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February 17, 1984

Dear Rabbi Rosenzveig:

I have been asked to acknowledge your letter to the President and to thank you for inviting him to be your guest speaker at the formal opening of the HOLOCAUST Memorial Center on September 16.

Your thoughtfulness of the President is most appreciated, but we are unable to project his schedule this far in advance. It is suggested, therefore, that you proceed with your plans at this time, not counting on his participation. Then, if you would like to renew your invitation to the President nearer the date -- I suggest eight weeks ahead -- we should be better able to give you a definite answer.

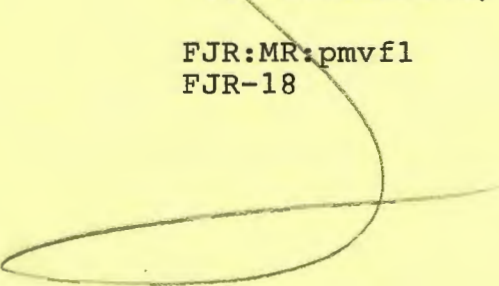
With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
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Dear President Reagan:

Two years ago, on the occasion of the ground-breaking ceremonies of the Detroit Holocaust Memorial Center, you and Mrs. Reagan were kind enough to extend your good wishes with the hope that these ".....notable and worthy plans be completed with Godspeed."

We are pleased to report, Mr. President, that we have now completed our task of establishing the first facility of its kind in the United States designed exclusively as a fitting memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, as a major research center, and as a primary educational institution.

We have achieved this noteworthy goal with the assistance of many dedicated people from all segments of the civic community, and with the encouragement of respected individuals from all walks of life. The Detroit Holocaust Memorial Center has already had an impact far beyond our local community. We are proud of this accomplishment and grateful to those who have offered their encouragement and support.

In addition to an extensive museum, multi-media theater, hall of Jewish culture, memorial flame and garden area dedicated to those known as the Righteous Gentiles, the Memorial Center will house a library, archive, conference facility and video-tape study area. While serving the general public in an important educational role, we will also engage in original research focusing on all aspects of the Holocaust including a special institute on genocidal studies. A comprehensive research project concerning the dynamics of Jewish communal, social, and educational life in pre-Holocaust Europe is now a vital and integral part of the Holocaust Memorial Center program.

Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzweig
Director

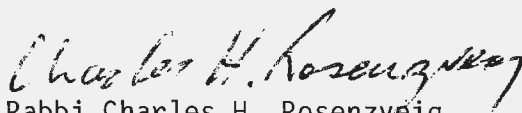
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Mr. President, we are deeply appreciative of the interest you have displayed in this unique project, and we vividly recall your stirring message delivered at the gathering of Holocaust survivors in Washington. Through both deeds and words, you have demonstrated an understanding of and sensitivity to the vitally important task of ensuring that we all learn from the lessons of the Holocaust.

We would, therefore, consider it a privilege and be honored to have you join with us as the guest speaker at the formal opening of the Holocaust Memorial Center which will take place on the evening of September 16, 1984. I know that the many people involved in this endeavor on both a local and national level - Jew and non-Jew alike - would be delighted to welcome you on this historic occasion. We will, of course, be happy to accommodate to your needs and schedule.

It is our sincere hope that you will be able to accept this invitation which we extend with our respect and very best wishes.

Very truly yours,


Rabbi Charles H. Rosenzweig
Director


Henry Dorfman
Chairman

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