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writes to the President saying if the Berlin situation should clear up and we no longer need to keep our transport planes in Germany that he would like to suggest that before these airplanes return to the United States that they should be given the task of flying all Jewish D.P.'s in the American and Austrian zones to the State of Israel, that is, all the Jews who want to go. States that in addition, the United States government, which is now committed to feed the D.P.'s indefinitely, should provide them three months rations. Thinks this would provide a chance for the President to do a wonderful, humanitarian act. At the same time would relieve the Army of a substantial financial obligation and it would ease the responsibility of private charity in this country.--The President, July 29th, wrote to Mr. Morgenthau and said that our first and most important job is to get peace in Palestine and as soon as we have definitely arrived at that stage then we can discuss immigration -- said he did not think we could do anything at this time.

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