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with sincere regards and compliments
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INQUIRY ON THE PROBLEM OF THE JEWS

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Palestine is for the British a basis of their Empire;
for the Arabs a strip of land on the Mediterranean
Sea; for the Jews is the Homeland of their Bible,
the Refuge of the needy, a stronghold for all.

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The Problem of the Jews in Europe

Never before in human history has one people done so much harm to another people as the Germans have done to the Jews. At last the days and years of mass starvation and mass extermination of the Jews are over but not yet their suffering and dying. That is why the problem of the Jews and especially of those number one victims of Hitler who survived the horror prisons of the Gestapo should be the common concern of the civilized world. Two problems are involved in this issue: the problem of the Jews in Europe and the problem of Palestine. Before the war there were about 16 million Jews dispersed all over the world. Of the 8 million European Jews 6 million were brutally exterminated. Thus 40 per cent of the World Jewry became martyrs in the world-wide struggle between the good and evil forces of humanity. These figures and facts speak a dramatic language.

All reports coming from Europe inform us that the situation of the surviving Jews is deplorable beyond description. The displaced, homeless Jews in the British and American zone of Germany are still living in concentration camps and in overcrowded, filthy barracks. Many are physically and mentally ill, without necessary medical care, without possessions,