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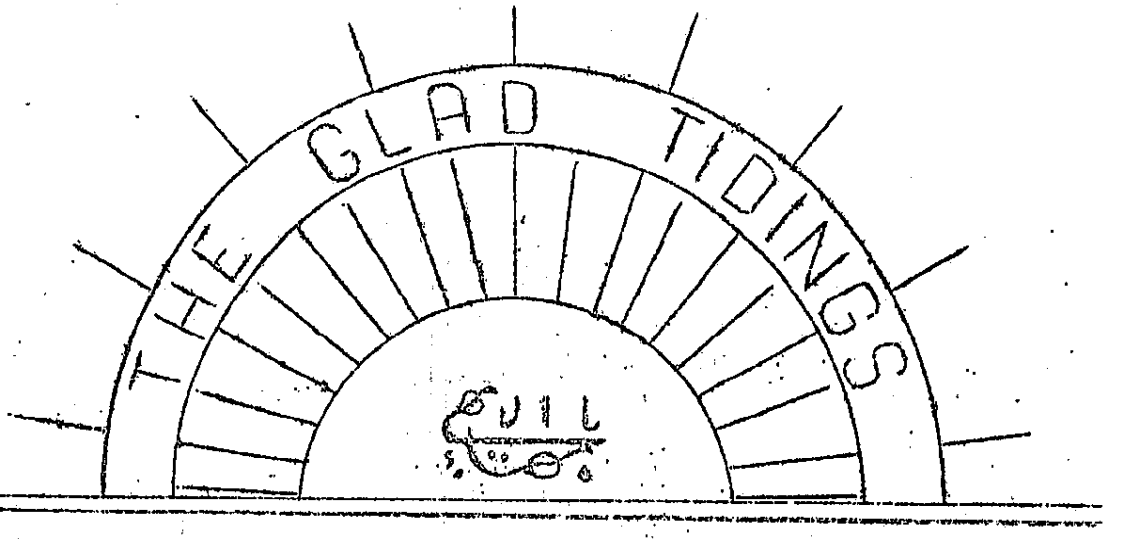

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O Son of Man! Should prosperity befall thee, rejoice not, and should abasement come upon thee, grieve not, for both shall pass away and be no more.

Baha'u'llah

Message from the Guardian Concerning Infallibility

"For the most part, the violators seem to consider the Baha'i Faith a sort of association of people drawn together because its members are attracted to certain modern ideas of this day and age that are known as the Twelve Principles of the Cause.

"In reality these twelve principles while forming a part of the general philosophy of the Faith, and while being very good and fine, and to be accepted by all Baha'is, are not the spiritual message that the Believers have for the world of today. For today is the day of the Second living Infallible Guardian of the Faith of El Abha. That the Second living Infallible Guardian of the Faith is now directing the protection and the propagation of the Faith -- this is the message that will attract and confirm the followers of the Faith in this day. This is the message to be given today.

"The Baha'i Faith is the Infallibility of the Faith; elusive, the Infallibility defies all definition and therein is its power -- the power of the Holy Spirit -- the Holy Ghost, the denial of which is the one unforgiveable sin, that sin for which there is no pardon in this world nor in the world beyond.

"When the Friends know and accept this Infallibility they are truly of the Kingdom of God -- if they do not accept this they are lost."

Mason Remey

A loving welcome to those new believers under the Hereditary Guardianship of the Faith of Baha'u'llah:

In Mather Air Force Base, California (Youth)
Augusta, Georgia
Lakewood, New York
Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania
Warren, Pennsylvania
(Etang de Berre), DAX (Landes), France

Moved - To Lista de Correos, Heredia, Costa Rica, C.A., from San Jose, Costa Rica
To Arvado, Colorado, from Columbus, Kansas
To Boulder, Colorado from Quincy, Illinois
To Denver, Colorado, from Webb City, Missouri
To Englewood, Colorado, from Springfield, Missouri
To Albuquerque, New Mexico, from Chicago, Illinois and Wichita Falls, Kan.
To Espanola, New Mexico, from Melrose Township and Quincy, Illinois
To Roswell, New Mexico, from Normal, Illinois
To Santa Fe, New Mexico, from St. Jean Pied-de-Port (B.P.), France and from Quincy, Illinois

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INTERVIEW WITH OFFICIALS OF ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND PRESENTATION OF REQUEST TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL FOR THE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF MASON REMEY AS THE SECOND GUARDIAN OF THE BAHA'I FAITH
(Received from Mr. Joel Marangella)

Acting under instructions of the beloved second Guardian of the Cause of God, Joel B. Marangella and J. Fergus Belanger journeyed to Jerusalem on 15 October 1961 to explain to the officials of the State of Israel the status of Mason Remey as the second Guardian of the Faith appointed in accordance with the Canons of the Faith. The beloved Guardian prepared a notarized document delegating this authority to Joel and enclosed as an integral part of this authorization the following documents: 1) The Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha, 2) The Dispensation of Baha-'u'llah, 3) World Order Unfolds, 4) His own Proclamation of Ridvan 117 B.E., 5) Declaration of Trust and By Laws of NSA and LSA.

Mr. Belanger, a newly declared believer living in France and attorney had prepared an Aide-Memoire which was presented with the above documents as a summary of the salient features of the evidence found in the Canons of the Faith and the writings of Shoghi Effendi attesting to the supremacy of the Institution of the Guardianship in the Baha'i Administrative Order and the assured continuity of this Institution throughout the Baha'i Dispensation, and proving that Mason Remey had been appointed as the successor to the first Guardian by him during his lifetime in accordance with the Canons of the Faith.

