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Greeting and Blessing:

As I have already made known my views on the subject in private conversations, it is my firm opinion, strengthened by information from Morocco, that the efforts presently made to obtain concessions from the Moroccan Government should be conducted in a friendly and pleasant atmosphere, and that any hostile demonstrations on the part of any Jewish circles at this time would only serve to defeat the purpose. Such demonstrations would antagonize not only the Moroccan Government, but also the State Department, which would consider them ill-conceived and ill-timed, and detrimental to its policy.

Above all, an openly hostile attitude at this time would stifle any conciliatory attitude on the part of the Moroccan Government, and would very likely provoke it to retaliatory measures against the Jewish community in Morocco, and especially against Jewish institutions there which are connected with Jewish-American efforts, such as yours and ours.

Although my views were recognized, and assurances were made that a corresponding policy would be followed, I now learn with regret that certain circles are bent on taking the opposite view.

This is the reason for this letter, as I regard you as a person with a sound realistic point of view, whose influence could go a long way toward preventing the unpleasant consequences of hasty, ill-begotten steps in the wrong direction.

With blessing

cc: Rabbi Dr. Leo Jung

(P.S. I trust that my letter on the Pryves matter has reached you, and that the delay of an acknowledgment was due to your absence from the States).