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NAME MR. RED CAVENEY
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ADDR WASHINGTON DC 20500
SUBJECT PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX
JEWISH LEADERS IN HONOR OF THEIR SPIRITUAL
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TITLE CHAIRMAN
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ORG LUBAVITCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
ADDR BROOKLYN NY 11213
STREET 770 EASTERN PARKWAY
SUBJECT MESSAGE OF REGARDS TO ALL THOSE GATHERED FOR
 THE TWENTY - EIGHTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL
 CONVENTION OF THE LUBAVITCH YOUTH
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 PRREAG
NAME MRS. TEMA GURARY
TITLE CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL COUNCIL
ORG LUBAVITCH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION
ADDR BROOKLYN NY 11213
STREET 306B KINGSTON AVENUE
SUBJECT REQUESTS A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR THE WEEK
 OF THE JEWISH WOMAN TO TAKE PLACE IN NEW
 YORK FROM MAR (16-25) 84
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 WAS TO CALL WRITER AND DISCUSS; NO MESSAGE
 FOR SPECIAL "WEEK ' OBSERVANCE WITHOUT
 PROCLAMATION AND EXPLAIN WE 'D BE HAPPY TO DO
 FOR CONVENTION

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503
April 10, 1984

COPY
from ORM

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ
COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: EDUCATION DAY, U.S.A., 1984

#5781

Pursuant to House Joint Resolution 520, the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation which would designate April 13, 1984 as "Education Day, U.S.A.".

The proposed proclamation was prepared in this office and as to format.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosure

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1/3/84: Pres. and Pro. in Private Ceremony
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1/6/84: To Archives

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Document No. 197870

April 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: FRED FIELDING ✓
CRAIG FULLER ✓
M.B. OGLESBY ✓
JACK SVAHN ✓ (v)
LEE VERSTANDIG ✓
FAITH WHITTLESEY ✓
FRED RYAN (FYI)

FROM: DODIE LIVINGSTON

SUBJECT: DRAFT PROCLAMATION: Education Day, U.S.A., 1984

Attached for your review is the draft proclamation which, pursuant to a joint resolution of the Congress, calls for the observance of April 13, 1984 as "Education Day, U.S.A., 1984."

The draft was prepared by John Cooney's Office, X5600

I regret the short notice, but the draft only arrived in my office this morning. Because the event is this Friday, may I have your response by 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 12.

As always, many thanks.

1984 APR 12 PM 6:08

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR, SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF.
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Proclamation of
"Education Day, U.S.A."

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced draft proclamation and cannot approve it as written. Accordingly, we have prepared the revised draft that is attached.

The problems with the draft that was circulated include:

° In addition to careless mistakes (e.g., "remainder" for "reminder"; "IN WITNESS, [sic] WHEREOF"), the draft contains formal and technical errors identical to those we have pointed out more than once in the past. Specifically, the House Joint Resolution does not request that "the President issue a proclamation designating" the day. The Resolution itself designates the day, and authorizes and requests the President to issue an appropriate proclamation. Also, White House form is to put quotation marks around the name of the day where the Resolution is being quoted, but not to do so in the "NOW, THEREFORE" paragraph where the day is actually proclaimed.

These are not "picky" points; they involve routine, recurring matters of accuracy and proper form on documents that are signed by the President and become part of his official record. There is no reason for these continuing mistakes.

° The birthday of Rabbi Schneerson, whom the proclamation is meant to honor, is not April 4 -- at least not this year. The Rabbi lists his birthday as the 11th day of the Jewish month Nisan, which falls each year on a different day of our calendar. In 1982, when the Rabbi was honored by a similar proclamation, the date was April 4; this year, it is April 13.

° Generally, the prose of this draft was simply inadequate for a Presidential document (though I recognize that much of that prose was drawn from the turgidly written Resolution).

Attachment

cc: Richard G. Darman ←
John Cooney

[Counsel's Office, 4/12/84]

EDUCATION DAY, U.S.A., 1984

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Throughout our history, Americans have recognized that education is vital to our Nation's future. Our educational system has always done far more than simply train people for a given job or profession; it has equipped generation upon generation of young men and women for lives of responsible citizenship, by helping to teach them the basic ethical values and principles that are both our heritage as a free people and the foundation of civilized life.

As the beneficiaries of that heritage, we bear a corresponding responsibility to ensure that the moral values on which freedom rests continue to be transmitted to each successive generation of Americans. If our educational efforts are rooted in first principles -- that human life is sacred; that men and women should be treated as individuals, with certain fundamental rights and responsibilities; that respect for law is crucial to the survival of freedom -- then our children and our children's children will share, as we have, in the blessings of liberty.

