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Dear Rabbi Sobel:

I am delighted to join with your many friends and relatives in honoring you on your 25th anniversary of association with Temple Emanu-El. You can indeed be proud of your many accomplishments through the years.

You have served your Temple, the Jewish community and our nation with great distinction. From the time of your appointment as Assistant Rabbi to Temple Emanu-El, you have provided your congregation with spiritual sustenance and guidance. As a leader of the Anti-Defamation League and other major Jewish organizations, you have demonstrated a deep understanding of both the Jewish community and the social and political contexts in which it operates. Your involvement in interfaith relations is an expression of the tolerance that forms the bedrock of American democracy, indeed of any democracy. For all this I commend you and thank you.

Nancy joins me in sending a heartfelt Maxel Tov to you, your wife Joanne and sons Peter Jeremy and David Marc and to the members of Temple Emanu-El on this special occasion.

Sincerely.

Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel Temple Emanu-El 1 East 65th Street New York, New York 10021

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Immediately following his Ordination from the Hebrew Union College, in 1962, Ronald B. Sobel came to New York City to serve as the Assistant Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El. Initially expecting to be with the Congregation for a maximum of three years, Rabbi Sobel was invited to remain at Temple Emanu-El where, in 1968, he was promoted to Associate Rabbi and, in 1973, was unanimously elected by the Board of Trustees and the Congregation to become the Senior Rabbi. At the time of Rabbi Sobel's Consecration, he was the youngest Senior Spiritual Leader ever elected to the pulpit of the largest Jewish house of worship in the world.

Rabbi Sobel was born in Cleveland, Ohio and at an early age moved, with his parents, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Educated in the public schools of that city, Rabbi Sobel took his undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh, graduating Cum Laude with a major in Philosophy and a minor in English Literature. The Hebrew Union College, in Cincinnati, provided post-graduate study and it was there that Rabbi Sobel earned both his Bachelor and Master of Hebrew Letters Degrees as well as his Ordination. In the years following his Ordination and while attending to his full time dutues at Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Sobel pursued doctoral studies at New York University where he was awarded his Ph.D. Degree in 1980. Two years later, in 1982, Long Island University conferred upon Rabbi Sobel the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. Recensed the Means of the Meaner Union College. The Meaner Union College Termes years for the Meanery Decree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In 1982, Rabbi Sobel was elected a Fellow of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Rabbi Sobel has been active in the national and international institutions of Reform Judaism and he serves as Chairman of the Board of Rabbinic Alumni Overseers of the Hebrew Union College. He is, also, a member of that school's Board of Governors and serves as Chairman of the College's Library, Archives and Museum Committee. In addition, Rabbi Sobel is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and a former member of the Board of Governors of the World Union of Progressive Judaism.

During the past decade and a half, Rabbi Sobel has devoted a great deal of his time and energy to the work of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. In June, 1986, Rabbi Sobel was elected Chairman of ADL's National Executive Committee. Previously, he had Chaired its National Intergroup Relations Committee and is a former Chairman of its Nominating Committee.

Rabbi Sobel has also served the American Jewish Committee as a member of its National Board of Governors, its National Executive Council and is an honorary member of the Executive Board of the New York Chapter. He has also been the Chairman of the American Jewish Congress' Commission on Jewish Life and Culture. Representing the Central Conference of American Rabbis to the Synagogue Council of America, Rabbi Sobel chaired the SCA's Commission on International Affairs.

An important aspect of Dr. Sobel's rabbinate has been his involvement in Interfaith relations. In 1975, Dr. Sobel was the first rabbi to preach from the high pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, at a time when he and Msgr. James Rigney initiated an intensive two years dialogue program between the Temple and the Cathedral. From 1977 to 1979, Rabbi Sobel was the Chairman of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultation, an organization founded in the late 1960's whose purpose is to represent world Jewry at the Vatican and with the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. For many years, Rabbi Sobel has been a member of the Board of Governors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and also serves as a Vice Chairman of the National Board of Religion in American Life.

Since 1983, Rabbi Sobel has served as the Chairman of the Joint Commission on Placement, representing the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Among Rabbi Sobel's other recent and/or current communal involvements, in which he serves either as a Trustee or Governor, are the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, the American Jewish Historical Society, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Jewish Conciliation Board of America, the Counselling Center of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues (of which he is a Vice President), the New York Association for New Americans, the Histadruth Ivrith of America, the Daytop Village (a drug rehabilitation program), the World Conference on Religion and Peace, the Industrial Home for the Blind, the Jewish Braille Institute, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and the American Jewish Commission on the Holocaust.

