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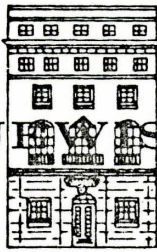
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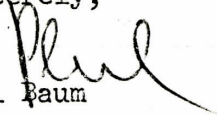
Dear Bill:

As I indicated over the phone this morning, following a consultation with CBS News, we have reason to think that a new 60 Minutes program is being prepared which will contain additional material on Syrian Jewry. As a result we think it would be appropriate and prudent to delay further action on our complaint until we have had a chance to see that broadcast. Accordingly, we request a deferment without prejudice of the hearing on our complaint.

The National News Council has played an invaluable role in this controversy. As we understand the purpose of the Council is to provide a forum for the ventilation and examination of complaints about the presentation of news over the media. You have fulfilled that purpose admirably and with responsibility in this case. We are convinced that there would have been no broadcast of additional information on Syrian Jews on the 60 Minutes program had it not been for your intercession.

We earnestly hope that the new broadcast on 60 Minutes will make unnecessary a resumption of our complaint. If not, however, we will be calling upon your good offices once again. Please convey to the other members of the Council our gratitude for the Council's assistance and interest.

Sincerely,


Phil Baum

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