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Dear Sir;

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POSTMARKED AFTER OCTOBER 22, 1999

Re: <u>Holocaust Victim Asset Distribution -</u>
<u>Restoration of Communities and Descendants</u>
of Holocaust Victims in the Ukraine

On behalf of the Jewish Communities Association in the Ukraine and the "Or Avner" Society, acting jointly in respect of the above, I hereby address you respecting distribution of compensation funds to Holocaust victim communities.

- 1. a. The Ukraine Jewish Communities Association has been active for many years throughout the Ukraine. This is one of the largest and leading organizations active in the Ukraine in the field of education and culture, with the most extensive scope and deployment of activity across the Ukraine.
 - The association is deployed throughout the Ukraine and operates in nearly every city or town where Jews are found. Wherever the association is active it constitutes the primary Jewish entity and serves as the address for any Jew, both in the large cities and in remote towns and settlements.
 - b. The strength and power of the Ukraine Jewish Communities Association derive from the enormous scope of activity, encompassing the entire Ukraine, conferring on it extensive

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power for coordinating and solving Jewish problems in the Ukraine, while the individual Jew and community are represented by a nationwide organization, both vis-a-vis the municipal and governmental authorities and vis-a-vis the global Jewish organizations.

c. The association's extensive activity extends over 467 cities and towns throughout the Ukraine, and to date has made contact with and handled 316,783 Jews.

To emphasize the association's scope of activity, attached hereto are data respecting Jews handled by its representatives in the course of their extensive activity in cities and towns throughout Ukraine.

- 2. a. In the course of the Holocaust, many atrocities were committed in the Ukraine, most of the Jews were slaughtered and the survivors were scattered. The Jewish communities were entirely destroyed and this is hardly the place to further detail the scope of the horror.
 - b. The Jewish communities have not been restored during the decades since the Holocaust. Moreover, Jews experienced a sense of inferiority and guilt feelings due to the mere fact of their Jewishness. The association engages in restoration and reconstruction of the Jewish community infrastructure in every city and town, creating contact with every Jew and connecting him with the nearest Jewish community, inculcating in them national and Jewish pride. The association re-assembles the Jewish communities, provides education on Jewish values and tradition, which Jews have been unable to obtain ever since the Holocaust.
 - c. The association acts to build and renovate the synagogues and Jewish education system in every Jewish community which had been destroyed, from kindergartens to high schools. Furthermore, the association sets up community institutions and centers to restore cultural life, including that of the elderly population.

- d. In the field of welfare, the association is engaged in providing assistance to Jews in economic distress and single senior citizens. To this end, the association has also set up dining halls for these needy people.
- e. Within the ambit of the association's activity with respect to welfare, the association cooperates with and assists the prominent global leading Jewish organizations active in the fields of health and welfare.

Such collaboration is also reflected in providing information and any other assistance to the global organizations, which is made possible for our association thanks to its being the one most involved within the Jewish communities and with Jews, throughout the Ukraine.

In addition, the association often carries out field work and executes the goals and plans of the global Jewish organizations.

- 3. a. The association currently operates 11 regional schools, dozens of kindergartens, three orphanages, numerous community institutions as well as many synagogues throughout the Ukraine, wherein the association's representatives are the most active.
 - b. The association aspires to set up a local Jewish leadership in every city and region in the Ukraine. To attain this end, the association operates a college for teachers and community employees coming from all over the Ukraine. Upon completion of their course of study, they return to their homes, in order to strengthen the community in various fields, particularly in that of Jewish education and culture.
 - c. The association's activity has succeeded to bring about a situation whereby any child whose parents are interested in Jewish education, can come to the largest city in his residential vicinity, and join boarding schools connected with the schools.

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d. During Jewish holidays the association makes the effort to reach each Jew, even in the remotest villages, to supply the traditional products relating to such holiday, such as: matzos for Passover and Hanukkah candelabras and spinning tops for Hanukkah.

The primary goal in this activity is to make contact with every law and to answer that he law will be completely detached from

Jew and to ensure that no Jew will be completely detached from the Jewish communities and the Jewish nation.

The association's emissaries locate and create contact with every Jew throughout the Ukraine in order to procure that Jews who do not have contacts with the communities will not be completely detached from them.

4. The association's aim and intention is to enhance its activity and institute an extensive campaign of restoration of Jewish synagogues and public buildings of the Jewish communities throughout the Ukraine. Furthermore, the association will act to construct new synagogues in places where these were demolished during the Holocaust.

The association will also act to establish a chain of schools, kindergartens and community centers, wherever there had been a Jewish community before the Holocaust and Jews still live there now.

In our opinion, there is no doubt that the true and appropriate way to invest the funds intended for Holocaust survivors and descendants of Holocaust victims, is to restore the Jewish communities which had been demolished in the Holocaust, and with respect to which, for decades, not enough has been done to restore them and bring back the numerous Jews scattered around the Ukraine, to re-constitute them as the close-knit Jewish communities they had been before the Holocaust.

5. a. We would like to meet you, and present to you a breakdown of our activity, also in order to convince you of the criteria most appropriate for distribution of the funds, in a way that will see to restoration of the communities and provide for the descendants of the Holocaust victims and the survivors, to be carried out in cities and towns where the Holocaust actually took place.

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b. This is our first approach and we are interested in obtaining advice and guidance as to how to submit the orderly application to obtain the funds and as to which documents and references are to be submitted from organizations, personages or other institutions.

Sincerely,

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