Rabbi Sobel is an Honorary Director of the New York Society for the Deaf where he formerly served as a Vice President and is, also, an Honorary Director of the AMAS Repertory Theatre.

Rabbi Sobel helped to found the Yorkville Emergency Alliance, an interfaith non-political group of men and women who have created, on the upper east side of New York, a unique community organization to deal with the plight of the poor, the elderly, the homeless, the hungry. He served as its second Chairman.

Rabbi Sobel's rabbinic thesis was entitled, "Josephus' Conception of History in Relationship to the Pentateuch as a Source of Historic Data" a writing which has been referred to in several other scholarly works. Rabbi Sobel's Doctoral Dissertation is "A History of Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York." He has authored five articles for the Encyclopedia Americana and several essays and articles of his have been published in various periodicals and journals. In 1975, he co-edited, along with Sidney Wallach, Justice, Justice Shalt Thou Pursue, a volume of historical and theological writings published by KTAV.

Rabbi Sobel was born in 1935 and he and his wife, Joanne, have been married for 29 years. They have two sons, Peter Jeremy and David Marc.

It is my great pleasure to send greetings to Temple Emanuel on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rabbi Ronald B. Sobel's association with your congregation. Especially for one still relatively young, his list of achievements is most impressive.

He has served with great distinction his Temple, the Jewish community, and his country. From the time of his appointment as Assistant Rabbi to Temple Emanuel, he has provided his congregation with spiritual sustenance and guidance. As a leader of the Anti-Defamation League and other major Jewish organizations, he has demonstrated a deep understanding of both the Jewish community and the social and political contexts in which it operates. His involvement in interfaith relations is an expression of the tolerance that forms the bedrock of American democracy indeed of any democracy.

All this explains why I am so happy to send my congratulations to Rabbi Sobel and Temple for reaching this milepost, and my best wishes that the next twenty-five years of your association be just as fruitful as the first.

Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York Fifth Avenue at 65 th Street New York, N. Y. 10021

Study of the Sonior Rabbi

March 3, 1987

Mr. Max Green
OEOB, Room 196
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Max:

As is always the case, it was good speaking with you on the telephone last week, notwithstanding the fact that it was a particularly difficult day at the White House.

The choice of Howard Baker was brilliant and, hopefully, will go a long way in allowing the President's agenda, for the final two years of his term, to know a significant measure of success.

I am grateful for your kindness and am deeply appreciative of the letter that the President will send. As per your request, I am enclosing a curriculum vitae.

If it will not be too taxing, we would be honored to have you with us on Saturday morning, April 25, to participate in the Service by personally reading the President's letter.

The occasion of celebration will mark my Twenty-fifth year in the rabbinate as well as my Twenty-fifth Anniversary with the Congregation.

If there is anything that you might want that you do not find in the biographical sketch, then don't hesitate to call me.

With reiterated expressions of deep appreciation and gratitude, I am

With friendship,

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

April 8, 1987

Dear Mrs. Silverman:

Nancy and I are pleased to send our good wishes and many happy returns of the day as you celebrate your 40th birthday.

I can't let this occasion pass without a word of thanks for the support you've given me and my Administration, and the Republican Party. Because of staunch Americans like you, the nation has recovered its resolve to be what it was founded to be. So thanks again, and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Max Green Room 196 OEOB ' The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Green:

Here is the press kit relating to the Jewish Exponent's 100th anniversary celebration. When we spoke several months ago, you felt there would be no problem in getting the President to write a congratulatory letter that would be printed in the Exponent's centennial edition.

If you have any questions at all, please call either Valerie Brauckman of Sommers Rosen, (215)751-9663 or me at the Jewish Exponent, (215)893-5744.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Leiter

Special Projects Coordinator

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 3, 1987

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Mr. Max Green Office of Public Liaison Room 196 The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Max,

I trust this letter finds you and your family well.

First, let me thank you for all you did in connection with the White House briefing for our Mission to Washington on March 18th.

