June 2nd, but as I am aware of all the correspondence between yourself, Robby and Tony concerning all matters of interest I refrained from writing until now. There is no point in duplicating letters from here to you. At present I need your guidance and advice on several matters to be raised and I would therefore ask you to please reply to me at the earliest possible in order that I should know how to handle these matters which are subject to your approval too.

German Restitutions: As you may know Fritz Lewinson has resigned from the committee and sent a letter to the executive, to this effect, copy of which was also sent to Mr. Kroll. I trust that Robby will write you more particulars about this, but there are some questions to be decided upon and until I receive your guidance I refrain from making any decisions which I think are very important under the circumstances. Firstly, until now we haven't received the photocopies of our file which our German friends promised to send to us when we discussed the matter in London. After our file in our office was nearly completed, about which Robby has already written to you, it doesn't seem that we have had any very important material from our friends in Germany and which they are to obtain from the Court. You already know how the Restitutions have been handled. The question now is what to do in the near future. I am not of the opinion that our German Maccabi friends are doing or will do something to minimize our claim so that they themselves can appear as the plaintiffs. Actually the papers produced in the file show that the official in the German government authority, Mrs. Bordenstein, mentioned that according to the documents received she doesn't see that we are the legal heirs of Maccabi Germany. Things like this may

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go on for years and at some time we will have to see exactly who is to be blamed for the delay of this matter for so long and with such bitter results till now. I have had a discussion with Robby and Tory, as I do every week, and there is a conclusive proposal now to push this matter and to know, once and for all, whether we will obtain some money or if the whole thing is only an illusion.

As you know Robby leaves Israel for his vacation on July 15th. Tory has been appointed a delegate, by his political party, to the World Jewish Congress to be held in Brussels, but this doesn't mean that they will pay his fare (I will refer to the World Jewish Congress later) and there may be a possibility, subject to your approval, that Atlasz, Tory, Fred Worms, Kevahazi and especially yourself to meet together in Munich a few days before the Congress in order to settle two matters:

1. To see what can be done to get the file from Kroll and to hand it over to another lawyer.
2. To settle finally with our German Maccabi friends as to what percentage they will get after we get something from this claim, certainly not more than we were prepared to give them when we met in London.
3. To decide once and for all if there are any other steps which ought to be taken to put this matter to an end.

This meeting in Munich will certainly be vested to arrange things immediately and as Fred Worms is now the co-ordinator of this subject, he will have to do it, subject to your approval, and it must also be assured that Mr. Feuchtwanger will also be present. With you as the Chairman and all others present I have no doubts that the matter can be settled finally and properly. I don't see, dear Pierre, that any other way will be found after so many years of correspondence and therefore your advice and guidance are eagerly and urgently awaited.

World Jewish Congress: As above mentioned, Tory has been delegated by his political party to attend. We know exactly your view about this Organisation and the gathering in Brussels and we are aware that you have been invited, and have accepted, to be an observer there. We here think that there is an opportunity for us to be members of this organisation and with you, Fred and Tory all there, surely something can be done. I am aware of the aims and objects of this organisation but there are some rumours that they may get large sums of money for youth education. Robby told me that he well remembers that we took part in this organisation in 1932 and that since then we haven't done anything much in the matter. Perhaps it was not worth it. We certainly won't do anything in connection with our affiliation to the World Jewish Congress unless you agree to it and if you think it over now you will realize that it is worth doing something in this matter, but the proposal is to combine the above mentioned meeting for Restitutions with this matter and so we will have to send Tory to the meeting in Munich, which Robby will certainly also attend, and you can then discuss all other matters in connection with our appearance at the World Jewish Congress. Therefore please treat this matter as urgent too and advise us post haste.

Dear Pierre, I want you to understand that there may be some misunderstandings on views between us and our friends abroad but I never try to over-rule your mind and guidance.

Jewish Agency: I met Mr. Pincus in Tel Aviv and gave him regards from you. He was not very happy as now they are going to cut their budget and to fire many of their staff, which should have been done long ago. There is much duplication of work in the government and the Agency, but you know that always the first cut in the budget hits institutions like ours. I explained to Pincus that we are now expanding our Movement and our budget is growing daily and that we are doing a lot of work for the

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Jewish Agency, but as I told you before he was in a very bad mood and his reply was that we will wait and see. Meanwhile, in my absence a letter was received in the office, photocopy enclosed herewith. I don't know if Pincus replied to your letter to him, but in order not to be left standing bare don't you think it would be necessary (although I know that it is not very pleasant for you to write to Pincus again) to write again to him and ensure at least that if there won't be an increase on the £15,000 there won't be a reduction of it under the circumstances now prevailing in the Jewish Agency. I have seen a decision, which has been mentioned in Fred Worms' summary and I am not sure that I would have liked this decision to have been drafted by you and I, but decisions never reach the aim and so, dear Pierre, if you agree with me it won't be too difficult for you to write to Pincus in connection with the allocation from the "special allocations" for our Movement. It is now the end of June and I haven't had any definite reply as to what this allocation will amount to.

Gurewitz: Unfortunately he is not feeling well and sometimes he is on leave and other times he is at home and when he is in his office he is so busy that it is difficult to talk to him. Last Friday and again today I spoke to him, calling his attention to a letter received from the General Accountant (Hachashav Hachalalee), copy of which is enclosed herewith. Mr. Gurewitz promised me that by the end of this month he would have more time to deal with all these matters and especially with his obligation to the 7th Maccabiah which is still not settled. Today he agreed that I should draft a letter to the General Accountant and before sending it to show it to him. I will do this and will send you a copy, if he agrees to it. You may be sure that I do my utmost, but things don't depend on me and if I were to do something that Gurewitz did not like and without his consent then this would do more harm than good. I must be very patient and visit his office frequently and get his approval on any further steps in this matter.

I.M.G.C. Regarding a Memorandum sent by Fred Worms to the Jewish Chronicle. I see from this that he mentioned that a Resolution was taken at the Conference to continue with the I.M.G.C. and the U.S. Committee. May I call your attention to the fact that no such decision was taken and it was left for your decision when you are in New York. It was also not mentioned in the official minutes of the European Conference and I mentioned to Fred that the European Conference had nothing to do with it and that it was a matter of policy for the M.W. Executive, to which he agreed. I know that you are going to meet Haskell Cohen in New York and I am sure that you will conduct this delicate matter in a proper way and get the best possible resolution out of it. I mentioned this in a meeting of the Maccabiah Committee very briefly and although our friends in this committee objected that a general manager for the 8th Maccabiah be sent from abroad, all agreed that experts are needed and wanted and your view of this matter to ask the U.S. Committee to send such experts to the 8th Maccabiah stands. We here will not do anything until we hear from you on your talks with the U.S. Committee in New York. There is no point in duplicating matters, although we do have information concerning a basketball player, Tal Brody, who was advised by Haskell to join Hapoel and not Maccabi. Noah Klieger will write you more about this.

I have seen copy of the letter sent to you from Marcel Loeb in connection with a Maccabi in the U.S.A. and I fully agree with your answer to him but I am not prepared to write to him too, which would only be a duplication as I have the same views. Nevertheless I did ask Robby that when he writes to Loeb in the spirit of your letter to also mention that he has discussed it with me and that we share the same opinions. I would only like to mention, dear Pierre, that there is something in Marcel Loeb's proposition, but it is premature and we don't have on whom to rely to establish such a federation. It may be all very well on paper, but I can't understand how Loeb came to visualize Lovell as a Maccabi leader in New York, knowing his position

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in the U.S. Committee. The whole thing appears stupid to me. We certainly shouldn't do anything to obstruct the work of the U.S. Committee until such a time will come and I really don't know when this will be. You will certainly have the opportunity to see Marcel Doeb and I think that it would be worth seeing him or calling him as we should have more information about what the U.S. Committee is doing and intends doing. Marcel told me that he was very offended by your attitude, but he forgot that in order to be a representative member of the Maccabi World Movement he should do more for the Movement than give information and advice. If he really wants to do something then he can help Maccabi in New York and I am sure that you can handle this delicate matter, as you always do so well, in order to not isolate Marcel altogether.