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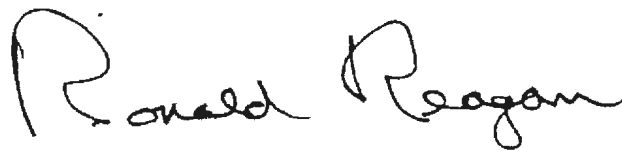
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In recognition of Rabbi Schneerson's contributions and in honor of his 82nd birthday on the 11th day of the Jewish month Nisan, which falls this year on April 13, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 520, has designated April 13, 1984, as "Education Day, U.S.A.," and has authorized and requested the President to issue an appropriate proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 13, 1984, as Education Day, U.S.A., and I call upon the people of the United States, and in particular our teachers and other educational leaders, to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
13th day of April, in the year of our Lord
nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of
the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text of the proclamation.

The President has seen _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1984

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your signature is
Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 520,
which would designate April 13,
1984, as Education Day, U.S.A.

The Bill and proclamation, which
is also attached, have the
approval of OMB, the Department of
Education, and Senior White House
Staff.

LAST DAY FOR ACTION: April 20

Dick

Richard G. Darman

TWO SIGNATURES REQUIRED

Please Note: These are scheduled
to be signed in ceremony TODAY
during Administrative Time at
2:45.

Jan: for 4/13:

*Michael Breger of OPL
(62164) said Michael Deaver
was adding a 3:00 photo op
for signing of the Education
Day Proc - Breger is doing
the briefing paper - Jo*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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LUBAVITVH BIRTHDAY PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS

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recovery .

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PSAL RUDY
ADDR ST. PAUL MN 55116
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 BY THE FRIENDS OF MERKOS - LUBAVITCH
SUBCODE PL003
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 S. HERRING, C. KORTE

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NAME RABBI BORUCH S. CUNIN
TITLE WEST COAST DIRECTOR
ORG CHABAD HOUSE
 FRIENDS OF LUBAVITCH, INC.
ADDR LOS ANGELES CA 90024
STREET 741 GAYLEY AVENUE
SUBJECT I AM HONORED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
 PAY TRIBUTE TO CHABAD OF CALIFORNIA
 CHABAD - FRIENDS OF LUBAVITCH
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NAME RABBI DAVID RASKIN
TITLE CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ORG LUBAVITCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
ADDR BROOKLYN NY 11213
STREET 770 EASTERN PARKWAY
SUBJECT GREETINGS TO ALL THOSE ATTENDING OF THE 29TH
 ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
 LUBAVITCH YOUTH ORGANIZATION
SUBCODE ME002
 HU013-60 WE009
INDCODE 4400 4500
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COMMENTS CC: K. OSBORNE, M. BREGER, R. LARKINS,
 C. KORTE

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Mr. Hall-

Will call you later

today to discuss

re-adding this.

- 1/1/85

Tatla Shemtov

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1984

Photo Opportunity with the
American Friends of the Luvavitch

DATE: Thursday, December 20, 1984
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 4:30pm
FROM: Michael A. McManus, Jr.

10:20
10:50-5

I. PURPOSE

To demonstrate the President's support of the free expression of the observance of Hanukkah, by accepting a menorah, similar to the National Menorah situated in Lafayette Park.

II. BACKGROUND

This presentation is in observance of the lighting of the National Menorah which will take place immediately in Lafayette Park following the Oval Office visit.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Mike McManus
Marshall Breger
Rabbi Abraham Shemtov
Rabbi Shlomo Cunin
Rabbi Yisroel Shmotkin
Rabbi Moshe Feller
Rabbi Moshe Herson

Leah Graves

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer
~~Wire Photographers~~

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Rabbis enter the Oval Office and are introduced to the President by Mr. McManus. ~~The menorah is lit and presented to the President by Rabbi Shemtov.~~ After accepting the menorah, the President gives Rabbi Shemtov a message to be read at the official lighting in Lafayette Park. Participants depart the Oval Office.

IV. REMARKS

Brief talking points attached.

Is this part of?

Assume we'll want to change this.

