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Mr. Roger W. Straus; President  
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New York, New York

Dear Roger:

I appreciate your offer to suggest to the Pilgrim the possibility of his doing an article on "The Jewish Case."

Enclosed are the three "secret" memoranda that we submitted to the Ecumenical Council at the request of Cardinal Bea. While these documents have been referred to in public print (see LOOK magazine article enclosed) their contents have remained confidential up until this time. Serafian could perform a genuine service if he were to deal with the crucial issue of the deicide problem and why it appears the Jews are so exercised about the Vatican Council finally putting this "big myth" to rest once and for always. After he has read this material I have to ask him to return the documents to me. Also, I would be glad to be in touch with him through you once he has formulated a reaction or if he has any other questions that he would like to discuss.

As you rightly indicated, bringing this out into the public in July or early August is the most important time for it to be effective. After early September I fear the fat will be in the fire.

A personal request: A wonderful human being by the name of Belden Menkus, a Southern Baptist who is currently working for Prentiss Hall is interested in moving to another post in the publishing field, either in editorial or promotion work. I wonder if you have something open, and if you do or expect to in the near future if you would let him come to see you. He is a genuine friend of our people, has done the impossible thing of getting the

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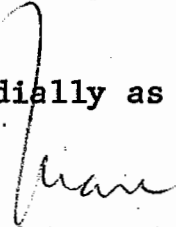
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Southern Baptist official press to publish a book, "Meet the American Jew." If you will see him, please let me know and I will arrange for him to telephone you.

Warmest good wishes and I do hope that we can get together shortly.

Cordially as ever,



Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Director  
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