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2nd June, 1966.

Mr. Shimon Caspy,
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My dear Shimon,

Thank you for your letter of 22nd May and also for copy of your letter to Fred Worms.

Jewish Agency - Mr. Pincus. You were going to let me know whether you wish me to write to Mr. Pincus ~~letting him~~ have the text of the resolution passed at the European Conference in London. I shall await your guidance in this matter. As you know, I have written to him a few weeks ago, at your request, to which Mr. Pincus has not replied. I do not wish to write to him again - unless I have to, because I do not believe in inflicting myself upon Mr. Pincus, Chairman and Sub-Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, if he proposes ignoring our representations and requests.

Gershon Gurewitz. I await your further report, - after you have seen him again.

I.M.G.C. In all probability I shall fly to Sao Paulo via New York and, subject to no unforeseen difficulties, I propose leaving London at the end of the first week in August. As soon as I hear from you as to what the Executive's view is concerning the I.M.G.C., I will write to Haskell Cohen and advise him of the approximate day of my arrival in New York, and will ask him whether it would be possible for me to meet his Executive Board. The month of August is rather a bad time for such and similar meetings because practically everyone is away on vacation. Nevertheless, there is no harm in trying. If Haskell should write and tell me that a meeting cannot be arranged, I will then write to him outlining my proposal so that he can consider this matter with his Board during the month of June or early July, and thus let me have his answer without there being any need for a meeting to be held. This is why I would like the Executive's views to reach me soonest. (X)

Already, at this early stage, the Americans do not wish to become involved again with a commitment with El-Al and, considering past history, I can well understand their objection. This need not, however, discourage us from sounding El-Al in the course of a tentative approach, which you can initiate immediately. Even if the Americans were to send their team again to Israel, they will undoubtedly use El-Al and will get the maximum benefit out of it for themselves. This, however, need not deter us because, even on this last occasion, the Americans got extraordinary concessions from El-Al and we still enjoyed marginal benefits. It is all a matter of how we are going to negotiate a deal and even if, in the first approach we can still say to El-Al that the Americans, like most other countries, will be asked to use El-Al Airlines although, in the case of the U.S.A., we will allow them to negotiate independently. By instituting this action, you may already be able to obtain some concessions from El-Al in connection with the Congress being held in Mexico in 1968 - a year before the 8th Maccabiah. El-Al would have to be

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 I disagree with all his proposals.

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Your visit to London has proved most useful for it gave us all an opportunity for an exchange of views on a variety of problems with which you are better acquainted now than you have been heretofore. It was a pleasure to extend to you and to your son some hospitality, and it was only natural that all of us have enjoyed your company.

German Restitution. I was surprised when reading the text of the cable which Atlasz sent to Dr. Evian. I have now learned that this was done at your suggestion. In my considered opinion, this was quite unnecessary and, if anything, it may lead to confusion. An important stage is now being reached in the prosecution of this case, ever since we have met the 4 German Maccabi delegates to London. We have decided on procedure, and I thought that you have satisfied yourself from the discussions which you attended, that Fred Worms has a very good grasp of the problem and, if allowed to pursue the matter with Dr. Evian and Daume, as well as with Kroll, he would undoubtedly produce the desired results. So far, the photostat copies of the file have not been received yet because Evian's clerk had to postpone his departure for Berlin for a little while. All other action could be co-ordinated by Fred, especially as you and your colleagues would also receive a copy of the files, from which you could draw a conclusion as to whether or not Kroll acted in our best interests. Dr. Evian, and particularly so Mr. Daume, must never be given the impression that members of the Executive residing in London and Israel are competing with one another in an attempt to score final victory. You will also remember that we have decided, at the meeting at Schalit's house that Michael Kevehazi would, at an opportune moment, fly to Berlin to talk matters over with Kroll, with a view to settling matters with him, should we decide on such action. In other words, all further action, and until further notice, was to be co-ordinated in London and entrusted to Fred Worms who would not take any decision or embark on any action without prior consultation with Tel-Aviv, as well as with his colleagues in London. I would, therefore, ask you and Roby to abstain, for the time being, from conducting any further correspondence with either Daume or Evian and to await further developments. After all, even Dr. Evian must know to whom he has to write offering advice and guidance on further action and I would, therefore, suggest that, as soon as you receive this letter, a communication be addressed to Dr. Evian, as well as to Walter Feuchtwanger, informing them that, in order to avoid duplication of effort, all further correspondence on the subject of the Restitution be addressed to Fred Worms and that they will be advised should any change in this procedure be made.

My advice in this matter was offered to Fred Worms about a week ago but he preferred me to write to you on the subject. Meanwhile, I received a letter from Tory, contents of which shook me, and which only go to substantiate even further my considered opinion that the prosecution of this case for the restitution should be centred in one person fully authorised by the Executive, or else we will get into trouble. I refer to a report received this morning from Tory, according to which Lewinson, despite his previous promises, and notwithstanding an Executive decision, carries on correspondence with Mr. Kroll, and which may prove fatal. I am sending to Fred a copy of Tory's letter and I sincerely hope that he will not hesitate to write to Lewinson utterly disapproving of his

unilateral action and which is contrary to all principles of elected solidarity. //

I shall be writing to Tory separately. ✓

Maccabi Aims and Objects. I gave the matter a great deal of thought and will continue to do so. The difficulty that I anticipate is that in some countries we are not allowed to spell out the basic principles of our ideology (such as our adherence to Zionism, our duty to encourage Aliyah, etc.) Whilst in other countries we dare not mention our desire to foster the Jewish national and religious traditions as, by so doing, we would be scheduled as a denominational organisation. As I always insist upon being true to myself and my principles, I dislike "watering down" Maccabi's aims and objects upon whose tradition I was brought up, but I realise that, somehow, a charter universally acceptable will have to be conceived and put into written form, or else we shall completely lose the sense of purpose in the Movement.

With kind regards to you and to your wife and awaiting your further news,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

לכבוד
מר גרשון גורביץ
רח' פרץ חיות 34
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מר גורביץ היקר,

זה זמן מה שלא כתבתי אליך ישירות, אם כי אני מקבל מדי פעם בפעם דו"חות על הפגישות שלך עם כספי, ואני שמח מאד כי הנך ער לבעיות של התנועה העולמית וביחוד לעניינים הכספיים שקיבלת על עצמך בענייני המכביה השביעית כיו"ר הוועדה הכספית שלה.

אין לי כל ספק כי תעשה את מיטב יכולתך בנדון וכי בעתיד, כבעבר נמצא בך ידיד וחבר טוב לרעיון המשותף של תנועת המכבי בעולם אשר מטרחה החשובה ביותר היא חינוך הנוער היהודי.

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פ. גילרסגיים

31st March 1966

SC/TW/1244-66

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
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Dear Pierre,

Just a few hasty lines before leaving.
This morning we received a letter from Mr. Pincus' office, photocopy enclosed and which is self-explanatory. It seems to me, dear Pierre, that we won't get a bigger allocation for 1966/67, but you have to write directly to Pincus in Jerusalem, with a copy to us in Tel Aviv, in a manner that you think fit, in order to increase the allocation for the current year. I must remind you that the allocation for 1965/66 was IL.15,000 and I think it very important that you write immediately and therefore my hurried letter to you.

Enclosed you will find a letter addressed to Mr. Gurewitz, in Hebrew, which I ask you kindly to sign and send directly to him from London. It is not necessary to send a letter to his son-in-law. I will be able to explain it all to you when I see you. The same goes for the other investments which we have made, linked to the cost-of-living index (50%) and to the U.S. Dollar (50%).

