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Amount requested: \$65.1 million, consisting of subsidies to 500 persons (\$30 million over ten years); completion of Haifa Parent Home (\$5.1 million as originally requested in 1999); funding of museum project (\$18.2 million as originally requested in 1999); and funding of Leo Baeck Institute (\$11.8 million).

Length of program: Ten years for subsidies; one-time grant for other programs.

Annual cost per survivor: Approximately \$6,000 (for annual subsidies to 500 survivors)<sup>5</sup>; for other programs, approximately \$194 to \$233 (15,000 to 18,000 individuals using other programs costing approximately \$35 million, or approximately \$3.5 million annually).

- “We would like to indicate that this request is intimately connected to our initial proposal that was sent to you in December 1999.” [See Distribution Plan, Annex A, at A- 14].
- Two additional issues should be considered in addition to those stated in the original proposal: (1) “Parent Homes”:. “a ‘New Home in Haifa’ is now in the process of being built”; (2) “The Heritage House”: the decision was reached “not to put up an independent building but instead to join with the existing ‘Open Museum’ in ... Tefen.”
- “Founded in 1932, the Organization is the largest body in Israel representing Jews from Central Europe - Austria, Germany and Czechoslovakia, reaching 15-18,000 persons in the country’s major urban centers.... A not-for-profit institution, the Organization sustains and supports the aging German-Jewish population through a network of five Parent Homes, in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa - with a capacity of 1,000 residents, including 150 in nursing wards, three Sheltered Housing buildings for 160 completely independent persons; and four Senior Citizen Day Centers. The Organization also extends significant financial assistance to needy members.”

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<sup>5</sup> In a letter dated March 28, 2004, in response to a request for further clarification of the initial proposal, Irgun Olej Merkas Europa stated that 993 Nazi victims are expected to be served in 2004, the total program cost for 2004 is \$12,950,000, and the average per person cost for 2004 is \$15,200 for “independent individuals” and \$32,000 for “nursing ward patients.” In a follow-up letter dated March 31, 2004, these figures were further explained, including the \$6,000 per person subsidy described in the initial proposal: The “estimate that was given [in our proposal] was based on subsidy and not on actual cost. The data given in our fax dated March 28 is based on cost for 2004.”

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- “The requested funds will have two major complementary uses: 1) The continued care of an aging German-speaking survivor population and their offspring; and 2) The preservation and dissemination of the rich legacy of German-speaking Jews in Israel” through commemorative institutions including the Leo Baeck Institute and the Open Museum (in substitution for the Heritage House).
  - Specific allocations will include “Subsidies for Needy Organization Members” (500 persons at \$6,000 per person, per year, over ten years, the amount sought from the Settlement Fund); renovation and expansion of “Parent Homes” (712 persons wait-listed as of 1999); funding for the “Open Museum” (described in the 1999 proposal as the “Heritage House”); and funding for the Leo Baeck Institute, including creation of a new facility with auditorium and library, an Endowment Fund for conferences and publishing, and scholarships.