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Jonathan Lew and Elkan Levy have asked to see me and a meeting has been arranged for tomorrow at 12.00 at Hampstead. I originally thought that this was only to discuss the credit card and banking facilities that we had asked to plug into for the Appeal fundraising. From a conversation with Tony Ansell yesterday morning, I gathered that there was much more afoot and Seymour Saideman had been making large waves about the US involvement in the Eruv and the way it was to be handled in the future. He suggested I speak to Seymour about the banking matters. However, from the conversation with Seymour yesterday, it was quite clear that he intends to take a very strong role and was talking in terms of "I have sorted out the Shechita and I will sort this out! It is a US matter and we do not need anybody else, etc. etc.". He has called an internal meeting of everyone concerned with the Eruv (which rather pointedly excludes any of us) for 13th June and I believe now that the meeting with Jonathan Lew is for him to gather information so that he can brief Saideman. Saideman turned down my offer to meet him to bring him fully up to date. I have reported this to Tony Ansell and asked him to use his influence and common sense to avoid an unnecessary political situation which would be very disruptive and I do not believe productive in the long term.

If any or all of you is available for the meeting, it would be very helpful. I have offered to make it in town to suit Tony and, I assume, all of you. It is important that it be held tomorrow as I will be away in the Ukraine all of next week and I think positions will have been taken up by the time I am back.

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