I trust that all is well with you and wish you once again good health and Chag Sameach.

Yours sincerely,

S. Caspy.
Honorary Treasurer.

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29th March 1966

SC/TW/1238-66

Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
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Dear Pierre,

I refer to your last letter to me and I am now in a position to answer you. This I do without delay as I intend going abroad very soon for a few weeks and I would like to tell you the exact position.

Maccabiah Village: Although I was, and still am, of the opinion that we don't owe them any more money, I took your advice and handed over to Dr. Lifschitz another IL.20,000 and it was agreed between him and myself that the accounts of the Maccabiah Village will be dealt with after his return to Israel, which will be at the end of May. I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of a letter sent by Dr. Lifschitz, which is self-explanatory. I am fully aware of the correspondence between yourself, Dr. Atlas and Terry, concerning the financial situation of the Village and I am not going to repeat what has been discussed in the M.W.U. sub-committee. My humble submission is that we have done something, but this doesn't mean that any debts have been settled till now. I am not surprised that Shalem is making claims to you. You may only recall, dear Pierre, that premises such as an hotel don't cover interest and expenses when they are not worthwhile keeping. This doesn't mean that I intend to waive our rights in the Village, but I warn you again that if the Management of the Village is not handled properly and if the Board of Directors cannot see their aims and objects clearly and do something about the financial problems, then any solution will only be a temporary one and the problems will certainly rise again and again. I quite agree with you, and it was my contention too, that the matter of Rasco should have been settled long ago. How many decisions

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were taken to sell 10 or 15 dunams of land? You will certainly remember that this was a long time ago and nobody can be excused for not executing this decision, which would have saved a lot of money in accumulative interest. The longer the matter is dragged on, the more involved it becomes. I am quite aware of the fact that you receive letters from Mrs. Rivka Rabinovitch and it seems to me that you are very appreciative of this source of information which, in my opinion, is misleading with the intention of causing intrigues by writing minutes of meetings and putting in words which people never uttered. This has actually happened and when I met Dr. Lifschitz, before his departure, he explained to me that he never said, at the meeting, that I have no belief in the Board of Directors. I did say that I don't believe the Maccabiah Village accounts and I still don't and I can prove this at any time. This is the opinion of Dr. Lifschitz and of others too. The same goes for the wording of Rivkah Netanel, which Mrs. Rabinovitch wrote in the minutes of the said meeting. Nevertheless you can rest assured that I can handle this matter, because such papers as she sends to you and also spread over this country and certainly don't make the best of impressions for the M.W.U. or its members, who make so many efforts to solve problems and not cause intrigues. If you rely on such minutes then you are certainly being mislead.

Yesterday I saw Mr. Gurewitz, who had just returned from a meeting with Mr. Sapir, at which Mr. Krinitzi was also present, where he dealt with the problem of the demand from the Land Authority. Mr. Gurewitz told me that he is very pessimistic about this matter, taking into consideration the time which has been spent in negotiations, even if they have been fruitful, then the interest is much higher than the equivalent of 5 dunams. We are having a meeting of the sub-committee tonight, before my departure, and I will try my best to convince my colleagues to settle this matter once and for all.

Jewish Agency: You are certainly aware of the correspondence between ourselves and Mr. Dobkin and Mr. Pincus. You already know Mr. Dobkin's answer to us and so we have to count on the same allocation as last year and we don't yet know what the allocation from Pincus will be. I have asked Shlomo, who works with me, to inform me at the earliest minute possible and if I have any news then I will immediately write to you, even from New York.

Additional Government Allocations: As I have already mentioned, Mr. Gurewitz met with Sapir and he was provided by me with all the necessary documents concerning the government demand for the deduction of certain debt from the 5th Maccabiah, about which I have already written you. Gurewitz told me that he hopes that the Minister will do something about this and we will have a clear answer in the next few days. You see, dear Pierre, we could get now about IL.20,000 and most of the balance would have to go to settle the said 5th Maccabiah debt. I had to consult and take advice on this from Mr. Gurewitz and in my conversation with him I again repeated that we have to find a solution as soon as possible, because the end of March is the end of the financial year and I stressed this to Gurewitz and asked him to remind Sapir about this and for him to order the Minister of Education to hold this allocation with them until the end of April as I hope by then that the matter will be cleared up.

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German Restitutions: As Hanak has already mentioned to you, we have received a letter from Daume, copy of which I enclose herewith and which is self-explanatory. I called Robby's attention to the fact that we have to make some settlement to Maccabi Germany and not to wait until we have a negative decision given against us. Robby quite agrees with me and I even intended to go to New York via Munich, but it seems to me that our people are not there, on the spot, and so I may have the opportunity to do this on my return from New York. I am of the opinion that enough time has elapsed and I think that any argument saying that we made the claim because Maccabi Germany did not exist at the time is a good one and so we must make Maccabi Germany our co-plaintiffs after they and we settle as to how to share the results. To withdraw our claim now is not advisable. It is much better to stand on our claim and to give our consent to be co-plaintiffs with them than to start a new one. God knows how long it will take for a new claim to be recognised and when it will work out. It is a pity that I am not here to discuss this matter with Freddy Worms. I was supposed to leave at the beginning of this week, but due to information that Fred would be here at the end of this month I was asked by Dr. Atlasz to postpone my departure and instead of going by group flight I have to go with a regular flight. We sent a cable to Freddy Worms, but only yesterday received an answer from him that he will be here on April 4th and I am afraid that I can't change my flight again. I will try, but I am almost sure that it is impossible.

As it was decided that I will represent the Executive here at the European Conference in London, I have arranged with my colleagues here that if there is any necessity then I will be able to leave New York before the end of April and be in Germany and from there go on to London. I have specially asked Robby not to rush me about as I must have at least a little rest after the tremendous amount of work that I have done and of which you are certainly aware.

I am very glad to hear that you are feeling a little better now and I would like to hear that you will soon be fully recovered and back to your usual good health. I would very much appreciate hearing from you, should you wish to write to me to New York, and any communications can be sent to me to the following address:

C/o KRAMER
350 WEST - 24th STREET
(APT. 10-A)
NEW YORK 11.

It will certainly be a pleasure for me to hear from you.

My very best regards to you and to your dear wife and I wish you both a very pleasant Pesach holiday. I am looking forward to seeing you and I will write either to you or to Fred from New York about reservations and the time of my arrival in London.

Yours very sincerely,

S. Caspy.
Honorary Treasurer.

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10th March, 1966.

My dear Avraham, I have already commented on the representations made to Mr. Moshe Kol. I have now seen a memorandum submitted to him and counter-signed by Lipschitz and yourself. It certainly records some salient facts, I still have my ideas as to whether any representations made by Mr. Kol, either to the Land Administration or to the Minister of Finance, will produce the desired effect. I fear that you and other colleagues of ours may place too much reliance upon Mr. Kol's intervention, thus lulling yourself into a sense of security, until such time as Mr. Kol's representations have produced the results aimed at. Assuming that Moshe Kol has scored a victory on all points, this is not going to solve the future of the Village, nor its immediate financial difficulties, which are comprised of:

(a) Our debt to Rasco, which can only be wiped out, providing we agree to sell and they agree to purchase 15 dunams of land, or less, in return for which they will absolve us of all indebtedness, including compound interest to date.

(b) Our debt to the Government, which bears an annual interest, and which will have to be repaid in instalments, even if it were to be reduced to £699,000 and even if on the aforementioned amount, the Government will not charge interest during the period of 12 months.

(c) The administrative management of the Maccabiah Village, and the control of expenditure and income.

Management of the Village. We must separate the administration of the Village. Whilst it is advisable to deal with each problem separately, we must not lose sight of the fact that they are inter-related. It is some of you are now looking at present in charge of management, and you are already touching upon it. You are working on finding a surer solution and this I much appreciate. But I think it necessary to issue a warning again that we must resort to more than one alternative and the one upon which you rely at present, namely, Mr. Kol's representations which may be the one which hold least promise of success.

