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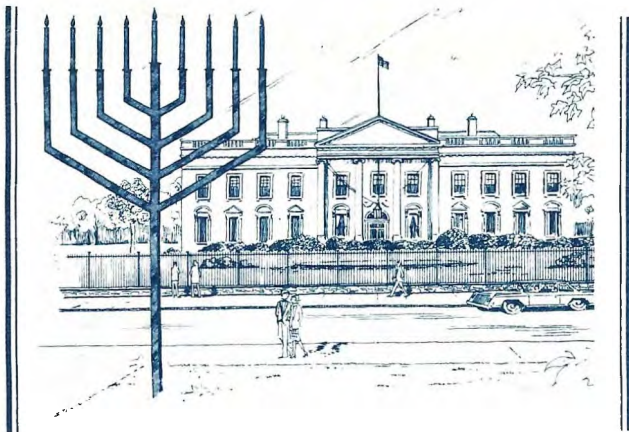
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*Washington Office:*

*Suite 770*

*1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.*

*Washington D. C. 20006*

*Mid Atlantic Regional Office:*

*(215 ) 725-2030*

October 20th 1986

Mrs. Karen Fuller  
Executive Assistant to the  
Director of Communications  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Karen:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to meet.

As you have suggested, I enclosed herewith a brief memorandum concerning the annual Menorah presentation to the President. However, I now realize that the first day of Chanukah falls on Saturday, December 27th. I would therefore suggest, that the presentation ceremony be held in the week of December 22nd.

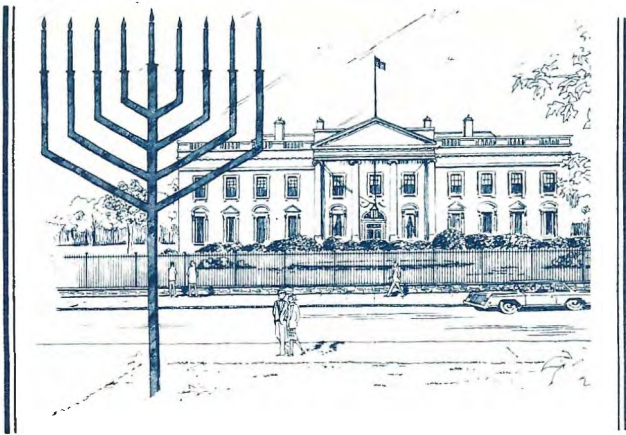
I thank you for your attention and I'm looking forward to a productive cooperation in what I consider of importance and benefit for the entire society.

Sincerely,

*Abraham Shemtov*  
Rabbi Abraham Shemtov *ly*  
National Director

P.S. In as much as we are in the process of moving our Washington office, communication regarding this matter, should be directed to our Phila. office, 7622 Castor Avenue, 215-725-2030

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Patrick J. Buchanan  
From: Rabbi Abraham Shemtov  
Re: "National Menorah" Celebration

*Received by Mr. Buchanan  
on 12/27/81  
at 11:00 AM*

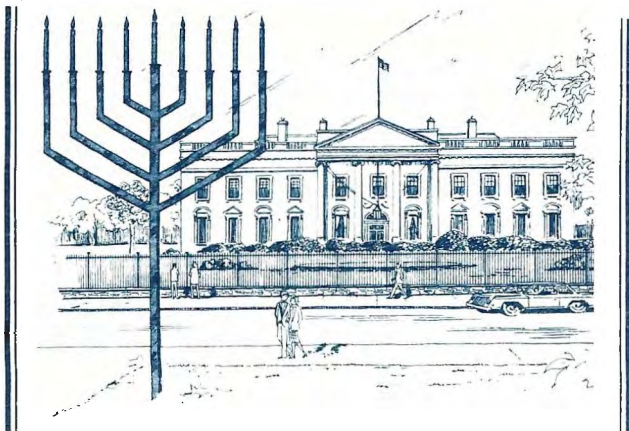
Chanukah will be celebrated this year during the week of December 27th to January 3rd. The celebration is centered around the Menorah (candelabra) which is lit in every Jewish home and also in public places.

