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Working closely with the United States government, Mr.

Perot was also involved full time for four years in a successful effort to change the treatment received by U.S. prisoners of war in North Vietnam. The program gained world-wide attention, and Mr. Perot received the Defense Medal of Distinguished Public Service. This medal is the Department of Defense's highest civilian award.

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Mr. Greenberg received the Lehman Award from the American Jewish Committee in 1976, and was voted Man of the Year by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1974.

He is a graduate of the University of Missouri. Mr. Greenberg resides in New York City.

### Ludwig Jesselson

Ludwig Jesselson is the Corporate Director of Salomon,
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Brothers, Inc. and is a former Executive Vice President of
Philbro-Salomon, Inc.

Mr. Jesselson is Chairman of the International Board of Directors of Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. He is the Treasurer and a Board Member of United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Jesselson also serves as Treasurer and Trustee of Yeshiva University in New York. He has received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Yeshiva University.

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### Dr. Peter Wallenberg

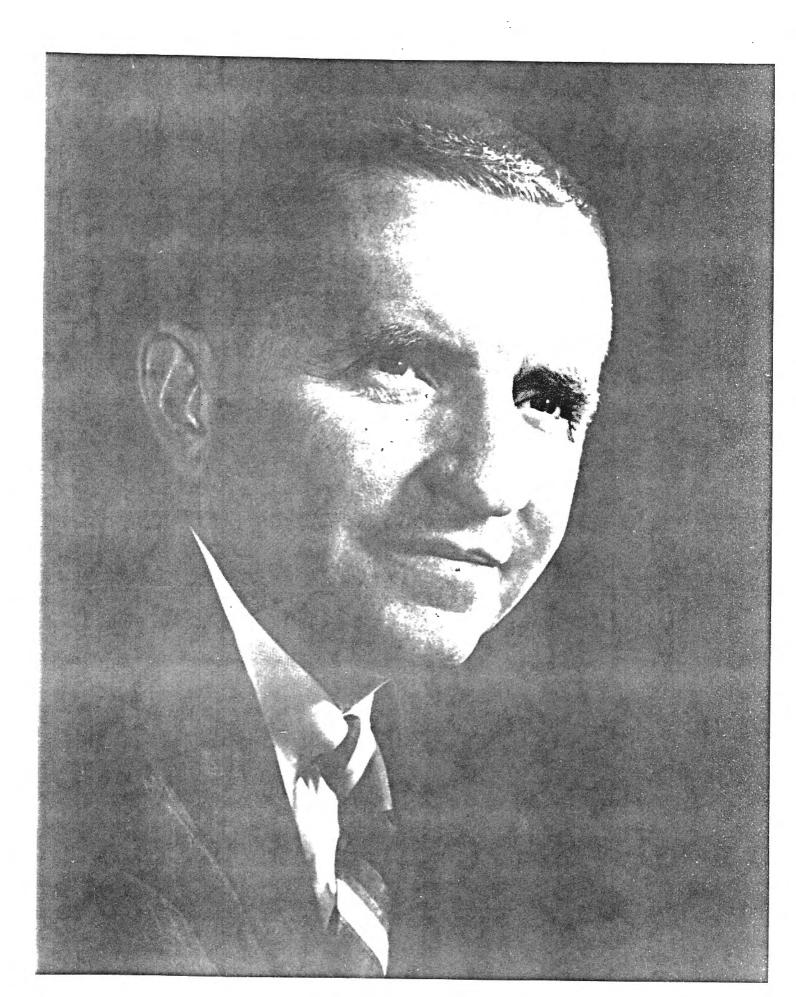
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Dr. Wallenberg serves as Chairman of STORA, Papyrus,
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International Chamber of Commerce and as Chairman of the ICC
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Mr. Max Green, Assistant Director Office of Public Liason Room 196 The White House Washingon, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Green:

On Thursday evening, May 8, the World Zionist Organization-American Section, and the American Zionist Federation, representing more than one million American Jews, will be sponsoring a celebration in honor of Israel's 38th Independence Day and the Centennary of the birth of David Ben Gurion. On this occasion, we will be paying special tribute to Max Fisher, the preeminent communal leader of American Jewry, by presenting him with the Israel Achievement Award, our highest expression of esteem and respect. We are sure that President Reagan, a long-time friend of Max Fisher, would want to send a message of tribute to Mr. Fisher in recognition of his years of distinguished service to his country and to the American Jewish community.

Since the Israel Achievement Award Ceremony will also launch the Ben Gurion Centennial Year in the United States, the honorable Yitzhak Navon, former President of the State of Israel, will deliver a major address. The event will take place at the New York Hilton Hotel, starting at 8:00 P.M. We expect approximately 500 leading members of the American Jewish community to be in attendance.

