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Your Excellency,

In reference to our conversation of a few days back, I wish to present for Your Excellency's consideration and attention the following points relative to the situation in Palestine.

The Holy See has despite grave difficulties constantly manifested deep interest and concern in "non arians". This is quite clear from the recent action taken in favor of the Jewish youths and infants interned in Slovackia to prevent their removal from that Republic.

The aid of the Holy See has recently been enlisted to assist in the removal of difficulties so that Jewish children may be transported to Palestine. Their immigration from European countries has been permitted by the British Government.

Although the Holy See is deeply interested in the welfare of these children, it seems opportune to recall at this time of general question of the "Hebrew Home" in Palestine. Since 1917, when the question first arose, the Holy See has made known its attitude on the point and has repeated it in several formal documents.

In 1919 His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV, in speaking to a Consistory of Cardinals, mentioned the great solicitude the Popes have shown for the preservation of the venerable and holy places in Palestine. For years they have sacrificed to keep them from the hands of infidels. Now that their possession has been secured, it must be protected and strengthened. If the power of the infidels in Palestine increases, the monuments will again be in danger. (A.A.S. Vol. XI, page 100).

On June 13, 1921, the same Sovereign Pontiff pointed out that although he did not want to interfere with any rights of the Jewish people, neither did he desire to prejudice in any way the rights of Christians in Palestine. (A.A.S. Vol. XIII, page 283).

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