American Friends of Lubavitch is proud to have been responsible for initiating and erecting the National Menorah across the street from the White House (Lafayette Park), a decade ago. The "Menorah" has since become the national focal point of the Chanukah Celebration and has been appropriately so recognized in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan in his main address on December 24th, referring to it "as a great emblem of the holiday season symbolizing the Jewish festival of Chanukah.

In the course of the holiday, a Candle Lighting ceremony is held at the Menorah with the participation of government dignitaries, and community leaders.

Plans are under way this year for a major celebration during the Chanukah week, centered around the Candle Lighting ceremony at the National Menorah. The plans, which are tentative, call for the participation of community leaders from throughout the country.

We are looking forward once again to this very special experience and we would suggest that the ceremony be held in the week of December 22nd preceeding the Chanukah holiday and perhaps it can be held in one of the rooms which would allow for a larger group of rabbinical and lay leaders to participate, if however for some reason the above



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cannot be accomplished, then we would suggest that simultaneous with the celebration outside, there would be a Candle Lighting ceremony inside the White House, whereby we would present the President with an attractive silver Chanukah candelabra which would then be lit with the President present. The size of the group participating in this case, would of course, be limited and flexible and accomodative.

If the above is impossible, then we would suggest a ceremony such as the one held in previous years in the oval office, at which time a small group of representatives presented the President with a silver Menorah marking the Celebration of Chanukah, which was later reported throughout the world.

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 23, 1986

The Honorable Patrick Buchanan  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Pat:

It is my understanding that the good rabbi, Abraham Shemtov, is in touch with you in regards to the President's participation in the annual lighting of the national menorah.

I understand the demands that are constantly being made on the President's time, but I hope that he will be able to give recognition to this event. At a time when the forces of secularism are attempting to drive religious values out of public life, this is one way that the President can give the prestige of his office to an event of deeply spiritual character.

Moreover, you are undoubtedly aware that Rabbi Shemtov and the Lubavitch movement have been strong supporters of all the family issues on the President's agenda. Indeed, they have long supported me in my efforts on family issues in the Senate--at a time when it was distictly against the grain of the establishment to do so.

Sincerely,

*Jesse Helms*

JESSE HELMS:jl

PSB -  
I have the  
request from  
the Rabbi -

Mr. - Can you handle  
with Helms' office?  
Pat

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

November 25, 1986

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR OF  
PRESIDENTIAL SCHEDULING AND APPOINTMENTS

FROM: MARI MASENG, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE  
PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF  
PUBLIC LIAISON

REQUEST: To receive a menorah from American Friends of  
Lubavitch.

PURPOSE: To demonstrate the President's support of the  
free expression of all religious beliefs.

BACKGROUND: The menorah is being given in conjunction  
with the erection of a "national menorah" in  
either LaFayette Park or the Elipse by the  
Lubavitcher movement, an extremely Orthodox  
sect that has been very supportive of the  
President. By installing such menorahs in  
many public parks across the country, the  
Lubavitchers have defused the controversy in  
the Jewish community surrounding placement of  
creches in public places.

PREVIOUS  
PARTICIPATION: The President has met with Lubavitch leaders  
to sign a Scroll of Honor commemorating their  
leader's birthday. The President has also  
accepted a menorah from the Lubavitchers for  
the past two years.

DATE: Week of December 22 DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
8 to 10 Friends of Lubavitch leaders

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Guests enter Oval Office and brief remarks  
are exchanged. The guests present the  
menorah to the President and depart.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points

MEDIA COVERAGE: TBD

RECOMMENDED BY: Mari Maseng

PROJECT OFFICER: Max Green, x6270

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 9, 1986

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR OF  
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FROM: MARI MASENG, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE  
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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE LUBAVITCH

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- My best wishes for a happy Hanukkah.
  
