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The American Jewish Committee

Dallas Chapter/12870 Hillcrest Rd./Suite 101/Dallas, Texas 75230/(214) 387 - 2943

July 9, 1983

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56 Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc,

Enclosed is the draft of the Consultation Agenda together with a preliminary operating budget. I am sending copies of both to Archbishop Flores and David who are meeting re the budget on Wednesday.

You will note that some presentors have been confirmed and others suggested. Those whose names appear as suggestions are being contacted by various members of the Planning Committee with the exception of David Jacobson. You and I spoke of an appropriate role for David and I do feel that he and Bob are perfect for the final session. Bob is a chart maker and David will have an opportunity to express his thoughts on this event and future joint endeavors. I have left open presentors for Contemporary Jewish Issues and Cultural Pluralism. My suggestion would be Irving Levine for the first and you for the second. One further note. If Gary Rubin accepts let us ask Sam Ravinove to comment.

I will return to San Antonio on July 21 to meet with Bob Kownacki and Richard Santos to finalize the agenda. Keep in touch.

When did you find time to relax on your vacation?

Cordially,

Barbara Hurst

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encls.

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MEXICAN-AMERICAN AND JEWISH-AMERICAN CONSULTATION

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Seminary	\$ 500.00
Speakers - Travel/Honorarium	3,000.00
Registration Packet	500.00
Postage/Invitations	1,000.00
Scholarships	500.00
Audio-Visual/Exhibits	2,000.00
Hospitality	500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,750.00

\$35.00 Registration Fee will cover two (2) dinners and two (2) lunches for registrants.

Costs for transporting registrants to and from lodgings included in "Miscellaneous".

This is an operating budget for the Consultation itself. A follow-up project, agreed upon in principle by the Steering Committee, will require additional funds.

up 22.15 percent of the total U.S. population.

In other regions the 1980 and 1981 percentages remained the same: 39.9 percent of the European population, 25.5 percent in Oceania, 12.5 percent in Africa, and 2.4 percent in Asia.

The yearbook did not directly explain the seeming paradox that the total percentage of Catholics in the world declined while the percentages by region remained constant or even — in the Americas — increased.

This was because population growth in Asia and Africa, where the percentage of Catholics is well below the world average, outweighed population growth in Europe and the Americas, where the Catholic percentages are much higher.

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19-7-15-83

CANADIAN HEADS EUDIST FATHERS (160)

ROME (NC) — Canadian Father Renald Bebert is the new superior general of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, also known as the Eudist Fathers.

His election to succeed Father Clement Guillon, superior general for 12 years, took place July 14 during the congregation's general chapter in Rome.

Since 1977 Father Bebert, who will be 44 on July 26, has been superior of the North American province of the Eudist Fathers. He is a native of Quebec.

The congregation, founded in 1643 in Caen, France, has about 475 members, mostly priests, in eight countries. It also includes some bishops and laymen.

Currently in the United States, two bishops, 159 priests and 10 laymen are in the congregation. They work in the dioceses of Buffalo, N.Y.; Galveston-Houston, Texas; Lafayette, La.; and San Diego, Calif.

Members of the congregation work in the field of evangelization, with special attention to the formation of and service to priests.

END

20-7-15-83

SCHOOL PRAYER AMENDMENTS SENT TO SENATE (410)

WASHINGTON (NC) — Two constitutional amendments on school prayer moved from the Senate Judiciary Committee to the Senate floor July 14, one of them President Reagan's version and the second providing only for silent prayer.

The Judiciary Committee voted to send the proposals to the Senate — without a recommendation — after Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), the committee's chairman, changed the proposal supported by the president and fundamentalist Christian groups so it would prohibit governments from writing the prayer to be used.

Thurmond said he thought the Senate might consider the prayer amendments in September or October, but others said action might not be taken before next year.

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah), who sponsored the silent prayer version, said "outside groups," in their enthusiasm for the stronger version endorsed by Reagan, had weakened chances of approval of any prayer amendment.

The Reagan proposal allows voluntary prayer in public schools, but forbids mandatory school worship or the formulation by Congress or the states of specific prayers to be used in schools.

The Hatch proposal would permit students to observe a moment of silence for worship voluntarily.