We have stated repeatedly that the Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village must make a decision in principle, according to which it is authorised to negotiate for the sale of 30 dunams of land, to reduce General Shamir's demand for a portion of land to a minimum, to negotiate with Rasco in such playing for time, but he may also have a just reason to suspect that the Board of Directors would play for time because they have, so far, done nothing to re-negotiate with him a service agreement. If Salem were to resign at this critical time, the prospects of any income to balance even partly the heavy overheads, will be bleak indeed. It may result in the Village having to be

closed down and the entire staff dismissed. Once this happens, there will be no salvation for the Village. Neither the Minister of Finance, nor the Land Authority, and certainly not Rasco, will wish to enter into any negotiations with anyone representing a business that is dead, and no longer exists. Rumours spread very fast in Israel, and I hope to goodness that you will do everything within your power to stop such rumours from spreading, and that you will prevail upon your colleagues, at least to go through the motions of negotiating even a service agreement with Salem, if only for the purpose of sounding him as to whether he is prepared to carry on - no matter what the terms are to be ultimately.

World Congress. I have no idea when Mr. Krumholz will be in London, as I have had no answer, either from him or from Yasinovsky. In a recent letter to Atlas, I suggested that a cable be sent to Krumholz urging him to reply to the last letter on the subject of the Congress. This should have been done some time ago, and if it has not, let it be done forthwith.

World Jewish Congress. Forgive me for drawing your attention to the fact that you are not consistent in your views and approach to the problem of affiliation to this body, whom I describe as semi-political, and which engages in nothing but political activities. You state that the World Confederation of the General Zionists, the World Union of Public Zion, and others are members of the W.J.C. This proves my case amply. We are a non-political Youth Organisation, and we have had enough trouble in the past, as we still have now, denying to certain Government and Educational authorities that, because we happen to include in our Constitution a clause which spells out our relationship to non-political Zionism, we are branded as an organisation committed to a political idea (Zionists).

Besides, see the enclosed photostat copy of a letter which has just been received from Dr. Goldman, which confirms that our attendance at the Convention in Brussels is only required in the capacity of observers. There is nothing to be gained by becoming affiliated to the W.J.C., either in a material or ideological sense. They are always short of money and, only last week, I have attended a private meeting of the Advisory Council of the European Executive of the W.J.C. at Lord Sieff's house, during which I have been "soaked" and had to commit myself to a further contribution of £500. So did many others.

World Zionist Organisation. Any Maccabi leader outside Israel will tell you that it is highly undesirable for the M.W.U. to apply for, let alone obtain, affiliation to the aforementioned organisation. Here again, we must be a little more practical and less sophisticated. Affiliation to the W.Z.O. would only add to the criticism already being levelled at us that we are not non-political. Materially, we will gain nothing more than what we already gained by having been recognised by the Youth Department of the Jewish Agency. So, please, leave this matter at that.

I had no opportunity to meet with Mr. Pincus during his recent flying visit to London, but Barzilay, who has just left for Israel, will confirm to you that I insisted upon Mr. Pincus being informed that I have pledged £11,000 towards the Joint Palestine Appeal, during a banquet at which Mr. Pincus was Guest of Honour. I refused to have my pledge announced to the gathering, for obvious reasons. My pledge is to be redeemed over a period of years, but it is the largest commitment I have ever entered into for this particular cause, merely because I wanted to "buy" Mr. Pincus's favourable attitude towards the M.W.U.

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Please reply to : Earl Shilton,
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Mr. Shimon Caspy,
38a, Rashi St.,
Tel-Aviv.

9th March, 1966.

Dear Shimon,

I thank you for your letter of 2nd March,
 which I assure you I have read with utmost interest.

You should not be surprised if I often ask you
 to write to me fully on various subjects with which I know you
 are dealing personally. Your letters and explanations are
 always clear and lucid, and invariably to the point, especially as they deal with
 financial and business matters which the Executive and I entrust you with.

Maccabiah Village. The reasons for saying that I thought my immediate trip
 to Israel "unnecessary" were fully explained in a letter to Roby, of which you
 have received a copy. I repeat that certain decisions have been made by the
 Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village which met with everyone's approval,
 but which have not been implemented. It is my considered view that, if they
 were implemented, the present crisis could have been avoided, or it would
 certainly not appear in the acute form which it does. My presence, at this time,
 would not help solve any of the problems which were within the authority of the
 Board of Directors. I hold the view, however, and I am glad that you and the
 Executive have concurred, that, at this critical time in the fate of the Maccabiah
 Village we, the M.W.U. Executive, should consider it our duty to step in and
 give what help and advice we can, having regard to the fact that the Maccabiah
 Village is our greatest material asset and a very important and valuable investment.
 As you are now a member of the Sub-Committee, I am sure that ways and means
 will be found, designed to foster closer co-operation with those directors of
 the Maccabiah Village who are genuinely and actively engaged in the solution
 of the problems and, by so doing, they will also recognise your business acumen
 which will benefit the Village in the long-run.

I have already commented, when writing to Tory recently, on the representations
 made to Mr. Moshe Kol. I hope that no-one, and that goes for you too, attaches
 too much hope to the ultimate outcome of Mr. Kol's representations. I hope
 and pray that I shall prove to be wrong.

You and others consider Salem not to be the best choice as General Manager
 of the Maccabiah Village. If you could offer an alternative, and if satisfied of
 better results, I would feel inclined to join you in any action designed for a
 radical change of the management. *See my comments on this subject in my
 letter to Tory.*

I have a feeling that, by co-operating with Dr. Lipsthitz and Ellern, you will
 find a solution ^{not} of a temporary nature but on a long-term basis. We must wipe

out our debt to Rassco, and with it the liability to interest at 11% per annum; we must spare no efforts to prevail upon the Government to forfeit the £400,000 added to our debt, consequent upon the devaluation, and ways and means must be found to increase the income by promoting a higher occupancy during the tourist season. However, economies must be equally necessary, especially as regards any members of the staff whose salary is out of all proportion to the value of their services.

I see that you are tackling the Rassco problem in the right way by endeavouring to establish with Mr. Estreicher the right amount of money due. I only wish to express the hope that, whatever is done, for the time being, is being done in the name and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Maccabiah Village as, otherwise, confusion might arise in the minds of Rassco and others, who may labour under the impression that some nameless financier has emerged, and who is willing to put up a large amount of money to settle our debts at a few shillings in the pound...

Fred Worms, who is fully informed about the situation, and who continues to receive copies of all incoming letters, as well as cables and copies of my replies, will be in Israel by the end of the month, and will be available for consultations. His approach is, perhaps, a little more radical than mine, inasmuch as he seeks to find a quick solution, no matter what sacrifice this may involve. The greatest sacrifice we are willing to make is to part with 30 dunams of land, providing that, by so doing, we will have wiped off the bulk of all our outstanding debts to whomsoever. If this could be brought about, we will all be in a happier frame of mind and, therefore, capable of thinking in more constructive terms as to how to run the affairs of the Village in future. Anyone opposing this solution, according to Susayeff's scheme, must be prepared to offer an equally good or better alternative aimed at the same outcome, namely, to write off all debts and the re-construction of the Village on a commercial basis.

I hope you did not misunderstand the advice I offered you, some time ago, as regards the M. W. U. investing in further shares in the Maccabiah Village. I said that, on the understanding that we can afford to part with some money, and that by investing in the Village we have a greater stake in its assets, ultimately placing us in a position of undeniable control. Nothing was farther from my mind than to suggest that we dispense with the new offices which you have recently purchased, that we should cut the budget for essential administrative purposes, or that we should curtail the activities of the Youth Department. I am sure that there is no need for me to enlarge on this point, for you understand me very well.

