

1595 Pearl Street
Denver, Colorado
25 August, 1947

Mr. Harold G. Jaffer
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Dear Mr. Rabinowitz,

May I write this brief report of activities in Mexico City for the few days I was able to be there, from 20-22 August, inclusive.

Two large committee meetings were held on the evenings of 20 and 21 August, at Zionist Organization headquarters, Hamburgo 138. These meetings were for the purpose of planning the strategy of the campaign. Although there had apparently been some discussion about the campaign before our arrival, still there was no clear-cut plan, and that had to be created. There was a great deal of enthusiasm at both meetings, and I spoke at some length about the conditions in Europe, the necessity for the kind of work which would be done with the money raised, and the privilege of sharing in it.

The following policy questions were decided upon, as principles upon which the campaign would be based:

1. That it would be a secret, quiet campaign - not generally publicized.
2. That it would be a fast campaign - lasting not longer than 2-3 weeks.
3. That it would be a small campaign - i.e. confined to a small group of men.
4. That a list would be compiled of approximately 250 names, and these would be solicited.
5. That there would be several meetings arranged at various homes, and these 250 men would be split up into several groups, and invited to one of the private meetings.
6. That those who did not attend the private meeting to which they were invited, would be approached individually for their contributions.

The first of the several parlor meetings was held on the evening of 22 August at the home of Arturo Wolfowitz. About 40 men were invited, of whom about 20 attended. The others will be solicited individually. Attached is a sheet giving the names and amounts of those present. At this meeting approximately 50,000 pesos was raised. This is only the beginning. The other meetings may be expected to do almost as well.

I spent the time during the day meeting people and managed to contact perhaps a dozen individuals for private conversations, explaining the nature of the organization and its work. Among those contacted was the Sephardic community, which consists of several thousand persons, distinct from the Ashkenazic.

The two leaders of the Sephardic community are Matrzni and Moscona. The richest man among them is Allazraki. After a personal conversation with him, he agreed to have the private meeting for the Sephardim in his home, and this is considered a good sign. It was arranged for 27 August. Mr. Kessel, of the Ashkenazic, is having a meeting in his home 25 August. Several others will follow suit.

Abram Fein arrived on the morning of 22 August, and I immediately introduced him to the key people. He was present and spoke very well at the first meeting at Wolfowitz' home that very evening of his arrival. The people took to him, and he makes a fine impression.

Am enclosing a list of expenses on attached sheet.

With fondest best wishes to yourself, Eugene Cohen, and Joe Eisen, I am,

Sincerely,



Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman

Two encl.:

1. List of meeting on 22 Aug 47
2. Expense list

P. S. I kept referring to the figure of \$100,000, which is 500,000 pesos, and never spoke of less. Abram is going to continue this line. My own guess is that he will reach that sum, or pretty near it. We are not speaking of less.

Meeting of 22 August - First Meeting of
 Campaign at home of
Arturo Wolfowitz

*	Sol Wishniak		
*	Sam Wishniak		
	Moises Mareina	3,000 pesos	
	Kessel		
	Pushkart	5,000	(this will mos probably be raised to 10,000)
	Shipper	500	
*	Tabajovich		
*	Korbman		
*	Dr. Adolfo Fastlicht		
	L. Dultzin	1,000	
	Wishniewich	1,000	
	Max Goltschmidt		
	Elias Zach	5,000	(this may go higher)
	Arturo Wolfowitz		
	Katz	10,000	
	Leon Putianski	5,000	
	Elias Souradsky	10,000	(this will not be given in his own name, but under Dr. Putianski)
	Jacobo Liberman	<u>2,000</u>	
		42,500	

* These men did not announce their gifts, but all promised to do so by the following morning. Unfortunately, I had to leave the next morning, and so do not know what they finally decided, but Fein will know by now. On the basis of the above figure, with five donations still to come in, I feel certain that 50,000 was reached the first night.