Second, I have enclosed a copy of the letter that was sent out to the White House requesting a Presidential greeting for our annual National Dinner on May 10th. Please do what you can to move the process along as we need the text for inclusion in our Journal by April 22nd.

If you have any questions, please call Mark Friedman of our staff at (212) 563-4000.

With best wishes to you and yours for a happy and healthy Passover.

Sincerely,

Sidney Kwestel

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President Ronald Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC

Dear Hon. Mr. President:

We would very much appreciate a message from you for our National Journal, prepared in conjunction with our 89th Anniversary Dinner scheduled for May 10, 1987 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in New York City. This event is a gathering of over 1200 of the lay and rabbinic leaders of the North American Orthodox Jewish community.

We are the umbrella organization and national spokesman for over 1,700 orthodox synagogues in North America. Our activities include services for our synagogues, Public Affairs, Communal Relations, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, special programs for the handicapped, our world famous Kashruth certification program, Publications, Books, Adult Education Programs and Retreats, the Israel Center in Jerusalem - all of which are internationally recognized as being in the forefront of the movement for the revival of Judaism.

This Dinner celebrates the work of our youth movement, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth or NCSY. It is an outreach program annually effecting tens of thousands of our youth and motivating them to strengthen their religious loyalties, values and ideals. Over the past 30 years it has been the major force in the dramatic revival of interest in and observance of orthodox Judaism among our young people.

Looking forward to the pleasure of your greeting, I am Sincerely,

Sidney Kwestel

P.S. Our Journal deadline is April 22, 1987.

It is my pleasure to send warmest greetings to General Dan Graham and everyone gathered to celebrate six years of loyal effort by High Frentier and its supporters. You have my heartfelt thanks for your commitment to securing a safe future for the American people.

Four years ago, my Administration embarked on a quest to reduce our Nation's vulnerability to missile attack, at a cost the American people can afford. I'm delighted to see that the pace of research on the Strategic Defense Initiative has been impressive. It will provide a path to a safer future for all mankind.

Thomas Paine said, "It is not a field of a few acres of ground, but a cause, that we are defending, and whether we defeat the enemy in one battle, or by degrees, the consequences will be the same." Our goal is to advance the cause of peace, freedom and justice in the world. We cannot lend a helping hand to others unless we are free ourselves.

Nancy joins me in thanking you for your encouragement and devoted work to bring the American people closer to the vision of a world safe from nuclear war. God bless you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

April 24, 1987

I am pleased to send greetings to all those gathered to honor those who perished and those who fought to end the terrible era which we call the Holocaust.

This gathering serves to remind us of the good that can arise out of unspeakable adversity. By coming together to remember the terrible atrocities of the Holocaust, you are also educating our sons and daughters. In this way, they will see to it that in future generations the words "never again" will be echoed loudly all over the world.

Nancy joins me in sending our warm best wishes to each of you. May the Almighty bless and keep you.

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April 23, 1987

Mr. Max Green Associate Director of Public Liaison The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Green:

As per our conversation, enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated April 6, 1987 which was mailed to the President. It has become a tradition to read the President's Message at our annual Commemoration.

For your information, speakers at the April 26th event at Madison Square Garden will include U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Donald P. Hodel, Ambassador Meir Rosenne, Governor Mario Cuomo, Senator Alfonse D'Amato and Mayor Edward I. Koch.

More than 6,000 people are expected to attend this event.

I thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to call me at any time.

Cordially,

Benjamin Meed, Chairman

UNITED COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

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April 6, 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On April 26, 1987, men and women with numbers on their arms and painful memories of bitter suffering inflicted during the Holocaust, together with masses of the New York population, will gather together for this year's Commemoration to honor those who fought back heroically in the darkest hours of human history.

We would be honored, Mr. President, to receive a message from you that could be read during the candle-lighting ceremony in memory of the millions who perished.

This annual event, one of the largest Jewish gatherings in the United States, attended by thousands, has become a symbol of remembrance for the community at large -- a reminder to the world that this deplorable phase of history must never repeat itself.

We would greatly appreciate receiving your message at your earliest convenience before the event.