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12/17/86

MEMORANDUM

TO: MARI MASENG

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Receive Menorah from American Friends of Lubavitch

DATE: December 22, 1986

TIME: 1:30 pm

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be covered in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: If any, coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY  
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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| W. Ball         | W. Henkel         |
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO: PROJECT OFFICERS  
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
SUBJECT: CHECKLIST FOR PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS

General Responsibilities

\_\_\_\_\_ The Presidential Advance Office has responsibility for all logistical arrangements for any event involving press coverage. Please coordinate with them from the time your event is approved in order to avoid the need for last-minute modification.

\_\_\_\_\_ Notify and clear all participants. (Full name, social security number, date of birth and place of birth).

\_\_\_\_\_ Prepare and submit briefing paper to David Chew's Office by 3:00 p.m. of the preceding day. (14 copies)

\_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate with James Kuhn (x2168) on Presidential involvement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate with the Press Office (x2100) regarding Press Coverage. Indicate hometowns of participants. No organizational photographers will be admitted to any event unless other press is present. Clearance of such photographers should be coordinated through the Press Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ If remarks are required, coordinate with the Speechwriters Office (x6266) well in advance.

\_\_\_\_\_ For outdoor events at the White House, in case of inclement weather, clear and reserve the backup location indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_ If participant plans to bring a gift, contact the White House Gift Unit (x7133), in advance, for review and proper procedure for handling.

\_\_\_\_\_ If any foreign visitor or dignitary is to be involved, please coordinate with Rodney McDaniel of the NSC (x2224).

\_\_\_\_\_ If any Department of Defense or Military personnel are to be involved, please coordinate in advance with the White House Military Office (x2150).

\_\_\_\_\_ If press coverage is expected, please provide all pertinent information concerning this event (guests, scenario, backdrop, etc.,) to the Presidential Advance Office at least 72 hours prior to the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit a complete, confirmed list of staff and attendees, identified by title, as well as the actual starting and completion times, to the President's Diarist, Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling (x7560) within five (5) days after the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ If tent name cards are needed, send a list of names to Social Secretary's office (x7064) at least 48 hours in advance.

\_\_\_\_\_ For West Wing Meetings all room arrangements (chairs, notepads, pencils, etc.) should be made through Carl Jones (x2275) or Dottie Dellinger (x2605).

Residence Events

\_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate with the Social Secretary's office (x7064) for all arrangements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Send guest list to Social Secretary's office, preferably three weeks prior to the event.

\_\_\_\_\_ The President's attendance at this event should not be announced until official notification is given by the White House Press Office and any public announcement must be coordinated with that office. Also, prior to the distribution of any printed material, particularly details of the invitation, contact must be made with the White House Social Secretary, Linda Faulkner, at x7064.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1986

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH THE  
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE LUBAVITCH

Date: December 22, 1986  
Location: Oval Office  
Time: 1:30 p.m.

From: Mari Maseng

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To demonstrate your support of the diversity of religious life in America by accepting a menorah.

II. BACKGROUND

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Rabbi Moshe Herson  
Rabbi Shlomo Cunin  
Rabbi Samuel D. Raichik  
Rabbi Moshe Feller  
Rabbi Israel Shmotkin  
Rabbi Jacob Kranz  
Rabbi Yossef Groner  
Mari Maseng, Director, Office of Public Liaison  
Max Green, Associate Director, OPL

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White House Photographer

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## REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

To: Officer-in-charge  
Appointments Center  
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on December 22, 1986, 19\_\_\_\_  
for POTUS / Maseng of OPL :  
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Photo op with President in Oval Office.  
See attached list.

### MEETING LOCATION

Building West Wing  
Room No. Oval Office  
Time of Meeting 1:30 p.m.

Requested by Max Green (Zachari)  
Room No. 196 Telephone x6270  
Date of request December 19, 1986

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to five (5) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

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