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NAME RABBI ABRAHAM SHEMTOV
TITLE NATIONAL DIRECTOR
ORG AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LUBAVITCH
ADDR WASHINGTON DC 20006
STREET SUITE 770
 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
SUBJECT REQUEST THAT MRS. REAGAN PARTICIPATE IN THE
 MID WINTER CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL
 LUBAVITCH WOMEN ORGANIZATION TO BE HELD THE
 WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 8-10
SUBCODE IV085
 PP005-01 FG114 HU016 HU013-60
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WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 14, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR MARSHALL BREGER

FROM: MIKE McMANUS *unc for*

SUBJECT: Signing of the Proclamation for
the Friends of the Lubavitch

I received a call from Mike Kinsella, Senator D'Amato's AA, regarding a photo opportunity with the President and Mrs. Reagan in connection with the Friends of the Lubavitch's Proclamation Signing. I understand this has been done every year.

Mike explained that they would like the event to take place on either April 1st or 2nd and they wanted it in the loop early. I would appreciate your thoughts on this.

Thank you.

Background of
"Education Day"
and all Lubavitch Events

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH LUBAVITCH ORTHODOX JEWISH LEADERS

DATE: October 22, 1982
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 2:50 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.

COPY
from ORM

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE



I. PURPOSE

To honor the 7th Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Meachem M. Schneerson, on the occasion of his 80th year through receipt of a bound edition of his recent letters to worldwide Jewry on the importance of education and moral values.

II. BACKGROUND

Orthodox Jews are the most supportive element of the Jewish community and the Lubavitchers are the only ones to actively support all of your domestic initiatives. Their spiritual leader, the Rebbe, is celebrating his 80th birthday this year, which is an event of worldwide acclaim. You wrote the Rebbe at the beginning of this special year of celebration (letter attached). You also signed the National Day of Reflection Proclamation (attached) which is a tribute to the Rebbe, who is not able to travel and must remain in Brooklyn.

The Lubavitchers have 80 centers in 32 states and millions of followers nationwide. Strong Lubavitcher supporters are Senators Boschwitz & Thurmond and Chic Hecht of Nevada. The group avidly supports your tuition tax credit, pro-life and prayer in school stands and applaud your overall pro-family attitudes. Those greeting you are emissaries representing their 80 U.S. centers.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, Executive Director, and five scientists, educators and Rabbis.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photo only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

2:50 p.m. - You greet Rabbi Shemtov on his entering the Oval Office. He, in turn, will introduce the others as they enter.

You pose with the group for a photo, while they present the bound edition to you.

2:55 p.m. - Your guests thank you and take their leave.

Attachments: Talking Points/Presidential Letter/Proclamation

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- As you are aware, I am a fond admirer of the Rebbe (rebbe), and I am delighted to have some of his writings for my library. Thank you for this beautiful bound edition.

- I recall with great pride my opportunity to sign the National Day of Reflection proclamation in honor of the Rebbe last April.

- Please convey my personal best wishes to him in this very special 80th year.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1982

Dear Rebbe:

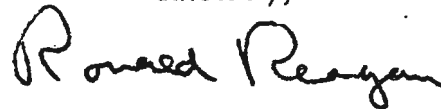
Nancy and I are pleased to share in the joy and celebration which surrounds your 80th birthday on this 11 Nissan. On behalf of all Americans, we offer our most heartfelt congratulations.

You have so much of which to be proud. Since your first moments in the United States in 1941, you have shared your personal gift of universal understanding to the benefit of all. Time and again, your love and spiritual guidance have brought hope and inspiration to those confronted with despair. In bringing solace and comfort to the human spirit, you have helped to strengthen the foundation of faith which is mankind's most vital asset. Your life's work has been a response to that special calling few are privileged to hear.

I am especially pleased to join members of Congress in proclaiming a National Day of Reflection on your birthday. As I stated in the Proclamation, your work "stands as a reminder to us all that knowledge is an unworthy goal unless it is accompanied by moral and spiritual wisdom and understanding." As with all great leaders, you have given much more than you will ever receive.

God bless you today and always.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson
Lubavitch
770 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, New York 11213

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 3, 1982

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Amid the distractions and concerns of our daily existence, it is appropriate that Americans pause to reflect upon the ancient ethical principles and moral values which are the foundation of our character as a nation.

We seek, and steadfastly pursue, the benefits of education. But education must be more than factual enlightenment -- it must enrich the character as well as the mind.

One shining example for people of all faiths of what education ought to be is that provided by the Lubavitch movement, headed by Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, a worldwide spiritual leader who will celebrate his 80th birthday on April 4, 1982. The Lubavitcher Rebbe's work stands as a reminder that knowledge is an unworthy goal unless it is accompanied by moral and spiritual wisdom and understanding. He has provided a vivid example of the eternal validity of the Seven Noahide Laws, a moral code for all of us regardless of religious faith. May he go from strength to strength.

