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Dear Sir Arthur,

I write in haste, hoping that the note will reach you before your final decision has been taken. I would confine myself only to three remarks:

The first is as regards the argument of "new blood". We all hope to see a change of regime at the Municipality of Jerusalem. But Mr. Solomon is not a representative of the "ancien regime". On the contrary, he fought against it and resigned when his fight proved unsuccessful. He is a man of unimpeachable integrity, sound judgment and progressive spirit and the fact that he was once a Councillor and Vice-Mayor and is, therefore, familiar to some extent with Municipal affairs can only strengthen his chances of success.

Secondly, as against the backing given by the Sephardi community to the other candidate, I would point out that Mr. Solomon's candidature is one behind which the Vaad Leumi and the Agudah stand united.

Thirdly, with regard to Dr. Khaldi's attitude all I can say is that you know I favoured his selection and am interested in his success; if I am not mistaken I was the first to suggest to you the possibility of his candidature; I can't be suspected of supporting the nomination of a Vice-Mayor who would not be able wholeheartedly to cooperate with him.

I am confident that you will take your decision after giving full consideration to all the aspects of the problem and I feel deeply grateful for the ample opportunity of interpreting Jewish public opinion you have given me in this case.

Yours very sincerely,

M. Shertok.

His Excellency,
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