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We would greatly appreciate if you could arrange to have President Reagan send his message to us in the form of written greetings, care of the Israel Achievement Awards, 515 Park Avenue, New York, New York. 10022.

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With your help and the help of other freedom-loving Americans, we can succeed in turning the tide to democracy in Nicaragua. We must succeed. Nothing less than the security of the United States is at stake.

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Thank you very much for those very generous words and thank all of you for this warm welcome. And let me just say that with regard to your one sub-point there of -- with regard to arms and to Arabs that are, in that regard, always in our mind -- that is predicated upon our belief that it can further the cause of peace which we're trying to bring about in the Middle East and that we are pledged to the fact that we will never allow Israel to lose its qualitative or quantitive edge by anything we do in that regard. (Applause.)

And you've all been so nice, I can't leave without telling you one little goody. I happen to have a hobby of collecting stories that I understand are told in the communist countries among themselves which reveals the cynicism of their own people. And George Shultz brought me back one from the Soviet Union the other day. It seems they went into the General Secretary and told him there was an elderly lady there at the Kremlin that wouldn't leave without seeing him. And he said, "Well, bring her in." And they did. And he said, "Well, Mother, what is it? What can I do?" She said, "I have one question." She said, "Was communism invented by a politician or a scientist?" And he said, "Well, a politician." She said, "That explains it. A scientist would have tried it on mice first." (Laughter and applause.)

The Jewish New Year begins with the High Holy Days, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These are days of judgment, not by man, but by God, the one eternal God who revealed Himself to the People of Israel. For Jews, these are the Days of Awe, a time for reflection and repentance -- for rededication to the service of God and to His ethical code. This is symbolized most dramatically by the sounding of the Shofar which according to Maimonides says: "Awake, awake, O sleepers from your sleep; O slumberers; arouse ye from your slumbers; and examine your deeds, return in repentance and remember your Creator."

While the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have special meaning for Jews, they are not special days for Jews alone. At this time of year, all of us should rejoice in the knowledge that ours is a country which has always welcomed Jews and repudiated anti-semitism. As George Washington wrote to the Jewish congregation in Newport, Rhode Island in 1790, the American government is one "which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

All Americans can take pride in this, and in our unwavering support for the state of Israel, which was born out of the ashes of the Holocaust and which to this day is a refuge from persecution and a beacon of hope for Jewish people throughout the world. Our deep commitment to Israel's security is one with our commitment to freedom of religion in our own country. Underlying both are the unchanging moral and spiritual values to which Jews and Judaism continue to make an incalculable contribution.

It is therefore a great pleasure for Nancy and me to extend our warmest greetings for the New Year of 5747 to Jews here and throughout the world. May your names be written in the Book of Life, and may the Lord bless you with health and happiness from generation to generation.

Ronald Rogan

February 8, 1988

Greetings to the men and women of the Armed Forces as you take part in the Days of Remembrance.

Remembrance has a power for good that is all its own, and each of us must use that power as we contemplate the Holocaust -- and its impact on the entire world. We must remember; we must do so for the millions lost, for those who survived, and for the relatives and the descendants of these many people. We must remember as well for humanity itself; in search of the purpose and the strength to utter the words, "Never Again!" and to live by them, as individuals, governments, and nations.

We know that remembrance is possible for both those who have witnessed and those who have heard. My generation cannot forget, but neither must any generation. This <u>Guide</u> from the Department of Defense introduces the history of the Holocaust and analyzes the lessons we must take from it about the human spirit and the good and evil ever before us. There are some in every age who choose evil, not good, and death, not life. If we truly remember, we will choose life.

Let us make our remembrance, then, always in the manner and the spirit of those who liberated the concentration camps and freed and cared for survivors. These soldiers came not in conquest but in compassion, not to kill and enslave but to free and to heal. Let our remembrance ever be thus and it will be a resolution true and noble -- "Never Again."

May every blessing be yours.

Ramer Reagan

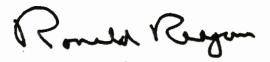
#### Hanukkah, 1986

I am delighted to send greetings to Jewish people the world over as you celebrate Hanukkah. The Jewish festivals are steeped in tradition, and one of the most beautiful of these is that of this "Festival of Lights."

The Hanukkah story tells of the desecration of the Holy Temple and of the persecution of a people whose unbending will it was to live as Jews. It is a story of determination and resolve and, most importantly, of faith in the power of God. It is also the story of a miracle, for it is written that after the victory, the Holy Temple was restored and the vial of oil found in the rubble burned for eight days instead of one. This allowed a grateful people to purify and rededicate the ancient House of Worship to God.