In recognition of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's 80th birthday, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled have issued House Joint Resolution 447 to set aside April 4, 1982, as a "National Day of Reflection."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 4, 1982, as National Day of Reflection.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
3rd day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen
hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United
States of America the two hundred and sixth.

RONALD REAGAN

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Education Day, U.S.A., 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Parents and educators recognize a sacred trust to help children learn about the world in which we live, about all that has gone before, and about all that can be. This trust includes teaching our children about the whole of civilization and humanity's quest for truth, so that they will learn the great lesson that wisdom, love, decency, moral courage, and compassion, as well as technical knowledge and sharpened skills, must be part of everyone's education and everyone's lifework.

American history teaches this lesson well, and American culture, both its weaknesses and its strengths, testifies to its importance. But this lesson needs continual reinforcement. Because education is vital to our children and to the future of all Americans, we do well to call attention to the unflagging efforts of the many people who stress excellence and completeness in education. One of them is the leader of the worldwide Lubavitch movement of Hasidic Judaism, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, whose 85th birthday falls on April 10. The Lubavitch movement has fostered teaching of the ethical values that make civilization possible and that enrich life for everyone. We can be most grateful for all who seek to endow our children with the precious heritage that others have built and preserved for us.

In recognition of Rabbi Schneerson's achievements and in celebration of his 85th birthday, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 200, has designated April 10, 1987, as "Education Day, U.S.A." and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 10, 1987, as Education Day, U.S.A., and call upon the people of the United States, and in particular our teachers and other educational leaders, to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

Ronald Reagan

Ushering in '85
בזמן הזה



שליט"א רבי
THE REBBE
Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson

"Completing 850"
בימים ההם



מאז ברכי מימון

Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon - Maimonides

“Celebration 850”

celebrating the 850th birthday of

Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon - Maimonides

Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon was one of the towering figures in the history of the Jewish people. Of him it was said, “From Moshe (Moses) to Moshe (ben Maimon) there arose none like Moshe.”

Among the Jewish people, he is known as the Rambam, an acronym for Rabbi Moshe ben (son of) Maimon (RaM BaM); while universally — for his fame and influence reached far beyond the confines of his own people — he is called Maimonides, the Greek form of “the son of Maimon.”

Truth does not become more true by virtue of the fact that the entire world agrees with it, nor less so even if the whole world disagrees with it.

Moreh Nevuchim 2:15

Ushering in “85”

Ushering in the Eighty fifth year
since the birth of “The Rebbe”.

The Rebbe

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson

The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, world leader of the Chabad-Lubavitch Movement, has been described as the most phenomenal Jewish personality of our time. To his tens of thousands of Chassidim and hundreds of thousands of sympathizers and admirers around the world, he is “the Rebbe,” today’s most dominant figure in Judaism and, undoubtedly, the one individual more than any other singularly responsible for stirring the conscience and spiritual awakening of world Jewry.

His brilliant insights into the human experience and world events, his genuine compassion for others, his strong leadership and his profound endless flow of genius, have made him a legend in his lifetime, and won him the admiration, respect and awe of all those who have come to know him.

ב"ה

You are cordially invited to join
the United States Congress Salute to Guidance and Leadership
Celebration 850/85

Completing the Eight Hundred and Fiftieth Year
Since the Birth of
The Maimonides

and

Ushering in the Eighty Fifth Year
Since the Birth of
The Rebbe



The President of the
United States of
America signing Pro-
clamation designating
the Birthday of the
Rebbe, Rabbi Mena-
chem Schneerson

"Education Day
U. S. A."

Leaders in Jurispru-
dence, Sciences includ-
ing Nobel Laureates,
will participate.

The Celebration 850/85 will be held
Thursday, April 17th, 3:00 p.m.
at the Caucus Room, Washington, D.C. Russell Senate Building, Washington, D.C.

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district and State will be on hand to meet you

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United States Senate

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December 16, 1986

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The Honorable Donald P. Hodel
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
18th and C Street, N.W.
Room 6211
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Hodel,

I am concerned that the Department of the Interior has chosen not to allow the placement of the National Menorah in Lafayette Park during the appropriate season, especially since it appears that the decision is based on a misreading of the rule governing certain structures.

In fact, after reviewing the Final Rule that prohibits certain structures in Lafayette Park, which was published in the Federal Register of March 5, 1986, at pages 7556-7566, it appears more consistent with past practice and in keeping with the intent of the regulation to have the Menorah placed in its traditional place.

