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May 17, 1948

Dear Rabbi Thurman:

I enjoyed the visit with you very much and appreciated most highly your letter of May thirteenth.

It looks as if the Palestine situation is very dark this morning although we recognized the Jewish free state as soon as they organized a Government and asked us for recognition.

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I shall remember your offer of service and expect to make use of it if the going gets any rougher.

I hope you had a pleasant visit here and a good trip home.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Harry S. Truman  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. President:

May I add a word to the telegram which I sent you last Friday. My heart is full of thanksgiving for the courageous and noble action which you took by your immediate recognition of "Israel".

America is now at Israel's cradle-virtually, as its mother. As such, it has a high responsibility - born, I trust, of no little maternal affection and concern.

There is much nursing and nurturing to be done to make the new nation live and grow to fulfill the two-thousand years old dream, hope and prayer of the Children of Israel.

You know better than anyone else the decisive measures which are needed to make America's recognition the key that shall open the doors of worldwide acceptance of Israel.

The new Jewish State must look to us and to the United Nations for immediate help to withstand this unwarranted act of aggression on the part of the non-Palestinian Arabs. You, in your wisdom and in your high humanity, together with your chosen counselors and administrators, will surely find a way in which to render this help.

May God bless you, and the nation which is blessed by your high and dauntless leadership.

Devotedly,

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May 13, 1948

SAMUEL THURMAN, RABBI

Honorable Harry S. Truman  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear President:

My visit with you last week is now a most cherished memory. It is more than a memory. It is a deep faith which your words inspired in me, that the courageous sons and daughters of Israel, who are now bravely defending the soil which they have reclaimed as the new Zion, will have your support in the United Nations' decision for the partition plan in Palestine.

We do want to stop the shedding of blood, and this can be done, if the Puppet-King of Trans-Jordania, as well as the other feudal lords of the Arab League, will be given to understand and to know that the United States stands behind its word, and will help the new young democracies in Palestine. Who knows, but what the Arabs of Palestine will in time learn to live with their neighboring Jewish State not only in harmony, but as the United States of Palestine.

An authentic report has just come to me that Russia will recognize the New Judaea. Shall we let her get ahead of us?

Of course, my offer of service is always at your command. You must know how deeply grateful I am for the high privilege of my visits with you. I am happy to call you my President and my friend.

Devotedly yours,

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Samuel Thurman