The above described documents were enclosed in a dossier, together with a letter, notarized by an Israeli Notary and addressed to the Minister of Religious Affairs requesting that Charles Mason Remey's rightful succession to the Guardianship of the Baha'i Faith be given official recognition by the State of Israel so as to permit his return to Israel to exercise the responsibilities of his Office at the World Center of the Faith. This request was personally discussed with and

submitted, through its Director General, to the Ministry of Religious Affairs. Also, the Canons of the Faith pertaining to the Guardianship and the issues involved in the present great Violation of the Covenant being perpetrated by the former Hands of the Cause were discussed with other officials of the Ministry.

It is anticipated that this initial contact with officials of the State of Israel is the prelude to additional meetings with Israeli officials in the future. Also it is envisaged that legal proceedings may be ultimately instituted as a necessary sequel to action by the Government of Israel.

NOTE - Since the above message was received, we have been informed that because of the change in the Ministry of Religious Affairs in Israel, the Guardian has instructed Mr. Marangella and Mr. Belanger to proceed slowly with his case, and they have returned to their homes.

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The Baha'is of Santa Fe and Espanola, New Mexico, met on the evening of October 19th to celebrate the birth of the Bab at the Baha'i center at Espanola. All met again on November 11th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Herman in Santa Fe in observance of the birth of Baha'u'llah. Sixteen adults and twelve children attended. A letter of greeting was received and read from the Baha'is of Lyallpur, Pakistan, and is copied below.

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SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS OF LYALLPUR

BAHAI CENTRE
605 Main Gate Jinnah Colony
LYALLPUR

To The Manager,
Glad Tidings,
P. O. Box 182, Santa Fe, N.M.;
U. S. A.

Mahfil-a-Roohani Lyallpur, West Pakistan
Congratulates you on the birth day of
Hazrat-i-Bahaullah.

Baha'i winter school of West Pakistan is being held at Lahore on 10 to 12 of this month under the guardian ship of Mr. J.M.R.

Yours Faithfully,
For L. S. A. of Lyallpur.
s/
(Jan Mohammad),
Secretary.

Dated 6. 11. 1961.

HANDS OF THE CAUSE
Residing in the Holy Land
January 26, 1962

P. O. BOX 155
HAIFA, ISRAEL

National Spiritual Assembly
of the Bahá'ís of the United States.

Dear Bahá'í Friends:

In view of the fact that the chief center of activity of Mr. Remey and his followers is the United States, we wish to acquaint your Assembly with certain recent developments which have occurred here in connection with a contact made by the Remey supporters with the Government of Israel. The following facts are for the confidential information of your Assembly, and are not at this time to be shared with the friends generally.

Some weeks ago when a delegation of the Hands residing in the Holy Land and the members of the International Council met with the Minister of Religions and officials of this Ministry in Jerusalem, they were informed that a short time previously a Mr. Joel Marangella, accompanied by an attorney from France, had called at the Ministry and had presented a letter calling for recognition by the Government of Mason Remey as the second Guardian of the Faith. This letter was accompanied by a brochure containing various quotations from the Sacred Writings and other material designed to support this claim. The name of the attorney who accompanied Mr. Marangella was J. Fergus Belanger. Two addresses for this attorney were given, one, P.O.Box 418, Washington, D.C., and another in France.

When Mr. Remey first sent communications to the Ministry of Religions of the State of Israel in the summer of 1960, the Hands residing in the Holy Land and the International Bahá'í Council placed in the hands of the Ministry various documents indicating the complete baselessness of Mr. Remey's claim, and also copies of the communications from the various National and Regional Assemblies of the Bahá'í world unanimously rejecting Mason's claim. Therefore the Ministry of Religions was prepared, and did not react favorably to the petition presented in person by Mr. Marangella and the attorney who accompanied him. Following this, the International Council sent a formal communication to the Minister of Religions, referring again to various documents indicating the baselessness and absurdity of Mr. Remey's claim, and clearly implying that the Ministry should have no further part in what is a purely internal matter within the Faith.

Subsequent to the sending of this letter, representatives of the Hands in the Holy Land and the International Council in the course of another visit to Jerusalem in connection with other matters, had a brief meeting with officials of the Ministry of Religions. They were shown a letter written by the Head of the Bahá'í Department of the Ministry to Mr. Marangella and Mr. Belanger. This letter referred to the original Proclamation of the Hands, signed by Mr. Remey, in which it was stated that no successor to Shoghi Effendi could have been appointed by him, and to the letter from the National Spiritual

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Assembly of France addressed to the Hands in the Holy Land, recognizing the latter as the Supreme Body of the Faith. This letter was co-signed by Mr. Marangella as Chairman of that Assembly. The letter from the Ministry, couched in legalistic terms, in effect rejected the petition presented by Messrs. Marangella and Belanger on behalf of Mr. Remey, and as far as the Ministry is concerned, this disposes of the matter.

We are hopeful that this will indeed end the matter as far as the Government of Israel is concerned. However, there is of course the possibility that Mason and his followers will make another attempt to contact or influence the Government of Israel, perhaps through another department or some other high official. If so, we shall keep you informed. Meanwhile if any activities of the Remey supporters in the United States or communications distributed by them have a bearing directly or indirectly on any moves by them affecting the World Center, you will of course inform us.

With warm Bahá'í love,

In the service of the beloved Guardian,

HANDS OF THE CAUSE IN THE HOLY LAND.

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John Robarts

V. Q. Faizi