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Princeton, N.J. H. Erwin.
November 1943.

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A. Einstein.

Princeton N.J.

November 1943.

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To Messrs. Nicholson & Watson Ltd.

Manchester Square, London W1

Dear Sirs,

My brother George Herz who is living in Haifa (Palestine) has written a pamphlet on "Humanistic Jewry". It is written in German and consists of only 16 typewritten pages. My brother wants to have it published for the English speaking world by a London publisher.

From the business point of view it is important as the pamphlet has an introduction written by the famous scientist H. Einstein, copy of which I enclose herewith, so that naturally the pamphlet will also be of interest to a large reading circle. I can produce a photostat of Einstein's letter.

The pamphlet is written from a freethinker's point of view and places next to each other Moses, Jesus and Spinoza as the great spiritual representatives of a humanistic Jewry. A Jewish publisher is therefore entirely out of the question.

Please kindly communicate with me in case you are interested.

I beg to return the enclosed summary.
Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 17th November regarding your brother's pamphlet HUMANISTIC JEWRY.

We regret very much that paper restrictions, and our very full programme, make it impossible for us to consider publishing this pamphlet. We are therefore returning the copy of the Introduction by A. Einstein, and thank you very much for offering us the article.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLSON & WATSON.

M. J. Roberts