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Date: Thu, Sep 18, 2014 at 6:10 PM
Subject: Chabad GW
To: Rabbi Levi Shemtov <rls@afldc.org>, Rabbi Yudi Steiner <rabbiyudi@chabadgw.org>

Dear Rabbis Shemtov and Steiner:

On behalf of the Merkos board I was asked to convey the following to you:

At a meeting today of the Merkos Board of Directors/Trustees it was resolved that:

1. The issue of whether or not Rabbi Yudi Steiner has a right to challenge his firing by Rabbi Levi Shemtov at a Din Torah is a Halachic issue which needs to be determined by Rabbonim. Since Vaad Rabbonei Lubavitch refuses to deal with this issue, the two parties should each choose a Lubavitcher Rav, who in turn will pick a third Rav to provide a Halachic determination regarding this issue. If there is no agreement between the parties by October 8, 2014 regarding a third Rav, then Merkos will appoint a third Rav.
2. Rabbi Yudi Steiner should immediately restore Rabbi Levi Shemtov's access to the chabadgw.org website to the same status that was in place as of August, 8 2014. He should also return the donate page(s) on the chabadgw.org website to the same form and status that was in place on August 8, 2014.

We anticipate your full cooperation on this matter.

Best wishes for a K'siva V'Chasima Tova

Rabbi Mendel Sharfstein

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From: **Mendel Sharfstein** <msharfstein@lubavitch.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 21, 2014 at 5:47 PM
Subject: GW
To: Rabbi Levi Shemtov <rls@afldc.org>
Cc: Rabbi Yudi Steiner <rabbiyudi@chabadgw.org>

Dear Rabbi Shemtov:

On behalf of the Merkos Vaad Hapoel I was asked to convey the following to you:

At a meeting today of the Merkos Vaad Hapoel the situation relating to George Washington University was discussed, and the Vaad Hapoel insists that the directives of the Merkos board as articulated in a communication to you on September 18, 2014 be complied with in its entirety. As such, it is imperative that you choose a Rav to participate in the process which is outlined in that communication, no later than Friday, October 24.

Also, the Vaad Hapoel insists that the lawsuit which you brought against Rabbi Steiner be immediately removed from the secular courts.

We expect your full cooperation on this matter, irrespective of any claims that you might have regarding Rabbi Steiner's non-compliance with Merkos' directives.

Sincerely,
Rabbi Mendel Sharfstein

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From: **Mendel Sharfstein** <msharfstein@lubavitch.com>
Date: Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 2:40 PM
Subject: GW
To: Rabbi Levi Shemtov <rls@afldc.org>, Rabbi Yudi Steiner
<rabbiyudi@chabadgw.org>

Dear Rabbis Shemtov and Steiner:

On behalf of the Merkos board I was asked to convey the following to you:

At a meeting of the Merkos Board of Directors/Trustees it was resolved that:

As far as the issues relating to George Washington University the two parties should each choose a Shliach by Tuesday, November 4, who in turn should pick a third Shliach no later than Friday, November 7. This panel of Shluchim will be asked to examine the following:

- The Psak Din which was issued on 13 Sivan 5771.
- The contract which the parties signed on August 6, 2012.
- The alleged violations of the terms of that contract.
- Whether the firing of Rabbi Steiner by Rabbi Shemtov was proper as per terms of the contract.

If the ultimate determination made by the panel of Shluchim is that the firing was proper, then Rabbi Steiner will immediately be delisted from the Merkos database.

Rabbi Shemtov is to take no further action in the lawsuit which he filed against Rabbi Steiner until this matter is resolved.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Mendel Sharfstein