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.....August 16.....19.66.

TO: Dr. George J. Liban

FROM: Y. Noy

RE: COMMUNITY OF BELLEVILLE

On Friday, August 12th, I visited the community of Belleville in connection with the forthcoming U.I.A. Campaign. I met (after much delay) with Mr. Sidney Spiegel of Crawford Metals who advised me that there is now a new president of the community and, therefore, I should see him. The name he gave me, together with an accompanying letter, was Mr. Ted. Schwab.

I then went to see Mr. Schwab (innocently) and got quite an earful about the ZOC. The final outcome was that he informed me that he is not the president of the community and that now Mr. Irving Shulman was the new president.

I then went to see Mr. Shulman and had a lengthy discussion with him. He pointed out to me that the Belleville Jewish community has dwindled down from 60 families to about 15-20 Jewish families over the past number of years. Their local expenses, which includes the upkeep of the synagogue, salaries for their Rabbi, teachers, etc. comes to \$10,000 a year and their income which comes from membership, dues, etc. is only \$7,500 a year, so that they will have to increase the membership dues and since the community is in the red so far as local needs, he cannot undertake, as president of the community, to sponsor a fund-raising campaign when they themselves are far behind. He did assure me, however, that he will give us all the cooperation he can and feels that the ZOC should sponsor a community evening program without fund-raising, just to keep the relationship going, so that when they are over their financial difficulties, there will be some continuity in arranging a campaign event.

He suggested, therefore, that the Belleville community (he has no objections to this) be canvassed individually by our office. He will do all in his power as an individual to support us and since there would be only 15-20 people to canvass, this should not be too much of a hardship. I told him that I would relay his community's position to the fund-raising committee and although the committee won't be happy about this, they would in all probability, agree to it and that I would let him know the outcome.

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To: Dr. George Liban  
FROM: Joe Noy  
RE: BELLEVILLE UIA CAMPAIGN

Further to my visit to the Belleville Community on August 12, 1966, at which time I met with Mr. Irving Shulman, President of the Brantford Jewish Community -- we were not able to conduct a U.I.A. campaign under the auspices of the Jewish Community. (see copy of my memo of August 16 attached).

At that time I told Mr. Shulman that an individual canvass will have to be made in this community and he agreed to this -- as an individual.

On Tuesday, November 8, I visited the community in order to conduct this personal canvass and letters were mailed out explaining the situation (as per enclosed copy) to the entire community on October 28, 1966.

The reaction to the canvass was very disappointing and all I managed to collect was the meagre amount of \$400.

Several people, however, were out of town and I wrote to them on November 9, as per enclosed copy, which I hope will bring in a few more dollars (don't hold your breath!)

It would be a complete waste of time to go to Belleville again this year to canvass these people as the trend there is against UIA and in support of the local synagogue which is in difficulty.

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