Hatch said he had reservations about Reagan's proposal. "Who's going to choose the prayer? Where is it going to come from? Those are problems that have been raised that have not been solved by the additional language."

Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-Del.), who said he opposed the Reagan amendment but supported the silent prayer version, said Reagan's version, "still would allow a schoolteacher to pick up the Koran and insist everyone in that room either leave

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the room or recite the Koran.”

“They could pick up any prayer from the most outrageous religious organizations on the left or the right or pick up the Bible or the Lord’s Prayer,” he said. “It doesn’t in any way lift the onus that children be forced to move out of a room or put their head down or identify themselves as being different from the rest of the class.”

Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), who left the room before the vote was taken and did not cast a ballot, said, “I don’t believe any amendment is needed. I don’t believe in prayers in school, I don’t believe in silent prayers in school. I believe it should be done in the home and in church. The country does not need either amendment.”

Sens. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), Charles McC. Mathias (R-Md.) and Max Baucus (D-Mont.) voted against the amendments.

END

21-7-15-83

NCCB RELEASES DRAFT OF NEW PASTORAL ON HISPANIC MINISTRY (1,200 — EMBARGOED for Tuesday, July 19. NOT to be published or broadcast before that date.)

By Liz Schévtchuk

WASHINGTON (NC) — The National Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Hispanic Affairs has prepared the first draft of a new pastoral letter on Hispanic ministry within the U.S. church.

Noting that “we have been slow to read the signs of the times,” the document says the challenges facing the church in Hispanic ministry are great and might be more easily addressed in the present if the church had paid more attention to the issues in the past.

Called “The Hispanic Presence: Challenge and Commitment,” the 7,500-word document was prepared by a Hispanic Affairs subcommittee, chaired by Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M. The U.S. bishops called for the draft at their general meeting in Washington in November 1982. A second draft, based on the reaction to the first draft, is expected to be considered by the bishops at their Nov. 14-17 general meeting.

“We commit ourselves to engage in a thorough, conscientious and long-standing pastoral effort to enhance the catholicity of the church and the dignity of all its members,” the bishops said in the document.

Among actions they suggest are “greater study of Hispanic prayer forms and greater use of Spanish in the liturgy”; Spanish language classes for priests; Spanish catechesis programs; Bible study for Hispanics; more work by parishes and dioceses to assist migrant workers and others; better pastoral outreach to Hispanic families; attention to the comunidades eclesiales de base (basic ecclesial communities); and integration of Hispanic ministry efforts with social justice programs.

The document also cites certain problems affecting ministry to Hispanics, including anti-Catholic proselytizing among Hispanics by Protestant fundamentalist-type sects and inadequate service to Hispanics by religious press and broadcasting. The document also calls for marshalling of finances and suggests a possible special collection to help meet expenses of Hispanic ministry.

The document states that “Hispanics are challenging all of us to be more fully ‘catholic’” and to be “a truly universal church, a church with open arms which welcomes different expressions of our ‘one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.’”

“We urge all U.S. Catholics to explore creative possibilities in responding innovatively, flexibly and immediately to the Hispanic presence,” the bishops wrote. “Hispanics and non-Hispanics should work together, teach and learn from one another, and together evangelize in the fullest and broadest sense of the word.”

It calls on priests, Religious and lay leaders to consider “creative opportunities” in several areas. Excerpts include these:
Liturgy:

— “Our church is universal....In the content of the Hispanic presence, this requires that a provision be made for worship

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in the first languages of the people according to the traditions and customs of the people being served. This challenges us to greater study of Hispanic prayer forms and greater use of Spanish in the liturgy."

— "The presence of Hispanic liturgists on diocesan commissions is essential."

— "We would strongly recommend that priests who are engaged in ministry with Hispanics, such as parish priests and chaplains, enroll in Spanish classes."

— "We urge Hispanic permanent deacons to develop their preaching skills and ask that these men be called on more often to exercise their ministry of the Word."

Catechesis:

— "Since religious education is a lifelong process for the individual, parishes should provide an atmosphere in catechesis that encourages in every respect the ongoing formation of adults as well as children."

— "It is essential that dioceses should sponsor catechist formation courses for Hispanics in Spanish."