El-Al. Glad to hear that you have now settled for £83,000. I was actually hoping for more, but I am sure that you have got the best of the bargain.

Gurewitz. Please have a letter typed in Hebrew for my signature. If drafted by you, I will sign it and airmail it at once. I remember Gurewitz telling me that, when he receives a letter in English, he either puts it aside, or passes it on to Friedman for attention. On occasions, he hands it over to his son-in-law (who, by the way, promised me a copy of the film which he made of the Maccabiah, and which I have not received yet). The best plan, therefore, is to write to Gurewitz in Hebrew, so as to give him no excuse for not reading it. Please address the letter to his home, and not to his office. If you think it desirable, let me have also a carbon copy of that letter, which I will send to his son-in-law. In both instances, please let me have addressed envelopes.

Additional Government allocation. My knowledge of Hebrew is more than adequate and I, therefore, read all copy letters received from you, and understand them well. Besides, your written Hebrew is so clear and lucid, free from technical terminology, that I never have any difficulty in perusing and understanding them. If I do not deliver speeches in Hebrew freely, I do so because I am aware that I am not sufficiently fluent to enable me to deliver a speech in public. This is why I have all my speeches typed beforehand.

German Restitution. I enclose herewith copies of two letters, one to Worms and one to Feuchtwanger. Both are earmarked confidential and are self-explanatory.

My dear Shimon, I wish to conclude my letter to you by thanking you, once again, for your very helpful and friendly co-operation. I know that, on occasions, you undertook tasks reluctantly, but only to oblige me. You will remember, I hope, that I often undertook tasks, at your request, and did so without questioning the motives or purposes. You and I wish to see the M. W. U. put on a proper financial footing. We cannot, therefore, afford to be generous without counting our pennies and considering every commitment upon which we are about to enter. Our co-operation, going back some years, has really put us in a liquid position, and I would be the last man in the world to advise you in any manner which would deprive us of that very important advantage. But there are times when I look upon problems from a different angle, and it is on such occasions that I plead with you to give way to me, in the same way as I often give way to you. In all instances, results prove gratifying. And so, let's carry on the good work in a spirit of mutual confidence and co-operation.

£9,000. I am making enquiries to trace the amounts and dates of the remittances between the years 1953 and 1957 and will let you know, in due course, how successful I have been.

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

2nd March 1966

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Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

Dear Pierre,

I refer herein to several of your letters addressed to me. I am now in a position to give you certain answers to your requests.

I was of the opinion that you should come to Israel, for a few days, to iron out things with the Maccabiah Village. I discussed this matter several times with Dr. Atlasz and so we came to send you the cable. I was certainly very surprised to see your reply saying that your presence in Israel was impossible, but I fail to understand why you also think it unnecessary, as mentioned in your cable. If your presence here is impossible for health reason then I am very sorry about this and can understand it from your letter of February 24th, which I received today, but "unnecessary" is something far removed from solving the problem of the Maccabiah Village. I quite agree with you that this is no time for recriminations but before I express my own opinion in this matter, I must remind you that years ago I, several times, called your own and Mr. Worms' attention to the fact that the financial problem in the Village will one day come to a head and explode. This was not due to the fact that I am particularly clever or understand financial problems more than you do, but actually from seeing, from time to time, how the Village is handled, but you, dear Pierre, always replied to me "don't worry, everything will be settled in a good way".

As the Honorary Treasurer of the M.W.U., I was always prepared to discuss things with Roby whenever he asked me to do so, but you must certainly believe me

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as I believe you that it is quite impossible for me to take upon myself any more tasks in the M.W.U. I called Roby's attention to his letter to you of February 18th, in which he mentions "Caspy is more than reluctant to enter into this venture without having the authority, not being a member of the Board of Directors." I don't know what made Roby write this when he knows that I am not prepared to be a member of the Board of Directors, but only to assist as far as is possible and not to involve myself in the daily work of the problems which arose in the last year. I therefore refused, categorically, to be a member of a M.W.U. sub-committee dealing with the Village problems, but my colleagues pressed upon me to accept such a nomination, which is certainly bad for me being involved as I was in the 7th Maccabiah last year I had to give my partners and employees leave and so the burden of the business is on my shoulders. The work concerning Maccabi matters takes me several hours a day and I don't think it wise to kill myself. After all I have a responsibility to my family. I received a letter from our President, Mr. Heth, which is enclosed herewith, and after receiving yours from February 24th and upon the request of Roby, I had no alternative but to deal also with the sub-committee. Nevertheless, I want to make it clear to you and to everyone that there was no move from me, as you say in your letter of the 24th February, "to enable you to join the Board forthwith and thus to act in a dual capacity".

Now let me tell you what we have done until now. A meeting was held with the Minister, Mr. Moshe Kol, of which you are aware from a letter to you from Mr. Tory. We had several conversations as to what our requests to Mr. Kol should be. I, myself, didn't participate at this meeting. You will certainly get a copy of the Memorandum which is to be sent to Mr. Kol in connection with the meeting. Concerning the alleged debts of the 7th Maccabiah to the Village, Roby has already written to you and I understand that you have a copy of the minutes of a meeting between us, Dr. Lifschitz, Ellern and others. I can only affirm to you once again that we have paid all that we had to pay, but I personally met with Dr. Lifschitz and explained the matter to him again that we are not prepared to pay amount claimed under false pretences, owing to the fact that any money which will be paid, if paid, ex-gratia 1) a part of it will go to Mr. Shalem, in which we are not interested. 2) such sums will certainly not solve the financial problem of the Village.

According to your advice I suggested to Dr. Lifschitz that I would be prepared to move the executive to help in settling the debt to Rasco, after I check their account, which is also exaggerated, and thereby retrieve from Rasco the Holding Company and for this amount to get more shares in the Village. Do you really think, dear Pierre, that by giving some money, which means emptying our coffers, we will settle the problems of the Village? On the contrary, this will only be an injection for another few days and then we won't have any money and neither will they and how can the executive work without money? Who will take care of that? You know that we have now bought new premises and we have to furnish them. Our budget is increasing and you are certainly aware of the sources of our income.

At yesterday's meeting of the sub-committee, in which Roby, Tory, Ben Dror and I took part, we came to the following conclusions:

1. The Memorandum to Mr. Kol has to be handed over to him not later than the end of this week.
2. We must meet with Mr. Estreicher from Rasco to iron out the amount due to them.

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3. There is no further possibility that the Board of Directors should also run the Hotel in the Village. No one of them has any experience how to do this. The Salem family are dealing with the Village in any way that they want. It was a mistake, from long ago, that there wasn't a capable man who understood matters and who could check on Salem in his work. They always relied on reports and paper work, which is not worth the writing on it.

Uzi Ellern told me that he was always of the opinion that a man with vast hotel experience should be a member of the Board, but nobody listened to him. This is my own opinion too. How is it possible for people like Krinitzi and others to know what is going on in the Village and what accounts and amounts are being paid out. Just to give you an illustration - they say that they lost money during the Maccabiah. This is a miracle that no one can understand, and this is Mr. Shalem's attitude. We paid them IL.15 per day and who knows better than you what the accommodation was like and what it was worth and how much trouble we had to collect money from the delegations. Moreover we invested about IL.180,000 from the Americans and Canadians, which is capital investment. There was an income from the bar and another from the automatic dispensing machines and don't forget that by our intervention with Mr. Sapir, and afterwards with Mr. Zadok, they were able to purchase meat and other products at cost price. This shows you how things have been run there in the past. Roby and I tried very hard to convince Hapoel to house their athletes in the Village and we had some meetings with Mr. Imbar, who said that they couldn't do this because the Village is too expensive and the service and accommodation is not of such a high standard as to allow their people to stay there. So it is with regret that I have to say that you and your colleagues try to postpone all solutions by believing that a miracle will happen and settle all these problems, but the miracle only happened once with Yehuda Hamaccabi and it won't happen again with the Village.

