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Dear Mr. Pell:

Re: Rabbi Joseph Isaac
Schneerson and others.

We have been bending all our efforts in cable communication with the American Legation at Riga and with the Visa Division to expedite the issuance of visas to those who were evacuated to Riga thanks to your never-to-be-forgotten help. For that reason, you have not heard from us further regarding the Chabad religious library at Otwock or the still unsolved problem of evacuating Rabbi Mendel Horenstejn of the Chabad hierarchy and his family. I shall submit the evidence you suggested regarding the library as soon as I receive it.

Meanwhile, I assume you have had no word from the American Consulate at Warsaw regarding the question of the Horenstejn evacuation from Poland to Riga. As you recall, their evacuation was refused because they were Polish subjects. I am sure there will be no difficulty in obtaining Latvian visas, assuming that, as previously, evacuation to a safer place cannot be arranged.

If no word has yet been received from either the Warsaw Consulate or the American Embassy at Berlin, we shall be very grateful if you will send another cable of inquiry, in the event you consider it advisable.

Since the time of your departure for the Dominican Republic is approaching, I shall be extremely appreciative if you will send me the name of the associate in your Division who will act in your stead and with whom I can take up matters regarding the Chabad hierarchy during your absence, so we can look forward to a continuation of the never failing and warmly generous cooperation you have extended in connection with every aspect of the various problems.

With renewed thanks, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Max Rhoades

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