Respectfully yours,

Benjamin Meed, Chairman

UNITED COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

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44TH ANNIVERSARY

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Let us say Kaddish together on our Collective Remembrance Day Sunday, April 26, 1987 — 12 pm Madison Square Garden — Felt Forum New York City





United Commemoration Committee of Metropolitan New York WARSAW GHETTO RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION

122 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001

In April of 1943, the quiet warmth of Spring in Warsaw was shattered by an outcry from the oppressed Jewish Ghetto. ENOUGH! No more degradation! No more subservience! No more slaughter! The weeks of feverish preparation were over. Shots rang out, mines exploded, and the words WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING were written with blood into the pages of Jewish history. In the weeks that followed this first organized civilian resistance in Nazi Europe, courageous young Jewish men and women gave new meaning to heroism and self-sacrifice. Isolated and alone, they repelled onslaught after Nazi onslaught. And as the walls crumbled, the food, water and ammunition ran out and flames turned the Ghetto into an inferno. Those martyrs held off the Nazi while the world looked on mutely. In the end, the Ghetto was smoke and rubble, but the battle cries raised that Spring echo through the years imploring us, and all generations to come, to REMEMBER! And to make sure, as we gather and commemorate, that mankind never knows another holocaust.

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OPINION

Teach the young about the Holocaust so that it never happens again

BY BENJAMIN MEED

HIS Sunday, as they have every year since the end of World War II, Jewish survivors of the Holocaust will gather to honor the memory of the six million Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis. We will assemble in Madison Square Garden and in other arenas and synagogues throughout the country to commemorate Yom Hashoah, the Day of Annihilation.

From the earliest days of our liberation from Nazism, we survivors have felt the obligation to recall the past. We pledged to honor those no longer with us, and keep alive the memory of our fate.

We did not gather at home, alone with our families, but together with our fellow Jews, collectively to proclaim to the world, to history and to ourselves: "We are here, mir zeinen du."

Each year since the war ended, we have come together to tell the story of death and destruction, of heroism and finally of rebirth. Each year we have come together to recite the Kaddish—the prayer for the dead—and to remind ourselves and the world of the horrors committed against us.

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We made Yom Hashoah an annual rite across the country as tens of thousands of Jews came together to bear witness and to proclaim, "Never again." An event in Jewish history, and our remembrance of what happened, has become part of the American calendar.

In recent years we have been joined by our children, the "second generation." As they have grown to maturity, many have begun to share the task we undertook of recalling the systematic genocide that ended only with the defeat of Nazism. Zachor! we cried. Remember us to life!

But remembering is no longer enough. Forty-four years after the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, a generation after Hitler's defeat, it is time to do more than recall the past. We must teach the lessons of our trial by fire. We and our children must transmit the "why" and the "how" of our agony. We must strive to explain our travail not only to historians and churchmen, but to students and to blue-collar and white-collar workers — to everyman.

Toward this end, the American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors — in cooperation with the American Federation of Teachers and the Jewish Labor Committee — will provide scholarships this summer for some 40 high school teachers to study the Holocaust and Jewish resistance at the Ghetto Fighters Kibbutz in Israel. On their return from the three-week program, they will teach what they have learned to their pupils.

This will be the third year in which Jewish and non-Jewish teachers from small towns and big cities across America have gone to Israel to study the fate of the Jews of Europe.

They explore the moral, political, religious and historical implications of the events of the Nazi era.

They learn of despair and resistance, hope and redemption. And, by passing on their understanding to their students, they are helping — I would like to think — to prevent another Holocaust against any people anywhere.

This program could not have been established had we abandoned the painful duty of remembering. We must go beyond memory to education. Our experiences must be taught to young people for whom the Holocaust is an unknown event in history.

As the days of our years dwindle down, we must take up this new task: to share what we went through as Jews in Germany, in Nazi-occupied Poland, in France, in Greece, in Hungary — so that Jews will not again know so awful a fate, nor any member of the human family fall prey to such inhumanity.