— "We urge continuing efforts to begin Bible study groups among Hispanic communities and to call forth Hispanic leaders to guide and direct those Bible study programs."

Family:

"There is an urgent need for pastoral ministry that will prepare well for married life, for parenthood and for family religious education. We make a special plea that measures be taken to deal with Hispanic hurting families, especially the divorced, separated, single parents and victims of parental or spouse abuse."

— "(Church) structures will need adaptations in the operation of pastoral care. This is particularly true in the case of migrant workers.

"Experience in the Hispanic apostolate suggests the need for missionary mobile teams and various forms of itinerant ministries. Dioceses and parishes which are located in the path of migrant streams will also have the responsibility to support such a ministry."

Comunidades Eclesiales de Base:

— "Few contributions to the church from Hispanics in the Americas are as unique as the comunidades eclesiales de base, or basic ecclesial communities."

— "The ideal comunidad eclesiales de base is a living community of Christians who are thoroughly involved in every aspect of life by reason of their profound commitment to the gospel."

Latin America:

— "The development of a dynamic response to the Hispanic presence in the U.S. church will demand an ever greater understanding of and linkage with Latin American society and church."

— "Accordingly, we must continue to assist the Latin American church and share with Latin American Society. As our Hispanic Catholic personnel grow in number, we must endeavor to send those most prepared culturally to work in evangelization in Latin America."

Ecumenism:

— "The division of the churches is a major obstacle to evangelization....This is evident with regard to the Hispanic presence in the United States in instances of active proselytizing in an anti-ecumenical manner by Protestant sects. A variety of fundamentalist groups divide the Hispanic peoples and their families with their preaching in an anti-Catholic spirit which can hardly be said to emanate from the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

— "The Catholic response is not to attack or disparage our separated brethren but to live the Gospel more authentically and to nourish the faith of our Hispanic peoples."

Social Justice Ministry:

— "The integral evangelization of which we speak in relation to Hispanic ministry is incomplete if it does not include a commitment to struggle for the dignity of all people."

— "Hispanics will offer valuable lessons whenever they are offered a true partnership in the task of the defense of human rights and human dignity."

Communications:

— "For the most part, the church press and electronic media lag behind in the area of Hispanic ministry....

"While there are a few worthy publications in Spanish...the Catholic press largely ignores coverage of what might be called the 'Hispanic beat.' Similarly, the church lacks any solid body of programming both for television and radio that addresses the needs of the Hispanic community although some fine first efforts have been launched under the Catholic Communication Campaign and the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America."

The bishops also note that sentiments alone will not be enough and that "we must be willing to secure the financial and material resources which are necessary to reach our goals."

"In facing very real financial constraints, we pledge ourselves to explore possibilities of funding," including, perhaps, a special annual collection for Hispanic ministry, the bishops wrote.

They also called for a third "encuentro" or national meeting of representatives of the Hispanic Catholic community across the United States and set August 1985 as a target date. Previous "encuentro" conferences were in 1972 and 1977.

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22-7-15-83

USCC SUPPORTS HEALTH BENEFITS FOR UNEMPLOYED (460)

WASHINGTON (NC) — The U.S. Catholic Conference is supporting a bill which would let states use federal money to provide health care to 10 million unemployed workers who lost health insurance with their jobs.

The bill, H.R. 3021, would establish a new program — Title XXI — under the Social Security Act.

Unemployed workers, who are receiving unemployment compensation or have within the last two years, and their family members under 18 would be eligible under Title XXI for some basic hospital care including: in-patient, out-patient, maternity, laboratory and clinic services, a physician, drugs and X-rays.

In addition, the bill would mandate states to spend 5 percent of their federal money to extend assistance to workers, who lost their jobs but met the state's financial-and-medical-needs standard. This mandate is expected to especially benefit unemployed workers not eligible for unemployment compensation.

"Our Catholic social tradition maintains that every person has a right to adequate health care," said Msgr. Francis J. Lally, USCC secretary for social development and world peace. "We believe that such a right can be ensured only through a comprehensive national health care system for all America.

"If such a program existed, there would not be a need for H.R. 3021, nor would millions of unemployed persons have been forced to forego or limit their health care due to lack of coverage," he continued.