Hanukkah reminds all Americans of our great fortune -to live in a nation where all are able to practice our
religions freely and without fear. At the same time, it
reminds us of our obligation to support our Jewish
brothers and sisters in the State of Israel and in the
Soviet Union where they are still struggling for the
basic rights and privileges which we hold so dear and
too often take for granted.

Nancy and I share in the joy of your celebration. May its wonderful traditions be an inspiration to everyone, and may the glow of the Menorah candles shed the light of freedom and peace during this Hanukkah season.



While I cannot be with you this evening, I am happy to have this opportunity to wish all of you attending this 28th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America a very successful meeting.

The moral and spiritual values of our religious institutions must be brought to bear on the critical issues of our time, for these values give us both strength and direction.

Let me commend you in particular for your devotion to freedom for our brothers and sisters across the face of the globe. Blessed as we Americans are with freedom, we have a duty to those whose human rights are violated.

Nancy joins me in these greetings. God bless you all.

#### RONALD REAGAN

RR/MG/PN/AVH/jz (6MSG) cc: K.Osborne/M.Green/C.Korte/CF DUE: June 27

TO MAX GREEN TO HAND-CARRY Greek Orthodox

I am pleased to send greetings to everyone celebrating the tenth anniversary of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council. This has been a decade of great accomplishments.

Your Council advanced the interests of the Jewish community and the entire community by promoting intergroup harmony and cooperation. You have done much to strengthen the bonds between the United States and Israel -- a relationship that is mutually beneficial.

Your founders and Presidents -- George Klein, Rabbi Israel Miller, Richard Ravitch, Daniel Shapiro, Lawrence A. Tisch, Peggy Tishman, and Jack Weiler -- have all been distinguished Americans. To them, I say "Yasher Koach." This speaks well of you since my experience is that organizations invariably attract the leaders they deserve.

Finally, a hearty congratulations to Malcolm Hoenlein, the recipient of your first Jack D. Weiler Jewish Communal Service Award. As your Executive Director, Malcolm has earned the respect of those who have worked with him.

Again, congratulations to all of you for a decade of achievement. I fully expect your next decade to be even more illustrious. Let me also express the wish that your names be inscribed in the Book of Life for happiness and health in the coming year.

RINALD REAGAN

To Max Green, OPL, for dispatch.

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Presidential Correspondence
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November 24, 1986

Dear Girls and Boys:

A member of my staff, Mr. Zachari, was kind enough to deliver the letters you gave him for me when he visited your school. I was delighted to have them and to learn a little about each of you.

Mrs. Reagan joins me in sending our warm good wishes to you and to all the teachers and staff at St. Mary's Czestochowa School. God bless you.

Sincerely,

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6 October 1986

Mr. Matt Zachari Room 196 Old Executive Office Bldg. 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue White House

Dear Mr. Zachari:

Washington, DC 20500

Enclosed is the message signed by President Reagan for the 42nd Biennial Assembly of Scabbard and Blade. I regret the shortness of notice. If there is anything that you can do to secure a message for our 43rd Biennial Assembly, meeting at the University of Kentucky, Lexington on October 10, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call me at (215) 632-3100 when the message is available and a messenger from Steve Weitzman, Esq.'s office will pick it up.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD W. ROSENBAUM, Col. USAFR (Ret)

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February 24, 1984

I am pleased to send warmest greetings to those who gather for the Forty-second Biennial Assembly of Scabbard and Blade, the National ROTC Honor Society.

This occasion provides me with a welcome opportunity once again to commend the members of your organization and all you do to promote the fine principles espoused by the ROTC. Yours is an outstanding group of young men and women who are dedicated to the cause of our nation's defense. You benefit greatly from participation in the ROTC through its unique educational and leadership programs. Members of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade have earned the respect and admiration of all of us.

Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for an enjoyable convention and for continued success in the future.

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Dear Mr. President:

October 28th, 1882 is a day that all of us at Northern Metropolitan Residential Health Care Facility are planning to commemorate. More than 3 years before the Statue of Liberty was even built, one of our residents, Mrs. Cecelia Halper, was born.

Shortly before World War I, Mrs. Halper emigrated from her native Russia to the United States and settled down in the New York area, where she has lived ever since. Her patriotism and fondness for her adopted country shone through at the recent Fourth of July celebration at our nursing home, where she recanted stories of her first exciting glimpse of the Statue the harbor.

know that an extra added bonus to our birthday celebration for Mrs. Halper on October 28th would be if you would send birthday greetings to her. These can be sent to the following address:

Mrs. Cecelia Halper c/o Northern Metropolitan Residential Health Care Facility 225 Maple Avenue Monsey, NY 10952

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Morris Klein

Executive Director