Benjamin Meed is president of the American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization,

Dones requested by Somere else MANATT, PHELPS, ROTHENBERG & EVANS A PARTNERSHIP INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS ATTORNEYS AT LAW 1200 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, N.W. SUITE 200 LOS ANGELES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036 11355 WEST OLYMPIC BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90064 TELEPHONE (202) 463-4300 (213) 312-4000 May 1, 1987 Ms. Mari Maseng Deputy Assistant to the President & Director, Office of Public Liaison The White House Washington, D.C. 20500 Dear Mari: It was certainly nice speaking with you today. I wanted to to thank you for your assistance in arranging for a congratulatory letter to be sent to Mr. Al Holgerson. Your efforts are very much appreciated and I assure you that Mr. Holgerson will take great delight in receiving a personal letter from the President. As we discussed on the telephone, the letter should be directed to Mr. Albert H. Holgerson, 1987 recipient of the B'nai B'rith Realty Lodge Man of the Year award. Al is President of the Home Owners Federal Savings & Loan Association which is headquartered in Boston. I know Al would be most pleased if he were to be addressed as "Al" in the salutation. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th in Boston. I would appreciate it if you were to direct the letter to my office at the address noted above, as someone from the firm will be attending the banquet. Mari, again, it was nice speaking with you. I can assure you that Al and the members of B'nai B'rith will long remember the added touch of a personal note from President Reagan. Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your attention to this matter and say that, if you should need any further information, please call me. Sincerely, Robert J. Kabel Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg & Evans RJK/pls

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April 30, 1987

Mr. Max Green
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Room 196
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max:

A letter should not begin with an apology, but I feel the only way to begin this letter is by apologizing to you for the tone of the two letters enclosed. One is a letter from Luzer Weiss to you, and the second letter is from Moshe Fischman to the President.

Their problem is obvious. They know what they want, but they don't know how to ask for it correctly. Permit me to make an attempt at translating their wishes because Krasne is a deserving and influential institution in Boro Park and Rabbi Weiss is an extraordinary and distinguished community leader. Please consider this request for a Presidential letter (see draft enclosure). I will personally appreciate your efforts toward getting such a letter signed by the President addressed to: Rabbi Luzer Weiss, Honoree of the Second Annual Scholarship Dinner, 80 Ross Street, Brooklyn, New York 11211.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Levi Rabinowitz

Enclosures

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Rabbi L. Weiss 80 Ross Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

March 25, 1987

Dear Dr. Green:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter I recently sent to the President, which is self-explanatory.

Please follow up on it, to ensure that the President inserts his warm personal greeting in the Second Annual Scholarship Journal of Yeshiva Beth Hillel.

I will be personally grateful for your efforts on this matter.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Luzér Weiss

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Culev Zafir

March 25, 1987

Dear Mr. President:

Preparations for our Second Annual Scholarship Dinner, to be held on May 19, 1987 at La Mer in Brooklyn, New York, are now in full swing. As you may notice from the list of honorees on the left-hand side, Rabbi Luzer Weiss will be the Guest of Honor on this momentous occasion.

Surely, you are familiar with Rabbi Weiss's exemplary record in the field of public service during the last decade. We are confident that you will welcome this opportunity to publicly proclaim your esteem of a dedicated man and the causes he supports so wholeheartedly.

As you may know, Yeshiva and Mesifta Beth Hillel of Krasne has been serving as a cornerstone of quality Jewish education in our community for close to forty years. In that time, our graduates have consistently taken their places as successful and productive citizens, businessmen, laymen and leaders.

In tribute to Rabbi Luzer Weiss, and to Yeshiva Beth Hillel, an institution he feels proud to support, won't you please grace our Journal with your warm greeting. Your greeting will greatly enhance our Journal, which enjoys widespread distribution in our community.

Please be advised that the Journal deadline is April 28, 1987. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Moshe Fischman

Yisroel Chaim Protovin

Chairmen

Draft of Presidential Greeting for Krasne Yeshivath Memorial Tribute

Rabbi Luzer Weiss 80 Ross Street Brooklyn, New York 11211

Rabbi Weiss:

Let me take this opportunity to extend my greetings and best wishes to all who gather with you, from near and far, to pay tribute to the legacy and extraordinary achievements of the Krasne Rav(ztl) and salute you personally for your contributions to educating this generation in the TORAH's commandments.

I am reminded at this time when we remember the Holocaust and the U.S. Constitution of how the Krasne Rav reached into the smoldering ashes of the Holocaust and drew out the living sparks. Of how he led men, women, and children to America where by the Constitution they were guaranteed hope, freedom, life and the liberty to live by TORAH's 613 commandments -- without fear or dread. And, of how he succeeded against the greatest odds and with great personal sacrifice to build a monumental TORAH institution, The Krasne Yeshivath.