Under other provisions of H.R. 3021, hospitals serving large numbers of the uninsured would be eligible to receive federal grants to assist in services to the unemployed. Private employers also would be empowered to extend insurance to their unemployed workers.

The USCC supports the bill because of the bishops' concern for unemployed workers and their families, who are recession victims, Msgr. Lally said.

He expressed the USCC's position in a July 14 letter to the House of Representatives, where H.R. 3021 is expected to be voted on during the week of July 18.

Citing the "devastating" social and economic effects of unemployment, Msgr. Lally said a study by the Congressional Budget Office estimated more than 10 million workers lost health care benefits for themselves and their families when they lost their jobs.

Because of assets such as a home or a car, they were not eligible for public health programs, such as Medicaid, he said.

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The American Jewish Committee

Dallas Chapter/12870 Hillcrest Rd./Suite 101/Dallas, Texas 75230/(214) 387 - 2943

July 22, 1983

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
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Dear Marc;

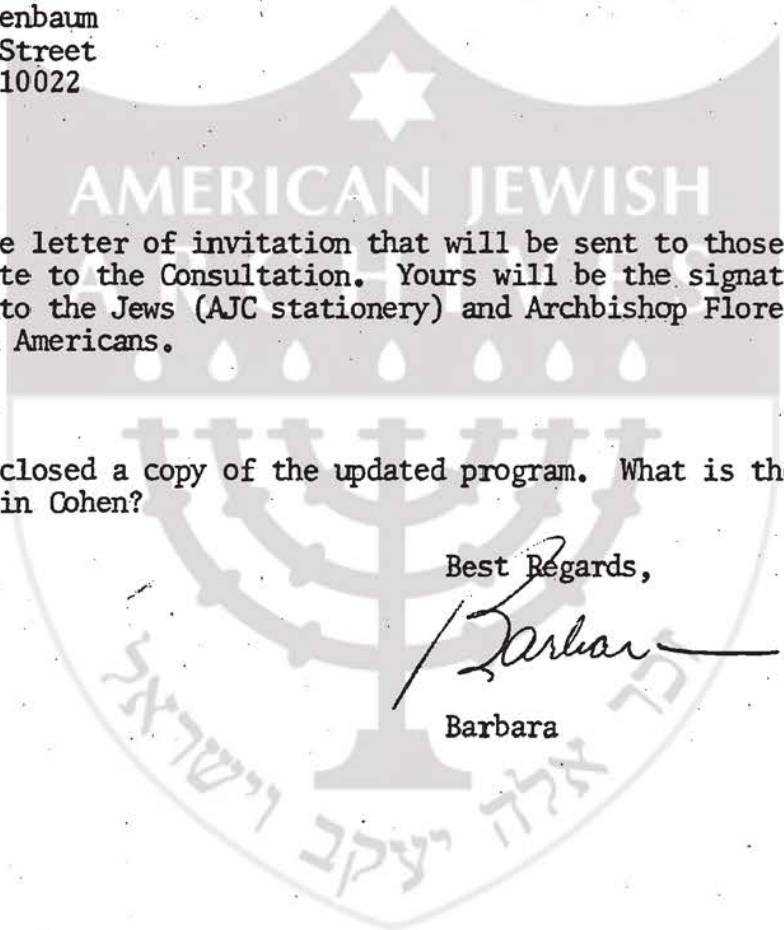
Enclosed is the letter of invitation that will be sent to those we choose to invite to the Consultation. Yours will be the signature on the letter to the Jews (AJC stationery) and Archbishop Flore's to the Mexican Americans.

Please review.

I have also enclosed a copy of the updated program. What is the status of Martin Cohen?

Best Regards,

Barbara



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Dear _____,

You have been nominated as a possible participant in a historic three day leadership conference of Mexican Americans and Jews to be held in San Antonio, Texas on November 20 through 22, 1983.

** Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum and I, along with a representative steering committee composed of men and women from both communities, have planned this consultation to increase sensitivity and cooperation between Jews and Mexican Americans. The purpose of the consultation is to initiate and develop on-going dialogue in areas of mutual concern. The agenda will include specific consideration of the social, political, religious, economic, educational and cultural issues affecting our communities. Nationally known speakers will address such topics as (a) cultural pluralism, (b) identity, (c) education, and (e) voting rights.

