Dr. Heymann, Esq.,
General Secretary of the Joint

New-York,

Dear Sir,

During my last stay in Berlin I have spoken with Dr. Rosen, who had lately returned from the U.S.A., about the necessity to assist the Jews in Russia for Passover. He told me that the Joint disposed now of very small means for this purpose and as, on the other side, Dr. Rosen is very well informed about the deplorable position of the Jews in Russia, he thought it necessary to induce the Central Relief to undertake an action of assistance for Passover. He told me even that he would also write you a letter on this account.

We have applied to the Central Relief with the request to undertake the action. I hope the Central Relief will undertake any action and if he will collect any money for this purpose, this money must be remitted to the Joint in Berlin, at the disposal of Dr. B. Kahn and Dr. Rosen, who will be able to decide there the kind of help, which must be rendered to the Jews in Russia, and to lead it farther. The principal thing is yet that the Central Relief undertakes the action at all and that some money is collected. This depends upon the Joint: if he will agree to assist the action of relief; therefore I apply to you and ask you to discuss the matter also with Rabbi Teitelbaum and to support the action in any possible way.

If necessary, some prominent persons in Europe would sign an appeal, in which it would be referred to the necessity of relief to the Jews in Russia; and we would remit this appeal to the Central Relief.

Now I beg to inform you about the possibilities of help for Passover:

1) There exists a legal possibility to send to Russia post-parcels with Easter-flour with the full guarantee for their delivery. These parcels are cheap as the duty is not high at all.

2) Dr. Hildebrandt and I are endeavouring just now to obtain from the Soviet-government a reduction of the duty on mazzas; for this purpose we have, through the mediation of the Secretary of State, Mr. Weissmann, presented a petition to the Polpred in Berlin, Chintschug, and have asked him to reduce
the duty on mazzas. The duty on mazzas has already been reduced from $2.20 to $1.80 per kg., but as it is still high enough, we have asked to allow a further reduction of the duty; but we do not yet know if we shall obtain it.

3) There exists a legal possibility to send to Russia postparcels with kosher meat, kosher fat, etc.

Although postparcels with provisions have previously been sent to Russia, these postparcels were sent from relatives to relations and friends, but in the action, we are endeavouring to undertake, it will be the question of charity-parcels to the civil outcasts and especially to the religious representatives of the Jews.

In view of the importance of this matter, I hope you will do your best to induce the Central Relief to undertake the action of assistance and to countenance it.

Hoping soon to hear from you, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) S. Gourary