His saintly life is a symbol for all people, not just Orthodox Jews or Krasne Yeshivath's 400 dedicated talmedim. And tonight you, Luzer, and the hundreds who have joined to honor you, pass the light of Krasne Rav's soul to a needy generation.

Nancy and I join to encourage you to persevere in all your good deeds.

May you be successful. And may we all merit to witness that day when the world is filled with the knowledge of G-d and all men go up to His house to offer sacrifices to the L-rd.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

May 11, 1987

Message:

Religious Zionists

Date;

May 24, 1987

Notes:

- Separate request to President

- Should mention Rabbi Israel Miller (we can provide info on him)



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March 31, 1987

Mr. Max Green Associate Director Office of Public.Liaison The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max,

It was indeed good to see you at the Presidents Conference mission in Israel.

We take the liberty to enclose herewith copy of our letter to President Reagan asking for a greeting for our forthcoming Dinner on May 24, 1987.

We will greatly appreciate your assistance in obtaining this greeting as soon as possible since we would like to print it in our Journal as well.

We look forward to your reply and with best wishes for a pleasant Passover.

Most cordially yours,

Israel Friedman

Executive Vice President

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March 31, 1987

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On May 24, 1987, the Religious Zionists of America will hold its annual banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. Our guest of honor will be Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller, a prominent Jewish leader and educator and senior vice president of Yeshiva University. Present at this affair will be over one thousand rabbis and lay leaders of every major Jewish community in New York and throughout the country.

We would deem it a privilege if you, Mr. President, would honor us with a message for this occasion.

I wish to apprise you of the fact that our organization is represented in the Israeli government and the Knesset. We boast of one hundred fifty institutions including kindergartens, a religious school system that caters to one half of the school children of Israel, vocational schools and the Bar Ilan University.

Your early positive reaction would be deeply appreciated.

With warmest best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Hermann Merkin President.

HM:rc

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

May 11, 1987

Message: Anatoly Koryagin

w/ APA

Date:

May 13, 1987

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May 1, 1987

Mr. Max Green Room 196 OEOB The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Max:

Ms. Ellen Mercer should be calling you shortly if she has not already.

Enclosed is information on Anatoly Koryagin that should be useful. We believe Dr. Koryagin will arrive in Chicago on Wednesday, May 13. There will be a press conference in the morning, where we expect national as well as local coverage and later in the day Dr. Koryagin will be addressing members of the American Psychiatric Association. While not all attendees of the meeting are expected to come to his address, nor would there be room for all of them since there are in total somewhere between 10,000-12,000 psychiatrists attending the meeting.

As I mentioned on the phone the APA has worked consistently to keep attention focused on Dr. Koryagin to facilitate his release and his desire to make the 140th annual meeting of the association his first stop in the United states is in appreciation of that fact.

If President Reagan would like to send a telegram it should be sent to: Dr. Anatoly Koryagin c/o Ellen Mercer, The Chicago Hilton, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

Sincerely,

Phylis Greenberger Assistant Director

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

May 11, 1987

Message:

ADL/Gov. Ashcroft

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May 13, 1987

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April 13, 1987

Mr. Max Green Associate Director for the office of Public Liaison The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max:

Attached is the information on ADL's testimonial dinner for Governor John Ashcroft in which he will be presented with our Americanism Award.

As I told you, the dinner committee would very much like to have a brief statement on video from President Reagan congratulating the Governor that can be shown during the event.

Thanks in advance for your expeditious handling.

Cordially.

N. Hordes

JNH/ph

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STAFF REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

February 4, 1987

I am delighted to extend greetings to all those gathered in Crystal City for the 12th Annual American Friends of Turkey Awards Banquet.

Turkey plays a key role in the community of nations and has been an important partner in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for over thirty years. The bonds of friendship between our two countries were forged by great statesmen and annealed in the heat of battle as Turkish troops fought alongside our own to repel aggression in Korea. The bravery of those Turkish soldiers won them two Presidential Unit Citations. You can be proud of efforts of your organization to further strengthen the United States-Turkish partnership.

I salute the American Friends of Turkey and all who share your commitment to enhancing good relations with this good friend and staunch ally of the United States. I congratulate your award winners, Dr. Warren Winkler and Dr. Antonio Gotto, for their outstanding humanitarian efforts. I encourage all of you to remember the words of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey, as you continue to work for "peace at home" and "peace in the world."