As a participant, you will have the opportunity to discuss these issues, share your concerns, insights, and individual experiences. You will play a key role in formulating our common action agenda.

Due to the importance of this initial consultation, invitations are being extended to a select group of Mexican American and Jewish community leaders. In order to assure effective dialogue, the number of participants must be limited. Therefore, we ask you to respond promptly using the enclosed card. Further information concerning details of the consultation will be forwarded upon receipt of your acceptance.

I look forward to seeing you in November. May you experience God's choicest blessings,

**Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum to Mexican American invitees

**Archbishop Patrick Flores to Jewish invitees

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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date August 11, 1983
to Hispanic/Jewish Steering Committee
from Barbara Hurst, Bob Kownacki and Richard Santos
subject Consultation invitation list

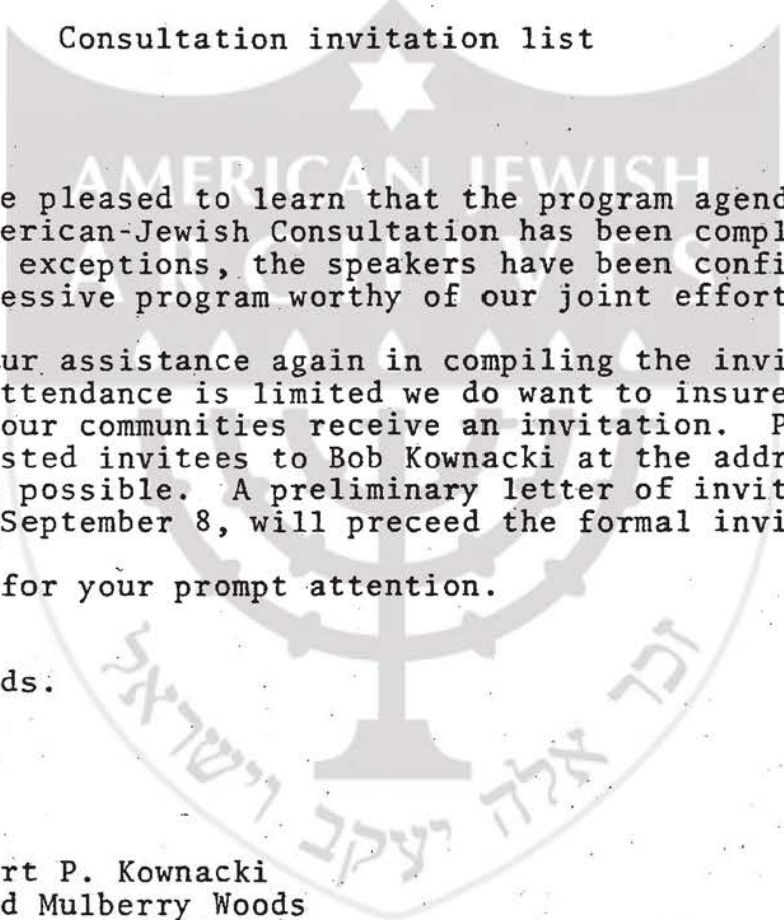
You will be pleased to learn that the program agenda for our Mexican American-Jewish Consultation has been completed and, with a few exceptions, the speakers have been confirmed. It is an impressive program worthy of our joint effort.

We need your assistance again in compiling the invitation list. Although attendance is limited we do want to insure that leaders from both our communities receive an invitation. Please send your suggested invitees to Bob Kownacki at the address below, as soon as possible. A preliminary letter of invitation, to be mailed by September 8, will precede the formal invitation.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Best regards.

**Rev. Robert P. Kownacki
14107 Red Mulberry Woods
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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

DALLAS CHAPTER - 12870 HILLCREST RD.-SUITE 101 - DALLAS, TEXAS 75230 - (214)387-2943

date June 20, 1983

to Mexican American - Jewish Consultation Steering Committee Members

from Rev. Robert Kownachi, Richard Santos, Barbara Hurst

subject Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee for the Mexican American - Jewish American Consultation will meet on July 6, in San Antonio to finalize plans for the November 20-22 Consultation. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Assumption Seminary in the apartment of Archbishop Flores and conclude at 3:00 p.m. For your consideration and review prior to the meeting we are enclosing a copy of the proposed Consultation agenda together with a proposed list of committees and committee assignments.

