

January 8, 1916.

Mr. Elmer Holt,

Postward Building,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Department acknowledges the receipt, by refer-

ence from the President, of your letter of January 5th,

requesting the President to instruct the Department to

use its good offices for the purpose of obtaining per-

mission from the Allies to ship several cargoes of wheat

to what extent that at the coming harvest it can be used to

make unseasoned bread.

Before complying with your request, the Department

begs to request you to inform it how much wheat you

desire to ship, to what places, to whom it is to be

consigned, and how it is to be distributed, as these

questions are certain to be asked of the Department by

the Government from whom the permission to ship the

wheat is requested.

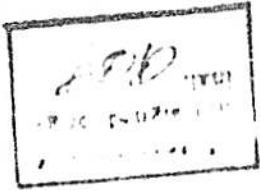
I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

ALFRED A. ADAMS

Second Assistant Secretary.



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Secretary of State.

Hon. Robert Lansing,

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Cordially and sincerely yours,

If possible.

saying that it is highly desirable we should

anything in this matter. It goes without

I wonder if it is possible for us to do

The enclosed explains itself.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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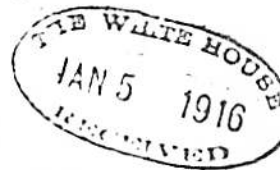
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WASHINGTON, D.C.



January 5th, 1916.

TO THE PRESIDENT:-

I had the honor of informing you the other day that we are contemplating having a Mass Meeting on the evening of the twentieth, in aid of the Jewish War Sufferers and at the same time to bring home to Official Washington the fearful condition of my co-religionists.

One of the main objects outside of the collection of money is to secure the good offices of our Government for the purpose of getting the permission of the Allies to ship several cargoes of whole wheat so that at the coming Passover it can be used to make unleavened bread. There are thousands of orthodox Jews who would starve during the period of eight days if they could not have this unleavened bread. In itself it may be termed a trifling affair but to those concerned it is a matter of life and death.

Will you instruct the State Department to take up this matter to the end of securing the permission?

As ever sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Simon Wolf". The signature is written in dark ink and is located at the bottom right of the letter.