Following the above mentioned description and in spite of the fact that I haven't had a single days rest since the Maccabiah, I have no alternative but to everything, together with my colleagues in the committee, to try to solve these difficult problems and I can't tell you, at present, if we will be successful. We have come to the conclusion that there is not other way but to hire the Village for a certain period, for a fixed amount, not being involved in the cost of expenses. I can only assure you that we will try our best, but under the present circumstances we might also fail and I quite understand Dr. Atlasz' fears as he is responsible for the executive in Israel.

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2nd March 1966

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Mr. P. Gildesgame,
Earl Shilton,
Leics.
England.

Dear Pierre,

I refer herein to several of your letters addressed to me. I am now in a position to give you certain answers to your requests.

I was of the opinion that you should come to Israel, for a few days, to iron out things with the Maccabiah Village. I discussed this matter several times with Dr. Atlasz and so we came to send you the cable. I was certainly very surprised to see your reply saying that your presence in Israel was impossible, but I fail to understand why you also think it unnecessary, as mentioned in your cable. If your presence here is impossible for health reason then I am very sorry about this and can understand it from your letter of February 24th, which I received today, but "unnecessary" is something far removed from solving the problem of the Maccabiah Village. I quite agree with you that this is no time for recriminations but before I express my own opinion in this matter, I must remind you that years ago I, several times, called your own and Mr. Worms' attention to the fact that the financial problem in the Village will one day come to a head and explode. This was not due to the fact that I am particularly clever or understand financial problems more than you do, but actually from seeing, from time to time, how the Village is handled, but you, dear Pierre, always replied to me "don't worry, everything will be settled in a good way".

As the Honorary Treasurer of the M.W.U., I was always prepared to discuss things with Roby whenever he asked me to do so, but you must certainly believe me

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as I believe you that it is quite impossible for me to take upon myself any more tasks in the M.W.U. I called Roby's attention to his letter to you of February 18th, in which he mentions "Casper is more than reluctant to enter into this venture without having the authority, not being a member of the Board of Directors." I don't know what made Roby write this when he knows that I am not prepared to be a member of the Board of Directors, but only to assist as far as is possible and not to involve myself in the daily work of the problems which arose in the last year. I therefore refused, categorically, to be a member of a M.W.U. sub-committee dealing with the Village problems, but my colleagues pressed upon me to accept such a nomination, which is certainly bad for me being involved as I was in the 7th Maccabiah last year I had to give my partners and employees leave and so the burden of the business is on my shoulders. The work concerning Maccabi matters takes me several hours a day and I don't think it wise to kill myself. After all I have a responsibility to my family. I received a letter from our President, Mr. Heth, which is enclosed herewith, and after receiving yours from February 24th and upon the request of Roby, I had no alternative but to deal also with the sub-committee. Nevertheless, I want to make it clear to you and to everyone that there was no move from me, as you say in your letter of the 24th February, "to enable you to join the Board forthwith and thus to act in a dual capacity".

Now let me tell you what we have done until now. A meeting was held with the Minister, Mr. Moshe Kol, of which you are aware from a letter to you from Mr. Tory. We had several conversations as to what our requests to Mr. Kol should be. I, myself, didn't participate at this meeting. You will certainly get a copy of the Memorandum which is to be sent to Mr. Kol in connection with the meeting. Concerning the alleged debts of the 7th Maccabiah to the Village, Roby has already written to you and I understand that you have a copy of the minutes of a meeting between us, Dr. Lifschitz, Ellern and others. I can only affirm to you once again that we have paid all that we had to pay, but I personally met with Dr. Lifschitz and explained the matter to him again that we are not prepared to pay amount claimed under false pretences, owing to the fact that any money which will be paid, if paid, ex-gratia 1) a part of it will go to Mr. Shalem, in which we are not interested. 2) such sums will certainly not solve the financial problem of the Village.

According to your advice I suggested to Dr. Lifschitz that I would be prepared to move the executive to help in settling the debt to Rasco, after I check their account, which is also exaggerated, and thereby retrieve from Rasco the Holding Company and for this amount to get more shares in the Village. Do you really think, dear Pierre, that by giving some money, which means emptying our coffers, we will settle the problems of the Village? On the contrary, this will only be an injection for another few days and then we won't have any money and neither will they and how can the executive work without money? Who will take care of that? You know that we have now bought new premises and we have to furnish them. Our budget is increasing and you are certainly aware of the sources of our income.

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1. The Memorandum to Mr. Kol has to be handed over to him not later than the end of this week.
2. We must meet with Mr. Estreicher from Rasco to iron out the amount due to them.

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Mr. Shimon Caspy,
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17th February, 1966.

My dear Shimon,

re your letter Febr. 10th

I have written yesterday to Krinitzi and have also addressed a joint letter to Susayeff, Dr. Lipschitz and Tory, copies of which are being sent to the office in Tel-Aviv for your, Atlasz' and Tory's attention.

I hope you realise that, when discussing with me, by letter or verbally, matters affecting the relationship between the M.W.U. and the Maccabiah Village, I find myself in a most embarrassing position, because I happen to be committed to both "camps", and wish to see justice done to everyone. I expressed the view, when last in Israel, in your presence, when discussing matters with Krinitzi as well as with Salem, that the M.W.U. cannot be held responsible for expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition of additional bedroom furniture, furnishings, kitchen utensils, which were indispensable to the accommodation of 1,000 guests at the Maccabiah Village. You were also present, I believe, when I stated that Mr. Krinitzi has agreed to a charge of \$5 per day, per capita, of which I advised Salem and Susayeff. There is, therefore, no need to argue with me in defence of your attitude in refusing to pay £150,000 - which are in dispute. I did suggest to you, however, when writing last November or December that, because of the critical financial situation affecting the Village and which may result in bankruptcy, you should not give the impression of a man who is indifferent to the fate of the Village, because the Village is a M.W.U. project and, to all intents and purposes, our 'baby'. In so saying, I did not mean to convey to you that you are to pay the £150,000 without argument, or that you are not to submit to Gershon Gurewitz - the arbitrator. All I have suggested, at the time, very definitely, was that, if you could afford it, and regardless of the fact that you do not recognise the £150,000 as due, you should be prepared, with the consent of the M.W.U. Executive, to acquire shares equivalent to £150,000, and thus increase our shareholding in the Village, leading ultimately to full control of the project. Control, at present, is exercised by Rassco but, as Tory will confirm to you, it has always been our aim to retain control of the Village in terms of a majority shareholding. Just now, the Village does not happen to be an attractive business proposition but, under proper management, and once we get rid of the debts and liabilities as to interest, everyone will tell you that the Village can, and will, break even, as well as yield a profit. This is what prompted me to suggest a compromise solution which, I fear, you misunderstood, and which I trust you will now understand better.

So as not to leave matters in abeyance any longer, and so that no-one should ever be able to accuse me of indifference - notwithstanding the hard labour that I put into this project since 1953 - I have decided to write to Krinitzi at some length, to

appeal to him to take the lead in the solution of the problems which are as much "ours" as they are "theirs". With your business acumen and experience, you should be able to find a way which would be conducive towards bringing you closer to the bottom of the financial affairs of the Village as, by so doing, we will save a very precious asset, worth millions of Israeli pounds, with a potential revenue which may stand us in good stead in years to come.

My dear Shimon, I have known you long enough and I have known you to be a man of integrity and honesty. I have no reason to make you reproaches. Ever since you took over control of the finances of the M. W. U., you were able to sign cheques without fear of them being returned to you unpaid. This is your merit which we all recognise and appreciate. If you will only consider the Maccabiah Village as important and as precious an asset of ours as, for instance, the possession of Administrative Offices, of a Stadium, etc., I am sure that you will incline towards offering your advice to those now tackling the delicate problem of getting rid of heavy debts and of other liabilities and, by so doing, you will earn the gratitude of everyone who has the future of the Village at heart.

