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23rd October, 1933.

Dear Dr. Weizmann,

I am sending you a copy of my letter to Mordovitch and copies of minutes and official letters bearing on the same subject. You know already from our cables that we set great store by your taking an active lead in the political action which we consider imperative. If it is true that you have delayed your coming to Palestine until the middle of December we hope and pray that you may find it possible to devote the month of November to this effort. We fully realise your difficulties. We understand how hard it will be for you to have to join issue with British statesmen while you are engaged in concentrating around you the forces of Jewry which are encouraged by the belief that Britain is there to help. None of us can wish to produce just now the impression that the Jewish Agency has sustained a new political defeat or setback. But we put it to you to consider whether it would not be more cautious to face the facts now and take action immediately, in a sober and dignified fashion, than to let things take their natural course and run into a veritable catastrophe in the middle of winter which it will be impossible for us to hide from the world. Perhaps we may yet succeed in persuading the British Government - if it is a matter of persuasion - that their caution is entirely unwarranted, and that by acting on the principle of "slow but sure" they are bound to defeat the purpose to which they profess allegiance.

DR.C.H. WEIZMANN,  
London,

yours sincerely,

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