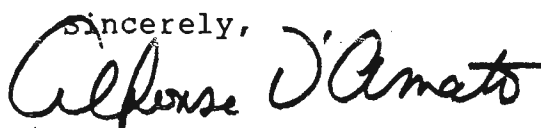
The purpose of the Rule was clearly stated in the Preamble to the Rule. The Rule was intended to prohibit signs and structures that had been causing blight in Lafayette Park and affecting other uses of the Park by remaining over long periods of time. The Menorah is not such a structure and so it was properly not mentioned in the Rule on the Preamble. The Menorah has been placed in the Park every year since 1979, but only for the eight days of Chanukah. It has not impinged on the aesthetics of the Park or other uses of the Park. The Menorah's appearance is well known by this time in Washington and throughout the country. For example, the Washington Post shows a picture of the Menorah to illustrate an article on the background of Chanukah in the issue of December 1, 1986.

The Rule contains a definition of the "structures" to be prohibited that is very specific and in no way includes the Menorah. In order to avoid a prohibition of "structures" in the Park that was overly broad and therefore unconstitutional, the Rule defined "structures" by listing categories of such structures and examples under these categories, then adding a "catchall" category: "All such similar types of property which might tend to harm park resources including aesthetic interests. None of these categories or examples can be associated with the Menorah. If the Rule was somehow intended to prohibit not just the structures described, but the Menorah as well, then the Rule failed to give adequate public notice that this was the case.

Therefore, it seems that placing the Menorah in Lafayette Park this year as in the past would not violate this Rule which prohibits other types of structures in the Park. Since the Menorah does not fall within the scope of the Rule, then, strictly speaking, there is no need for a specific exemption in the rule for the Menorah. However, a specific exemption for the Menorah would be advisable in order to dispell any question which may arise in future years over the menorah. It is advisable, in fact, that an exemption be drafted and included in the Rule prior to next Chanukah to avoid future discord.

I am hopeful that a review by your counsel will concur that a remedy is at hand to fulfill the expectations of millions of devout members of the Jewish faith that recognition of the Chanukah season is deserved and merited.

Thank you for your desire to be helpful on this important matter.

Sincerely,


Alfonse M. D'Amato
United States Senator

AMD/mk

cc: Mitch Daniels
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December 29, 1986

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

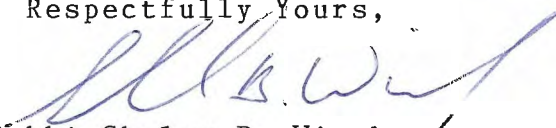
Dear Mr. President:

Our profound gratitude on behalf of the numerous individuals from the public and private sectors who partook in the various Menorah lighting ceremonies, as well as the many thousands who enjoyed attending the displays in the states of Missouri and Kansas.

Your public stance and proclamation on this issue as well as kindred issues has paved the way for making meaningful ceremonies and moral stands possible across the length and breadth of our great country.

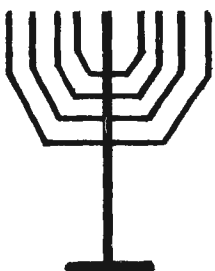
May the Almighty reward you and your dear wife Nancy with many more happy and healthy years.

Respectfully Yours,


Rabbi Sholom B. Wineberg

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in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEES TO HAVE UNTIL 6 P.M. MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1987 TO FILE REPORTS ON H.R. 3

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that each of the committees receiving referral of the bill H.R. 3 have until 6 p.m. on Monday, April 6, to file their report on that bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do not intend to object; but I would just like to point out that this bill, H.R. 3, is trade legislation, and the proper title, I believe, would be the Omnibus Trade Act. I want to say that I am very pleased that that legislation is being worked on in a bipartisan way, particularly from the Ways and Means Committee. I understand that it had an overwhelming vote on both sides of the aisle, and while there may be some differences about certain sections in the different committees—and several committees are included—I think that is the way this House should operate, and I want to commend the majority leader for the effort that is being put forward, and in the spirit of that effort we certainly would have no objection to his unanimous-consent request.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

□ 1030

EDUCATION DAY U.S.A.

Mr. SIKORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service be discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 200) to designate April 10, 1987, as "Education Day U.S.A.," and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do not object but simply would like to inform the House that the minority has no objections to the legislation now being considered.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution 200 to designate April 10, 1987, as "Education Day U.S.A."

The quality of education is essential to America's heritage of political freedom and cultural achievements. Our

schools are vital in that they provide for our technical and scientific competence. Education holds the key to the future of our countries higher education goals; and by designating April 10, 1987, as "Education Day, U.S.A." we call to the attention of the American people the necessity of continuing to maintain and improve our educational system.

