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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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United Talmudical Academy "Torah V'Yirah"



ישיבה ומתיבתא תורה ויראה דסאטמאר

October 15, 1974

Mr. Milton Hoffman 30 West Street Spring Valley, New York

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

As per our conversation this afternoon, please permit me to give you the following information.

For the past several years, the local town council of Satoraljaujhely, in the country of Hungary, has proposed to transform the historic old Jewish cemetery into a park in a beautification attempt.

Due to the urgent plea of the remaining local Jewish community to this date, nothing has been done in this direction. Yesterday the town council once again submitted to the regional body in the town of Mishkoltc for permission to continue their plan for the transformation of the cemetery into park grounds and gained approval. The Jewish Chassidic and particularly the Satmar Chassidic community have actively and continuously through the offices of the State Department, as well as their elected representatives, both in the House and in the Senate, voiced their strong objections to the destruction or desecration of this historic and sacred cemetery containing the remains of the most famous and sainted Rabbinical illuminaries of many many generations.

The forefathers of our venerated Grand Rabbi Teitelbaum and their families all found their resting places there, and annual pilgrimages to that cemetery are conducted. The emotional feelings in our community for the preservation of this cemetery are very strong. Our Rabbi has requested that his personal anguish and concern be relayed to you, as well as his blessing for success in the mission you have undertaken to halt this disturbing plan.

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We wish to reiterate our commitment to underwrite a comprehensive renovation and restoration program, so that this cemetery's appearance will physically conform to its historic significance.

I am certain that your personal involvement will assure success for this cause, and on behalf of our Grand Rabbi, we extend to you his blessing for your complete recovery and for the restoration of your good health, happiness, and continuation of your success in all your endeavors.

Sincere Xv/ vours Leop**òł**d Lewkowi *ident*

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November 6, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JOHN O. MARSH

FROM:

JERRY

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation to you:

-- My friend, Milton Hoffman, delivered this letter to me.

I would like you to check with Gen. Scowcroft to see whether we should do anything.

Maybe Dept. of State or Hungarian Embassy can give answer. Talk with me.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld