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January 13, 1976

The Hon. Gerald R. Ford President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is my profound privilege to extend to you a heartfelt invitation to honor us with your presence at the National Bicentennial Gala Dinner to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City on the evening of Monday, June 7, 1976.

This function will not only celebrate two hundred years of American independence, but will inaugurate the American Bicentennial National Park in Israel, southwest of Jerusalem in the Judaean Mountains, undertaken by the Jewish National Fund of America, and officially endorsed by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration as one of the largest national and international projects in commemoration of the Bicentennial.

Our mutual friend, Mr. Milton Hoffman, was pleased to learn of our invitation to you and is looking forward, as I am, to your affirmative response.

A JNF delegation from the United States, led by myself, visited the President of Israel, The Hon. Ephraim Katzir, at the President's House in Jerusalem last week. At that time, the President expressed his sincere hope that he would be able to be with us on this auspicious occasion. We expect an audience of at least 2,000 people representing a broad cross section of the American Jewish community throughout the nation.

Our Fund, which this year celebrates its 75th anniversary, is the most beloved institution of the Jewish people the world over. Although mainly supported by American Jewry, it has among its adherents, Americans of all faiths.

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Our National Committee, which is in formation, consists of thirtyseven U. S. Senators and fourteen Governors of both parties.

Needless to say that your presence will be most warmly received by a grateful American Jewish community.

With best wishes and looking forward to your positive reply, I

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Respectfully yours,

Dr. Maurice S. Sage

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