I feel that in the future our Nation must rely more and more on a highly educated citizenry to compete with other nations of the world; therefore, we must nurture our desire for learning to motivate students and teachers to assure that we maintain the leadership necessary to continue our American democracy.

In this resolution we call attention to the Lubavitch movement which promoted many of the ethical values and principles upon which our great Nation was founded. It is only fitting that in choosing this date we honor the leader of the movement, Rabbi Menachem Mendell Schneerson, whose 85th birthday falls on April 10, 1987. Since 1980 Rabbi Menachem Mendell Schneerson has been the leader of the Lubavitch international which is the largest branch of the Hassidic movement. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to join the many admirers of the "rebbe" especially my constituents at the Chabad House in Rockville.

I strongly urge passage of the resolution which focuses attention on America's education that is so vital to our future competitiveness with other nations.

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to say a few words about House Joint Resolution 200, requesting the President to designate April 10, 1987, as "Education Day, U.S.A."

Along with the distinguished majority leader, TOM FOLEY, I am sponsoring this resolution. I'm happy to be part of this worthy venture.

As I said last year, I think it is fitting that the majority and minority leaders, should cosponsor such a resolution. It deals with a subject that transcends partisan consideration.

We are seeing a rebirth of the Old American idea of progress through education for all Americans. That's still a great idea.

April 10 also happens to be the 85th birthday of a remarkable religious leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendell Schneerson.

He is the internationally renowned and respected leader of the Lubavitch movement which actively promotes education programs at more than 120 centers in 40 States.

The Lubavitch movement, founded in the 18th century, has as its philosophical foundation three basic elements—wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

It is therefore appropriate that the movement, under the inspired leadership of the man called the rebbe, has been so active in promoting education.

Looking over my remarks from last year, I came upon a fact I want to share with you today.

The movement which the rebbe heads takes its name from a Russian city, Lubavitch, which, translated into English means, city of love.

In the final analysis it is love of one's religious heritage, love of learning—that is at the heart of the Lubavitch movement and at the heart of our resolution.

I'm pleased once again to honor a great man and to support such a fine idea.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the joint resolution, as follows:

H.J. RES. 200

Whereas Congress recognizes the historical tradition of ethical values and principles which are the basis of civilized society and upon which our great Nation was founded;

Whereas these ethical values and principles have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, when they were known as the Seven Noahide laws;

Whereas without these ethical values and principles the edifice of civilization stands in serious peril of returning to chaos;

Whereas society is profoundly concerned with the recent weakening of these principles that has resulted in crises that beleaguer and threaten the fabric of civilized society;

Whereas the justified preoccupation with these crises must not let the citizens of this Nation lose sight of their responsibility to transmit these historical ethical values from our distinguished past to the generations of the future;

Whereas the Lubavitch movement has fostered and promoted these ethical values and principles throughout the world; and

Whereas Rabbi Menachem Mendell Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitch movement, is universally respected and revered and his eighty-fifth birthday falls on April 10, 1987; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 10, 1987, the birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendell Schneerson, leader and head of the worldwide Lubavitch movement, is designated as "Education Day, U.S.A." The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. SIKORSKI

Mr. SIKORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. SIKORSKI:

Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert: That April 10, 1987 the birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendell Schneerson, leader and head of the worldwide Lubavitch movement, is designated as "Education Day, U.S.A." The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. We also call on heads of state of the world to join our President in this tribute by signing the international scroll of honor which will be presented in their respective countries this year of "celebration 85."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. SIKORSKI].

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1987

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LUBAVITCH

Date: April 9, 1987
Location: Oval Office
Time: 11:45 a.m.

From: Mari Maseng, *M*

I. PURPOSE

To give presidential recognition to Education Day U.S.A.

II. BACKGROUND

H.J. Res. 200 designates April 10, 1987 as Education Day U.S.A. Education Day has been observed on the birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe (spiritual leader) every year since 1978. Rabbi Scheerson heads the Lubavitch Hasidic sect of Judaism, which is the largest Hasidic group in the world. The Lubavitchers carry out education programs at more than 120 centers in 40 states, where they encourage adherence to traditional Jewish law as it has been interpreted by their Rebbe. The Lubavitcher movement has the support of many prominent "Friends of Lubavitch," including Senator Rudy Boschwitz.

