

May 4, 1970

Ambassador Y. Rabin
Embassy of Israel
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

On the assumption that you are not fully apprized of this matter, we wish to convey to you our concern with the behavior of a member of the Israeli Diplomatic Service, Dr. Yoram Dinstein, in what appears to be an overzealous discharge of his instructions.

During the past seven years, I, and others, have had occasional substantive differences with Meir Rosenne and Mehemiah Levanon. These differences, however, have not engendered the tiresome bullying tactics employed by Dr. Dinstein. For example, in a telephone call to me on March 29, 1968 (my reference is a transcript of the conversation taken by my secretary on an extension line), Dr. Dinstein summarily accused me of encouraging a rabbinic student, Hillel Levine, to disrupt the pending AJCEJ Biennial Conference. He threatened, "I shall see to it that my government destroys you." On March 1, 1970, during a discussion concerning the formation of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, and in the presence of Abe Bayer, Zev Yaroslavsky, and Harold Miller, Dr. Dinstein advised me, "I shall see that you are destroyed."

In addition to his intemperate speech, Dr. Dinstein has acted in a manner to suggest interference by your government in American Jewish affairs. For instance, during the Midwest Conference on Soviet Jewry held in Cleveland on February 28 and March 1 of this year, Dr. Dinstein's public coaching and manipulation of Abe Bayer was so flagrant as to become a topic of conversation among the attendees. And, more recently, it has come to our attention that Dr. Dinstein has fomented the discharge of Zev Yaroslavsky from his position with the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles. Dr. Dinstein's behavior is calculated to exacerbate the issue of Israeli control of American Jewish organizations raised on the pages of the New York Times last month by Mr. Phelps. Certainly, in view of the above, there will be interest in observing the role played by the Israeli government representative at the forthcoming West Coast Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Sincerely,

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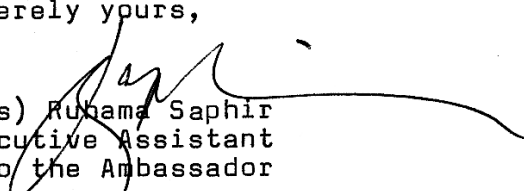
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Dear Dr. Rosenblum:

I have been requested by the Ambassador,
Lieutenant General Y. Rabin, to acknowledge receipt
of your letter dated May 4th.

Sincerely yours,


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to the Ambassador