El-Al. I am not quite sure what reproaches you have to make to me, following upon my letter to Mr. Landau of December 21st, 1965. Why didn't you draw my attention to it earlier? Or was it because you knew that I was away from England and have only returned about a fortnight ago?

You do not seem to realise, or appreciate, the enormous amount of work in which I engaged before I was able to obtain replies from most countries, giving me the names of their passengers, including team managers, etc., etc. I have written hundreds of letters, most of them by express mail, I have sent out cables and have, in fact, made many long-distance telephone calls, just for the sake of getting to the end of this problem, towards which I have received very little co-operation from participating countries. Fearing that we may be accused by El-Al of having failed to make our promise good, I have decided to send what material I had a few days prior to my departure for New York, and all I get now from you is a reproach.. The action I have taken was only in fulfilment of an assignment which I took upon myself voluntarily, and which I might have asked Hanak to undertake.

Nonetheless, I am quite confident that you will reach agreement with El-Al and that the work which I have done will stand us financially in good stead. I await your further news.

Gershon Gurewitz. I can well appreciate the difficulty you are experiencing in getting this gentleman down to brass tacks. But I have seen you at work, and I am aware of the good relations existing between Gershon and yourself. So, here again, I am fully confident that, before long, this matter too will be solved satisfactorily. Your perseverance with the Government and the Jewish Agency has paid off handsomely and, as you know, I have recently written to Dobkin, from whom I had a reply, and with contents of which I have acquainted you fully. Mr. Pincus is due in London to attend the J. P. A. Banquet. Given the opportunity, I will sound him on his willingness to give more support in future, now that he holds the dual office of Chairman and Treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

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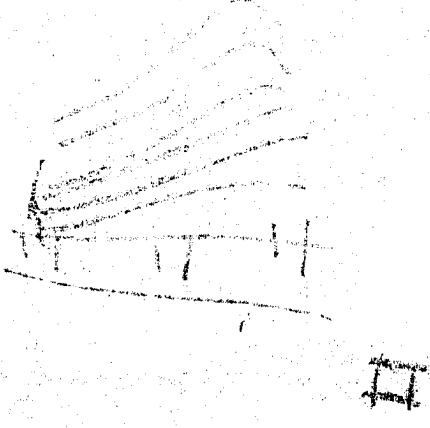
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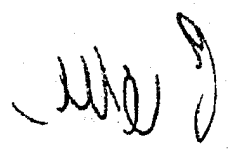
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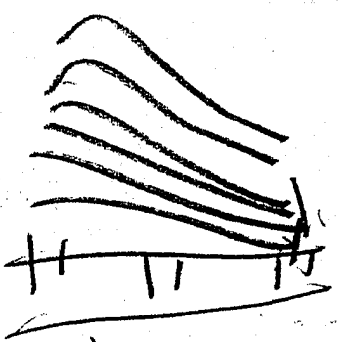
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10th February 1966

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Dear Pierre,

I am very glad to know that you are now safely back home and that you and Mrs. Gildesgame had a good holiday and rested well. I only wish that I could do the same, but unfortunately I have not been able to take one days rest until now.

Maccabiah Village Accounts: I refer to my cable to you of the 8th inst. which reads as follows:

"Re Krinitzi cable referring to outstanding balance please note we paid fully all accounts as checked by us stop additional claims unfounded letter follows Caspy"

This was sent out prior to receiving your cable. I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to the Maccabiah Village (30th December 1965) which is self-explanatory. I fail to understand you and Fred Worms. If you are of the opinion that the M.W.U. has to contribute towards the Maccabiah Village then this is a specific matter which should be dealt with accordingly, and I will refer to it hereafter, but please don't confuse this matter with the accounts for accommodation at the time of the Maccabiah. If we agree to pay them IL.15 per person per day, it is much more than what they offered to us before the Maccabiah, but you will still remember the meeting with Shalem, after we met with Krinitzi, when the decision to pay IL.15 per day per person was welcomed by Shalem as being fair enough and if the 7th Maccabiah ended without a deficit and if we bought new premises for the M.W.U., it is nobodies business. We have worked hard for this and no-one can advise me to pay money which is not due instead of buying premises. I well understand that the Maccabiah Village

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I do not wish to go over the ground of the last Maccabiah as everyone is already well familiar with my views and objective analysis. Unless we learn from past mistakes - and everyone admits that mistakes there were, the chances of improvements in future are remote, or non-existent. As the nominal leader of the Executive and, therefore, of the Movement, it is incumbent upon me to indicate what I consider of priority and call upon everyone of my colleagues to do his duty to the best of his ability. This, therefore, is no reflection upon the hard work and constructive achievements of the few members of the Executive whom I respect, whom I love, and with whom I have enjoyed co-operation over so many years past. I have already written to Hanak, asking him to explain to the Executive that I do not insist upon foreign experts coming to Israel for a brief stay of time to teach us how to run the Maccabiah. I am too well familiar with conditions in Israel and, as one who takes a lenient view of Israel's inherent shortcomings, I have always made allowances for the apparent lack of co-ordination and for demonstrations of inefficiency which some of our colleagues did not think very serious, but which the outside world, not immediately involved in our work, criticised severely and, therefore, reflected upon the Movement, as well as on the organisers of the Maccabiah as a whole.

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I now revert to your interesting letter containing a great deal of useful information.

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countries, we will have to use our imagination in order to compile the exact number of "participants", quoting also their names. One of the countries happens to be the U.S.A., as we receive very little co-operation from Sam Sloan. In all other instances, the information is adequate and, when I send the report to El-Al, I will airmail a copy, at the same time, to yourself, in the sure knowledge that you will extract every pound due to us from them. I have spent a considerable amount of time on research, not to mention letters and express letters, as well as cables. Having undertaken this job, I was resolved to complete it.

Jewish Agency. When I come to think of how we have progressed since 1957 at a time when the Jewish Agency allocated to us only £2,500 and that, since then, we have extracted from them tens of thousands of pounds for the Maccabiah for administrative expenses for Schlichim, etc., then I must say that this is one of those instances where I very willingly and almost unhesitatingly, followed your advice and have made all such representations, by letter as well as personally, as I have been asked by you to do. Your scheming, planning and tactics have proved the only method which the members of the Agency heeded. I am glad to hear that you will try to interview Mr. Sultanik when he is in Jerusalem, and I trust that you will be first to do so, as I understand that representations are also to be made from other quarters to Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rose Halpern and to several members of the Actions Committee, due to attend the Annual Meeting in Jerusalem.

Gurewitz - Friedman. I have written to Mr. Gurewitz soon after my return from Israel last September but I am quite willing to write to him again, as you suggest. What really worries me is that Gurewitz is being assailed, attacked and beseeched by unreasonable requests made upon him by leaders of Maccabi Israel and this in itself offers him an excuse for not meeting his obligations in full towards you. On the other hand, I clearly remember that Gurewitz mentioned to us, during one of the meetings in his office that, when he has collected all the money for the Maccabiah, he will expect us to allocate a share to Maccabi Israel. You did not contest it, neither did I and, if my memory serves me aright, he definitely mentioned a figure of 25%. I don't think it advisable that Gurewitz be requested to tell Zysman and Jacobson to negotiate with you. You have no obligation nor any commitment towards Maccabi Israel, neither has the Hon. Treasurer of M.W.U. nor the Hon. Treasurer of the Maccabiah. The only course open to you, therefore, would be to decline parting with any money. But if Gurewitz and you were to decide on a certain allocation for Maccabi Israel, let the offer come from Gurewitz. If they are satisfied, well and good and, if they are not, let them not come to you only to be refused and thus to start a campaign all over again against Shimon Caspy, who is "Enemy No. 2" of Maccabi Israel. (Last August Zysman referred to me as "Enemy No. 1.")... You are a past master at tactics and this sort of diplomacy and I am sure you need no further advice from me.