You have met with the Friends of Lubavitch on many occasions, most recently on December 22, 1986, when they presented you with a menorah in observance of Chanukah. Also, in 1985 a Friends of Lubavitch group witnessed your signing of a National Scroll of Honor for the Rebbe's birthday.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, National Director, American Friends of Lubavitch

Rabbi Shlomo Cunin, Director, West Coast operations

Rabbi Samuel Raichik, Emissary of Rebbe to West Coast

Rabbi Moshe Feller, Director, Minnesota operations;
Senator Rudy Boschwitz's rabbi

Rabbi Abraham Korf, Director, Florida operations

Rabbi Noson Gurary, Director, Upstate New York operations

Rabbi Shimon Lazaroff, Director, Texas operations

Rabbi Israel Deren, Director, Massachusetts operations

Rabbi Jacob Kranz, Director, Virginia and West Virginia

Rabbi Zalman Levertov, Director, Arizona Operations

Mari Maseng, Director, Office of Public Liaison

Max Green, Associate Director, Office of Public Liaison

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

- I am very happy to meet again with the Friends of Lubavitch [LU-ba-vich].
- The ethical teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe [lu-BA-vich-er reb-BEE], based on the Seven Noahide [NOY-ad] Laws, have as much relevance today as they ever have.
- The elements upon which the Lubavitcher movement is based - wisdom, understanding, and knowledge - are not just desirable, they are necessary for the very survival of our civilization.
- Please convey my best wishes to the Rebbe on the occasion of his 85th birthday (Friday, April 10th).
- I wish you all a happy and healthy Passover holiday (begins the evening of Monday, April 13th).

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 9, 1987

EDUCATION DAY, U.S.A., 1987

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Parents and educators recognize a sacred trust to help children learn about the world in which we live, about all that has gone before, and about all that can be. This trust includes teaching our children about the whole of civilization and humanity's quest for truth, so that they will learn the great lesson that wisdom, love, decency, moral courage, and compassion, as well as technical knowledge and sharpened skills, must be part of everyone's education and everyone's lifework.

American history teaches this lesson well, and American culture, both its weakness and its strengths, testifies to its importance. But this lesson needs continual reinforcement. Because education is vital to our children and to the future of all Americans, we do well to call attention to the unflagging efforts of the many people who stress excellence and completeness in education. One of them is the leader of the worldwide Lubavitch movement of Hasidic Judaism, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, whose 85th birthday falls on April 10. The Lubavitch movement has fostered teaching of the ethical values that make civilization possible and that enrich life for everyone. We can be most grateful for all who seek to endow our children with the precious heritage that others have built and preserved for us.

In recognition of Rabbi Schneerson's achievements and in celebration of his 85th birthday, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 200, has designated April 10, 1987, as "Education Day, U.S.A." and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 10, 1987, as Education Day, U.S.A., and call upon the people of the United States, and in particular our teachers and other educational leaders, to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

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One Hundredth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the sixth day of January,
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Joint Resolution

To designate April 10, 1987, as "Education Day U.S.A.".

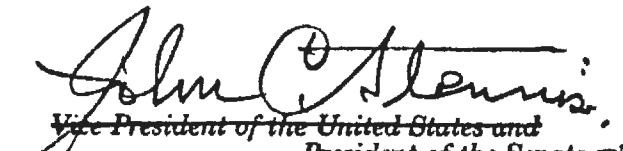
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Whereas the Lubavitch movement has fostered and promoted these ethical values and principles throughout the world;
Whereas Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitch movement, is universally respected and revered and his eighty-fifth birthday falls on April 10, 1987;
Whereas in tribute to this great spiritual leader, "the rebbe" this, his eighty-fifth year will be seen as the year of "turn and return", the year in which we turn to an education which will return the world to the moral and ethical values contained in the Seven Noahide Laws; and
Whereas this will be reflected in an international scroll of honor signed by the President of the United States and other heads of state: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 10, 1987, the birthday of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader and head of the worldwide Lubavitch movement, is designated as "Education Day, U.S.A.". The President is requested to issue a proclamation

H. J. Res. 200-2

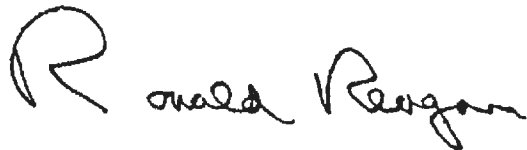
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tive countries this year of "celebration 85".


Speaker of the House of Representatives.


Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate *pro tempore*

APPROVED

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Washington, D.C. 20520

Lubavitch

January 6, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: State Department Assistance for World Tour of Rabbi
Abraham Shemtov

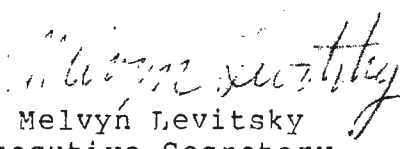
Paul Stevens requested last month that the Department prepare a cable of introduction for Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, asking U.S. Embassies to extend Shemtov appropriate courtesies and assistance during his upcoming tour of 23 countries. Shemtov is seeking the signatures of heads of state on a scroll in honor of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitch movement. The draft cable is attached for your clearance at Tab A.

The Department has reviewed the text and legislative history of Joint Resolution 300 and the subsequent Presidential Proclamation designating April 10, 1987, as "Education Day, U.S.A.," in honor of Rabbi Schneerson. We have found nothing in the language or the legislative history of the measure requiring the Department's participation in the dissemination of the scroll.

It would be appropriate for the Department to imply or assume such a function only if the Department concluded that it would advance U.S. foreign policy interests. Assisting Rabbi Shemtov with his efforts would not promote those interests, and might even be detrimental to them. In this case, moreover, official assistance to seek these signatures could be inconsistent with the President's executive order on government ethics, as reflected in Departmental regulations. Under these regulations, employees must avoid action that might result in using public office for private gain or in "[g]iving preferential treatment to any person."

Consistent with these guidelines, the Department regularly refuses to engage in any activities which do not further official purposes but instead promote private interests, even those which can be characterized as "secular," "educational" or "ethical." Rabbi Shemtov's activities might also be cast in religious terms; the Department's assistance to his private efforts could thereby raise constitutional issues relating to the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

The Department has deflected previous requests from Senators Boschwitz and Specter for assistance with the signature campaign. We continue to doubt the propriety of extending such assistance. We are, however, willing to advise embassies to extend to Rabbi Shemtov the courtesies and assistance extended other visiting American citizens of prominence.


Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated.

PROPOSED DRAFT CABLE ON SHEMTOV VISIT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF RABBI ABRAHAM SHEMTOV, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LUBAVITCH

1. SUMMARY: RABBI ABRAHAM SHEMTOV WILL BE VISITING ADDRESSEE POSTS IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF HEADS OF STATE FOR A SCROLL IN HONOR OF RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON, LEADER OF THE LUBAVITCH MOVEMENT OF HASIDIC JUDAISM. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO EXTEND RABBI SHEMTOV APPROPRIATE COURTESIES BUT SHOULD NOT INTERCEDE IN OFFICIAL CAPACITY WITH HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS TO PERSUADE THEM TO SIGN THE SCROLL. END SUMMARY.

2. THE LUBAVITCH MOVEMENT OF HASIDIC JUDAISM HAS BEEN ACTIVELY SEEKING U.S. DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS LEADER, RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY. BOTH CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT LAST YEAR TOOK ACTION DESIGNATING APRIL 10, 1987, AS "EDUCATION DAY, U.S.A.," IN HONOR OF RABBI SCHNEERSON. PRESIDENT REAGAN ALSO SIGNED AN "INTERNATIONAL SCROLL OF HONOR" FOR THE LEADER, TO WHICH THE LUBAVITCHERS ARE SEEKING THE SIGNATURES OF OTHER HEADS OF STATE. RABBI ABRAHAM SHEMTOV, DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF LUBAVITCH, WILL BE VISITING 23 COUNTRIES AS PART OF THIS EFFORT.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS DEFLECTED PREVIOUS REQUESTS BY SENATORS BOSCHWITZ AND SPECTER FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SIGNATURES FOR THE HONOR SCROLL. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT ACTIVE INTERCESSION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO SIGN THE SCROLL WOULD NOT ADVANCE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS. ABSENT SUCH ADVANCEMENT, OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN COULD VIOLATE ETHICS REGULATIONS AGAINST PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR PRIVATE CITIZENS OR GROUPS. THE DEPARTMENT REGULARLY REFUSES TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE PRIVATE INTERESTS, EVEN THOSE WHICH CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS SECULAR OR EDUCATIONAL. RABBI SHEMTOV'S TOUR MIGHT ALSO BE CAST IN RELIGIOUS TERMS. THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE SHEMTOV'S PRIVATE EFFORTS COULD THEREBY RAISE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

4. POSTS SHOULD NONETHELESS EXTEND SHEMTOV THE SAME COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE ACCORDED OTHER VISITING AMERICAN CITIZENS OF PROMINENCE, IN LIGHT OF THE HONOR CONFERRED ON RABBI SCHNEERSON BY CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT.