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בערב חביא לי לוריה טלגרמה מהומה בידי ויצמן, (יצאה אחרון מלונדון)

לאמור:

Lord Lloyd informs me ships now at Haifa are being followed by another contingent about 1800 now at sea which may be followed by yet another . Government opinion is that this action may be prelude to wider and more systematic efforts by Nazis now in control of Romanian ports. This aims first at getting rid of jews, second at enbistrressing (?) Britain by creating conflicts between gov. and ourselves by introduction of German agents provocateurs and using this for propoganda among Arabs. Doing my best obtain alleviation of situation You must try prevent rise of feeling which may complete situation. Cable your own suggestions".

רציתי לתפוס נ. גולדמן - אך לוריה אמר לי שהוא אינו בבית ואין

יודע היכן הוא, ומפני דחיפות העניין לא רציתי לדחות החשובה וטלגרפתי

לויצמן:

"Concur entirely your view necessity an aiding any possible  
embarrassment IAG here on Palestine, If Lord Lloyd's information  
correct believe simplest method on aiding dangers indicated your  
telegram would be prevent approach such ships Pal. coast by  
interception near straits through which all boats from Rumania  
must pass. Hitler refugee boats usually brought Haifa by British  
Naval patrols. Suggest Colonial Office request Admiralty cease  
this practice. Regarding 1771 already Haifa first aim reliably  
informed our prise mainly framed Chslutzim and capitalists who  
transferred money before war hundreds having relatives Palestine.  
Second having already reached Palestine their departures ~~xxx~~ must  
inevitably produce great bitterness with undesirable consequences  
Third interest here already aroused as arrival these boats  
published American Press. Urge therefore very strongly their  
immediate landing. In order avoid danger presence Nazi agents  
children and only these adults whose benafides established in  
cooperation Jewish agency Jerusalem should be released all others  
interned for duration.