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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Hunter Street  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. King:

Your letter of July 12 was duly received, but reply was delayed until I could obtain the views of certain Israeli officials.

I can now report that they are delighted at the prospect that you will be able to accept the invitation to visit their country. Under all the circumstances, they much prefer to have you make this visit in connection with your attendance at the meeting of the Organization of African Unity in Ghana. They realize that a special trip to Israel might make possible a longer visit, but realize that, as pointed out by you, the demands of the civil rights movement in this country would make it impossible for you to fix a definite time for a special trip.

According to my information, the meeting of the Organization of African Unity is tentatively scheduled to take place the latter part of October. As soon as the time is definitely fixed, I shall be in touch with you to work out the details of your trip.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

/s/ Irving M. Engel

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