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February 3, 1987

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

Dear Mr. Green:

As Dinner Chairman for this year's "Salute to Ger" tribute to the outstanding leadership of Rabbi Elimelech Naiman, it is my distinct honor and privilege to invite you to be our honored guest at the gala celebration we have planned for Sunday evening, February 15, 1987 in New York City.

We are delighted to learn that you will deliver greetings from President Reagan and that additionally you may honor us with your thoughts and views on how people like Rabbi Naiman and organizations like the Ger Chassidic Institutions in America are viewed by political leaders in Washington.

I have instructed Mr. Levi Rabinowitz, our Washington representative, to be in contact with you. He will assist you in making all the necessary arrangements to allow you and Mrs. Green to share in this year's gala festivities. Please note, given that your participation is official, we will pay all travel and lodging expenses for both you and Mrs. Green. Mr. Rabinowitz will coordinate with you and let us know how this is best handled for your convenience.

I look forward to greeting you personally along with Rabbi Naiman on February 15, 1987.

Sincerely yours

Shmuel Rieder Dinner Chairman

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Gould you please help us out with Levi's request? I realize that time is a bit short. The request is pretty clear. We'll be in touch next week!

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Consultant to Webster, Chamberlain & Bean

Crystallizing Public Opinion Into Political Action

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lee Khan

FROM: Levi Rabinowitz

RE: February 15, 1987 celebration dinner honoring the Gerer Chassidic movement and Rabbi Elimelech Naiman

REQ: Some known figure who would deliver greetings from the President and Vice President and speak briefly (see attached letters from Gerer)

DATE: January 21, 1987

Tribute Date: February 15, 1987

Sponsor Organization: Gerer Institutions of America

- A. Gerer is a significant Chassidic movement in America and Israel
- B. Its followers (voting age) number approximately 35,000, primarily concentrated in the Boro Prk. section of Brooklyn, New York.
- C. Its following in Israel is sufficient to elect a member to the Knesset - M. P. Arraham Shapiro: Chairman, Knesset Budget Committee.
- History: President Reagan sent a letter of greetings last year obtained by Co-Chair Betty Heitman.
- Expenses: Gerer will pay speaker's expenses provided he or she is delivering written greetings.

Contact: Levi Rabinowitz (202-659-1990)

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January 12, 1987

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

Dear Mr. President:

Yeshivas Yagdil Torah, which is the boys' division of the Gerer institutions in Brooklyn, under the leadership of Grand Rabbi Simcha Bunim Alter, the spiritual leader of the world-wide Gerer Chassidic movement, will hold their annual Dinner on Sunday evening, February 15, 1987, to celebrate 18 years of service to the community. For generations the Gerer Chassidic movement has been committed to intensive programs of education and to the development of the moral values which are imperative to the preservation of our society.

The Dinner will pay tribute to Rabbi Elimelech Naiman, one of the leaders of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Boro Park, who is highly regarded as the ubiquitous community activist. Also to be honored, is Rabbi Abraham Shapiro, member of the Israeli Knesset and Chairman of the Israeli Budget Committee.

Yeshiva Yagdil Torah is well established as a school with a high level of performance and contributes immeasurably to the educational life of the Boro Park community.

At this moment of celebration, we would greatly appreciate a message of greetings from you. Our people share with you a commitment to family values, the preservation of life, and the importance of education, and we would be deeply gratified by such a message on this occasion. We hope to receive your message as soon as possible, as we would like to print it in our Journal which will be distributed that evening and to read the message to the large audience that will attend this function.

Cordially,

Shmuel Rieder Dinner Chairman

Proposed Draft Text for President Reagan

Let me take this opportunity to send my greetings and best wishes on this occasion when you gather to pay tribute to the selfless community work accomplished by Rabbi Elimelech Naiman, and as you celebrate 18 years of service to your community by Gerer institutions.

I know what the Gerer Chassidic movement means to Jews and to non-Jews alike around the world, but especially in Israel and America.

Moreover, I salute The Grand Rabbi of Gerer, Rabbi Simcha Alter Bunim, for his untiring commitment to educating all people to the virtues and values which are imperative to the preservation of freedom and justice.

At this moment of celebration, and in years to come, I stand four square with all of you who follow the ways of G-d.



January 14, 1987

Honorable George Bush Vice President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

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Cordially,

Rabbi Chaim Garfinkel Administrator

Shmuel Rieder Dinner Chairman

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Proposed Draft Text for Vice President Bush

Mazel Tov . . .

It has come to my attention that Rabbi Elimelech Naiman is to be honored this evening for his untiring work and selfless devotion to the Gerer Chassidic movement in America and Israel.

I am told further that you are gathered together to celebrate 18 years of community service administered by Gerer institutions in America.

Let me take this opportunity to send my greetings to Rabbi Naiman and to offer my personal salute to The Grand Rabbi of Gerer, Rabbi Simcha Bunim Alter, at this moment of celebration.

I know the Gerer movement as it is exemplified through the works of leaders like Rabbi Naiman is a bastion of education and community service, teaching the virtues and values so important to the preservation of civilization. In the words of the Talmud:

"Raise up many scholars . . ."



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