In addition to finalizing plans for the Consultation program, our agenda will include the preparation of an invitation list. We ask that you come prepared with the names of suggested speakers and a list of those Texas leaders, Jewish and Mexican American, whom you feel should be invited to participate in the Consultation. Experience suggests that in order to insure 200 participants we will need to invite at least 500 persons.

Our planning sessions have been productive and characterized by open and honest dialogue. This bodes well for a stimulating and thoughtful Consultation.

One further and important note. Richard Santos has graciously invited the Committee members who will be in town on the 5th, to join him for dinner at his home at 7:30 p.m.. Please let him know as soon as possible if you will attend.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th.

TEXAS CONSULTION OF MEXICAN AMERICANS AND JEWS

I. CONSULTATION GOALS

A leadership conference dedicated to increasing the sensitivity and cooperation between Hispanics and Jews in Texas, to initiate and develop an ongoing dialogue between these two groups, to examine the social, political, economic, cultural and religious aspects of a group of issues of mutual concern and to initiate and develop a local and state-wide coalitions between these two groups.

II. CONSULTATION PLAN

A. Length of Consultation

Two days

B. Site of Consultation

The Assumption Seminary
2600 West Woodlawn
San Antonio, Texas

C. Size of Consultation

200

D. Target Audience of Consultation

A leadership consultation aimed at reaching and involving leaders of the Mexican American and Jewish communities.

E. Expenses of the Consultation

Organizational funding in addition to a registration fee charges to all consultation participants.

TEXAS CONSULTATION
on
MEXICAN AMERICAN - JEWISH RELATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS: A BEGINNING
November 20-22, 1983

Sunday, November 20:

- 2:00 - 4:00 pm Registration
- 4:00 - 5:30 Who Are We - Identity, Diversity & Imagery
(Plenary)
a) The Mexican American of Texas
b) The American Jew
- 6:00 - 7:30 Questions and Answers
..... Dinner
- 8:00 - 9:30 Welcoming Remarks - Statement of Purpose
Major Issues of Concern
(Plenary)
a) Contemporary Mexican American Issues
b) Contemporary Jewish American Issues
c) Round Table Discussion by presentors
and two commentators

Monday, November 21:

- 9:00 - 10:15 am Cultural Pluralism
(Plenary)
a) The Jewish American Experience
b) The Mexican American Experience
c) Commentators

10:15 - 10:45 Break
 10:45 - 12:00 Workshop/Action Groups
 12:00 - 1:30 pm Buffet Lunch
 1:30 - 3:00 Immigration - Past, Present, and Future

(Plenary)

- a) Jewish American Perspective
- b) Mexican American Perspective
- c) Commentators

3:00 - 3:15 Break
 3:15 - 5:00 Workshop/Action Groups
 6:00 - 7:30 Dinner
 8:00 - 9:30 Social Interaction and Audio-Visual Presentation

Tuesday, November 22:

9:00 - 10:15 am Education
 (Plenary)
 a) Mexican American Concerns
 b) Jewish American Concerns
 c) Commentators

10:15 - 10:45 Break
 10:45 - 12:00 Workshop/Action Groups
 12:00 - 1:30 pm Buffet Lunch
 1:30 - 3:00 Where Do We Go From Here?

(Plenary)

- a) Workshop Reports
- b) Presenter Comments
- c) Recommendations for Second Conference

3:00 - Adjourn

Conference sub-committees

Finance: Archbishop Patricio F. Flores
Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
Rabbi David Jacobson

Fine Arts (exhibit, video, audio-visual & entertainment)
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Fr. Robert Kownacki
Richard G. Santos

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TO: Howard Friedman
FR: Project Interchange
RE: Follow-up on Hispanic-American Leaders' Seminar

This is to alert you to a new resource available in your community. Returning participants from the recent Hispanic-American Leaders' Seminar of Project Interchange in Israel are now available to speak to local groups about their experiences in, and impressions of, Israel.