Insofar as an allocation from the Ministry of Education is concerned, I wonder whether this is the balance of the extra money which Sapir promised Gurewitz (in excess of £100,000) and which Sapir decided now to channel through the Ministry of Education. Could you confirm? Whatever it is, I congratulate you on yet another victory.

School for Madrichim. Luco Aron's last letter, to which I replied, was not very clear and, since I have written both to him, as well as to Tchina, there is little I need add, in the hope that you have seen all copy correspondence. I gather from your remarks that you did agree to allocate about £9,000, being our contribution towards opening the School, in the hope that Luco is fully aware of that, I trust he is duly grateful for it.

Maccabiah Village Accounts. This is a very sore point. As you know, I am receiving frequent reports from Kimmelfeld, Susayeff, as well as copies of Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors. They still labour under the impression that you owe them I£150,000 and, having seen Susayeff's letter to you, dated December 5th, I cannot help feeling that he is trying to pile on every item of expenditure that has been incurred, either indirect or directly for the Maccabiah, with the object of arriving at a total of over I£150,000. Let it be said, here and now that, with the knowledge such as I have of the Village finances, they are in utter confusion and stress. Susayeff has resigned as Hon. Treasurer to the Board and Dr. Lipschitz has reluctantly agreed to stand in for him, on a temporary basis. Susayeff was a very clever manipulator and he succeeded in driving off hostile creditors, as well as negotiating with some agility with Rassco and with Government authorities. Unfortunately, apart from Susayeff, and possibly one or two others, the Board consists of men who attend meetings and who have very little idea of how to run the Village, and who are not seriously concerned about its financial future. The Maccabiah Village is the object of one of my greatest worries and, at times, resulting in nightmares. Mr. Krinitzi, who rules the Board, has been dragging his feet for a long time, and if only he had consented to the transfer of 15 dunams of land to Rassco, a great chunk of our financial liabilities, as well as the payment of interest on monies due to Rassco, would have been done away with. I am now informed that steps are being taken with a view to transferring the 15 dunams of land, but this will not solve the financial problem of the Village - not for some time to come - unless occupancy is greatly increased, and providing that Albert Salem enjoys reasonably good health. Members of the Board of the Village sometimes forget that it was thanks to our efforts, in which I was personally involved more than anyone else, that the U.S. Committee contributed 45,000 dollars and Canada 15,000 dollars. This has increased the assets of the Village, as well as enhanced many of its amenities. But this is taken for granted, in the same way as all the monies which I have raised in England, and which I have helped or encouraged to raise in South Africa. We, the M.W.U. are important partners in the Village, and we do not wish to see it go out of existence. In a way, it is our moral duty to give them what help we can, within the limits of our financial ability. I would, therefore, like to suggest to you - and you are under no obligation whatsoever to follow my advice - that you come to some compromise with Susayeff and his friends and to put an end to this awkward problem. Let it not be said now, or ever, that, because Shimon Caspy refused to pay what was "due" the Village has finished up in bankruptcy. I know full well your views about accounts, and you know that you had my support right from inception. But the time has come for us to do something about it and, if you attach any importance to the acquisition of additional shares by the M.W.U. in the Maccabiah Village Co., Ltd., perhaps whatever amount you are going to give them, in excess of what you recognise is due, could be converted into shares. Please let me know whether there is any truth in a story that you have charged them 22½% interest on the 150,000 which you advanced to the Maccabiah Village about a couple of years before the 7th Maccabiah. I do not wish such and similar stories to gain circulation in which the good name of Shimon Caspy is unjustifiably put in any doubt.

U.S. Committee. Now that Haskell Cohen has been re-elected, he awaits to hear from members of his own Board, as to whether they wish to continue with the IMGC or not. My guess is that they will, but that it would be tactically wrong to insist for whatever we gained in the course of our association with them has accrued largely to the Maccabiah Village in terms of money. The composition of the Board of the U.S. Committee is never likely to improve, and now that Marcel Loeb has become Treasurer, in place of Bob Rosenberg, he may try to steer the course with his Committee where he is still looked upon as a Maccabi man, which will not be exactly favourable to the M.W.U. or to the Maccabiah. Marcel Loeb is full of complaints because he has not been elected a member of the World Executive and

because he is not liked by his yekkes in New York or San Francisco. I am sending Atlasz copy of my today's letter to Haskell Cohen, from which he will see that I am exercising caution, whilst not denying him an opportunity of talking to me during the few days of my stay in New York.

Sports Equipment. I have every faith that you will settle this matter to the satisfaction of all concerned. That goes also for the storage of such equipment as remains our property.

German Restitution. I enclose herewith copy of my latest letter to Lewinson and since you have seen copy of his letter to me, there is little I can add on this subject.

Account from Hemed. With the best will in the world, I am unable to check this account, as I have not kept a record of the journeys, or of the hours. I was under the impression, however, that the charge would be £66 per day for an air-conditioned car, and not £71. On Wednesday, 25th August, one of their cars took me to Jerusalem but had a breakdown on the way, and it was not until late the same afternoon that they sent another car for me. And yet they are charging for a full day and one hour's overtime. I don't know how they calculate overtime but, at all events, I can do no better than to return to you their bill, as well as their time-table, and I hope that you will settle with them on a compromise basis and as you continue to do with all others.

Maccabi Stadium in Tel-Aviv. I have noted your remarks and I trust that the matter will be pursued with a view to finding a satisfactory and lasting solution. You say that this is not really your concern, but I would remind you that, if it had not been for your urgent reminders, I would not have engaged in several meetings, at some of which you were present, and all of which were designed to find a solution and to derive some income from this valuable asset.

Miscellaneous. I give you approximate details of my movements during January and, should you decide to travel to New York, I hope that I will see you there before I return to England. What I am about to say to you I do not wish to gain any publicity. I am overworked, extremely tired, and I cannot remember a time when I was so irritable. My business has suffered a serious setback during my absence in Israel in August, and I have been trying hard to remedy the situation, so far as possible, since my return. Once business opportunities are lost, it is very difficult to recover. Afterall, I am a Director of a Public Company, and I am in duty bound to put in 8 hours a day, often working also during the weekends. My Doctor ordered me a complete rest for at least 3 months because, apart from fatigue, I also suffer from minor ailments which call for a great deal of physical relaxation. It is for this reason that I have decided to spend a holiday far away from England, where even my business Secretary could reach me in case of emergency only.

I am leaving London by air for New York on Sunday, 26th December and will be staying with my brother in Mount Kisco, New York, until 3rd January. I will then fly out to Montego Bay (Halfmoon Hotel) where I propose staying for about 14 days. Thereafter, we hope to proceed to the Lucaya Beach Hotel at Grand Bahama, where we will be spending about a week. After that, I may have to fly straight back to England or else will return to New York, where some very important family business calls for my attention. I hope to be back in England by the end of January. And so, if you should come to New York and stay there

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until January, please communicate with my brother's New York Office, or his home, wherefrom you might obtain information as to my whereabouts. Oberlander has written to me several times that I should stop over in Canada for at least one day, as he wishes me to help him launch his 8th Canadian Maccabiah Organising Committee, who might also raise some more money for the Village. So far, I have declined the invitation but, if I feel sufficiently rested after 2 weeks holiday, I may give in to his request. If I am unable to go to Montreal, he will probably visit me for 24 hours in New York.

Please assure every member of the Executive in Tel-Aviv that my thoughts are with them all day and every day, and that I hope the time will come when I shall be writing to every one of them individually to congratulate them on their successful activities and to thank them for co-operating with men like Roby Atlasz, yourself, Tory and a few others, as well as with

Yours very sincerely,



P. GILDESGAME.

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