Nancy joins me in sending best wishes for a successful and rewarding event.



AMERICAN FRIENDS OF TURKEY

P.O. Box 587

Merrifield, Virginia 22116
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Mr. A. G. Alexander Correspondence Section Old Executive Office Building The White House Washington, D. C. 20050

Dear Mr. Alexander:

This request is for a video message from President Ronald Reagan for use at the Annual Conference of the American Friends of Turkey, scheduled for February 5-7, 1987 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Crystal City, Virginia. A draft copy of a proposed text is enclosed for use by the staff in preparing the President's remarks.

The 1987 meeting will be the 12th annual gathering of the American Friends of Turkey, originated by former US Military and State Department personnel who served in Turkey and recognized the strategic importance of Turkey to US interests in the Middle East. Motivated by the fact that US relations with Turkey were poorly represented in our country, the group undertook the challenge of conducting programs designed to widen US citizen knowledge about Turkey and its role in stabilizing the Middle East and anchoring the Southeastern flank of NATO.

Subsequently, the group grew to its present form with representatives in nearly every state of the Union. Today we possess the capacity to conduct programs that habitually draw audiences into the thousands. Major US industrial firms have now joined the organization and numerous members of Congress, all the former living US Ambassadors to Turkey, several of the former NATO Commanders, a number of former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, many Senior US and Turkish Commanders, diplomats and US foreign diplomats attend regularly. The US Ambassador to Turkey, Ambassador Robert Strauss-Hupe and the Turkish Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Sukru Elekdag attend our meeting annually. Speakers and participants have included several members of the Congress; numerous members of the Turkish Parliament; Admiral William Crowe, present Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Secretary of Commerce, William Baldridge; former Secretary of State Alexander Haig; Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Affairs, The Honorable Richard Perle; the former Secretary of the Air Force, The Honorable Verne Orr; the Chief of Staff of the Air Force; a number of former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Admiral Thomas Moorer; General Lyman L. Lemnitzer; General David Jones; and General John Vessey.

Our industry representatives are from both the US and Turkish communities. Major US firms include, but are not limited to: United Technologies, General Electric, General Dynamics, Westinghouse, Litton Industries, Olin, Singer, OEA,

ll August 1986 Mr. Alexander

RE: AFOT Conference

LTV, Martin Marietta, General Defense, etc. Turkish Companies include construction and travel firms; manufacturing companies; consumer goods manufacturers; Defense firms; etc.

The American Friends of Turkey is a non-profit educational organization with no paid staff. All work is done by volunteers and by dedicated citizens who believe in the obligations we have made through the NATO alliance to our allies; specifically Turkey - thus the name: The American Friends of Turkey.

It is our perception that Turkey, and Turks, are misunderstood in our country. America and Americans are often misunderstood in Turkey. The American Friends of Turkey has as its objective the establishment of a better understanding and a greater appreciation of the other.

President Reagan's video message will be played at our Saturday evening black-tie formal awards banquet at which we traditionally have 1,000 people in attendance, including many of the dignitaries mentioned above. Both the US and Turkish Ambassadors as well as representatives of both US and Turkish governments will also be present.

 \searrow Your assistance in helping us acquire a one to two minute video tape greeting from the President will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

RALPH E. ROPP COL, USA Ret.

President

Enclosure

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I am honored to extend greetings to all of you gathered this evening for the American Friends of Turkey Awards Banquet in Crystal City.

By increasing our understanding of US-Turkish relations, we strengthen the ties between our two great nations.

Turkey plays a key role in the Community of Nations and has been an equal partner in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for over thirty years. Turkish soldiers fought alongside America's young men in Korea in the 1950's, and their bravery won them two Presidential Unit Citations.

I salute the American Friends of Turkey and all those who are committed to better relations with this important and vital friend of the United States. I congratulate your award winners this evening and am pleased to note that the awards are given for humanitarian reasons.*

As the exhibition of the great Suleyman the Magnificent, known in history as the "Law Giver," opens this week in our National Gallery of Art here in Washington, it is fitting to recall also the wise words of the founding father of modern Turkey -- Mustafa Kemal Ataturk -- when he said, "Peace at Home - peace in the World."

Let us hope that through efforts such as yours, Peace in the World can be kept by laws and human interaction, rather than by the rattle of sabres.

My best wishes to you all.

* Award winners are:

Dr. Warren H. Winkler, M. D.

- Director of the American Hospital in Istanbul, Turkey for 26 years. Dr. Antonio M. Gotto, M. D.

- Noted Heart Surgeon at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas, for his exchange work at the American Hospital in Turkey.

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Dear John:

I want to add my congratulations to all those you're receiving as the Anti-Defamation League of Binai B'rith presents you with its Americanism Award.

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ASHINGTON

May 12, 1987

This award is a cherished honor from a fine organization. Throughout your career in public service, you have espoused and upheld the vision of tolerance and brotherhood that is the heart of Americanism. That's a tribute to you and a blessing to your State and to our Nation.

Again, congratulations. Nancy joins me in sending very best wishes to you, your family, and your many friends. God bless you, and God bless America.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John D. Ashcroft Governor of Missouri Jefferson City, Missouri

Signature: Data: March 27, 1987

I am pleased to send greetings to the members of the American Congress of Jews from Poland and Survivors of Concentration Camps, as you celebrate your 40th anniversary.

This gathering serves to remind us of the good that can arise out of unspeakable adversity. Through your many acts of charity in this country and in Israel, you have demonstrated your love for life and your followmen. You can be proud of your efforts to make life better for your Jewish brothers and sisters and for the members of your communities. I commend you, too, for offering so many programs on the Holocoust and for making sure that the words "never again" are echoed loudly all over the world. Thank you for your efforts and for creating this most significant Souvenir Book.

Hancy joins me in sending our warm best wishes to a each of you -- and in offering you the age-old toast of the Jewish people, "L'Chain!"

SENT TO:
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It is my pleasure to send warmest greetings to General Dan Graham and everyone gathered to celebrate six years of loyal effort by High Freetier and its supporters. You have my heartfelt thanks for your commitment to securing a safe future for the American people.

Four years ago, my Administration embarked on a quest to reduce our Nation's vulnerability to missile attack, at a cost the American people can afford. I'm delighted to see that the pace of research on the Strategic Defense Initiative has been impressive. It will provide a path to a safer future for all mankind.

Thomas Paine said, "It is not a field of a few acres of ground, but a cause, that we are defending, and whether we defeat the enemy in one battle, or by degrees, the consequences will be the same." Our goal is to advance the cause of peace, freedom and justice in the world. We cannot lend a helping hand to others unless we are free ourselves.

Hency joins me in thanking you for your encouragement and devoted work to bring the American people closer to the vision of a world safe from nuclear war. God bless you.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

It was four years ago today that America's Strategic Defense Initiative was set in motion. Then, in a television address to the Nation, I called on America's scientific community to determine if it were possible to develop a defense against ballistic missiles; a system based on deterring aggression through protection rather than threatening retaliation; a system that could, perhaps, free the world from the threat of these deadly weapons. And so, in March 1983, America and its allies began on the journey toward finding a defense against ballistic missiles.

Today, four years later, we have made remarkable progress towards that great objective. This is to the credit of the many members of our scientific and technical communities who joined this effort and to the Members of the Congress who have supported this plan.

They understood that the Soviet Union has been working for more than a decade on its own strategic defense systems, even while it has been deploying hundreds of new offensive nuclear weapons. They understood how dangerous it would be if the Soviet Union had a defense and we did not. They understood, also, that it is possible for us to design and build a strategic defense. And they understood that a system not only had to work, but also had to be able to survive attacks itself and be more cost effective than proliferating offenses.

Now, thanks to them and their hard work and vision, and to the vision and perseverance of the American people and of our allies, all humanity can begin to look forward to a new era of security when the burden of nuclear terror is lifted from its shoulders.

One thing is clear -- SDI truly serves the purposes of offensive weapons reduction. SDI can help us move toward a safer world. I have repeatedly pledged that SDI capabilities will never be used for offensive purposes. Like an effectively verifiable arms reduction agreement with which all parties comply -- SDI can reduce the risk of war and the threat of ballistic missiles to mankind. It can reduce the danger of accidental warfare and give us the kind of insurance policy we need against violations of a future arms reduction treaty. And it has been a singularly effective instrument for bringing the Soviets to the bargaining table.

In four years, we have come far, and together we can continue on this journey toward achieving humanity's ancient dream -- a world in which swords are beaten into plowshares and war is preached no more.