The seminar was a huge success. Some of the initial reactions to the trip are quoted below:

"It changed my life. I came back a Zionist."

"Project Interchange offered a candid objective view of Israel and her people. The opportunity to meet with leaders from all sectors of Israeli society was an experience I, for one, shall never forget. I commend Project Interchange for its contribution to world understanding."

"The trip gave us a meaningful insight into the people and history of this part of the Middle East and an understanding of the issues that are brought before Congress."

We hope you will be able to both invite these Project Interchange participants to share their experiences with you, and to attend local functions dealing with Israel and the Middle East.

DR. D. FELDSTEIN

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HISPANIC-AMERICAN LEADERS' SEMINAR: May 22-June 1, 1983
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June 28, 1983

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56 Street
New York, New York 10022

Dear Marc,

For your review and consideration I am enclosing a copy of the preliminary budget developed in consultation with Richard Santos and Bob Kownachi. Three comments are in order:

- 1) The budget is generous, tentative and rough. Furthermore, it includes audio visual/exhibits.
- 2) Some income will be realized in registration fees, with the exact fee to be determined by the Steering Committee.
- 3) The budget is based on 200 registrants.

Suggestions are very much in order for speakers, in advance please, particularly if you will be unable to attend the meeting on the 6th. I do hope you will be there.

I leave tomorrow for Seattle and will call you when I return.

Cordially,


Barbara Hurst

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MEXICAN-AMERICAN AND JEWISH-AMERICAN CONSULTATION

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Food	\$ 6,000.00
Seminary	500.00
Speakers	3,000.00
Registration Packet	1,000.00
Postage/Invitations	1,000.00
Telephone	300.00
Scholarship	500.00
Audio-Visual/Exhibits	1,500.00
Hospitality	500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 14,800.00



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CONSULTATION WILL MEET ON JULY 6TH BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM AT ASSUMPTION
SEMINARY IN SAN ANTONIO AT THE APARTMENT OF ARCHBISHOP FLORES AND
CONCLUDE AT 3:00 PM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THIS IMPORTANT
MEETING.

ROBERT KOWNACHI
RICHARD SANTOS
BARBARA HURST

10:06 EST

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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

cc: William Trosten
Abe Karlikow
Marc Tanenbaum ✓
Eugene DuBow
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Ellen Cohen
David Geller

date July 11, 1983

to Sergio Nudelstejer

from Harold Applebaum

subject .FOCUSED PROGRAM: HOUSTON CHAPTER AND MEXICAN-JEWISH COMMUNITY

Thank you for your comments and suggestions in response to the proposals emanating from a June 10th meeting in New York which proposed an agenda for a focused program for 1983-84 involving the Houston chapter and the Mexican Jewish community. Below is a summary of the proposals and your response:

AGENDA PROPOSAL

YOUR RESPONSE

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| 1. Help Mexican Jewry establish closer connections with that nation's political, religious and academic mainstream | Approved the concept. Would welcome scheduling an interreligious conference in Mexico City. |
| 2. Cooperate with Mexican Jewry to counteract Arab and Third World influence in Mexico. | Approved the concept. We should analyze Arab influence in Mexico and in the American Southwest. |
| 3. Help strengthen Jewish communal institutions in Mexico. | Focus on problems confronting the Jewish family in Mexico and the U.S. |
| 4. Explore impact of Mexico's economic disarray on the Mexican Jewish community | Mexican Jews would not be receptive. |

You expressed interest in the possibility of conducting a skills seminar for Mexican Jewish professionals, but suggested that the exercise should provide more than could be accomplished in a one-day seminar.

You expressed confidence that a group of Mexican Jewish counterparts to our Houston AJC leaders can be enlisted in this project, indicating that they would be willing to carry their share of the expenses. You proposed that each group pay for its own transportation to meetings, but that the host community should pick up expenses for their guests.

Finally, you proposed that the initial meeting should take place in Mexico City.

It is my understanding that you will discuss this proposal with some leaders of the Mexican Jewish community, and I hope you can convey their reactions to us by mid-August. Ellen Cohen will also be pursuing discussions with her chapter leadership.

All best regards.

Harold

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