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May 27, 1980

Mrs. Richard W. Lyman 623 Mirada Avenue Stanford, California 94305

Dear Mrs. Lyman,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, regarding the social events surrounding the Stanford 1980 Commencement.

Rabbi Tanenbaum left for Oberammergau to view the Passion Play immediately after our recent annual meeting. I am certain he will contact you upon his return to our offices on or about June 2nd.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Rita Reznik Secretary to Rabbi Tanenbaum

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March c, 1980

Dr. Robert Hamerton Kelly Dean of the Chapel Stanford Memorial Church Stanford University Stanford, California 94305

Dear Dean Kelly,

Thank you for your recent kind invitation in which you invite me to deliver the Baccalaureate Address at Stanford University on June 14th.

I am honored by your kind invitation and am happy to be able to accept.

It would help me if you would send me any background information that might make me more sensitive to that situation.

I would have to leave on Sudday, June 15th, in order to deliver an address before the International Conference of Christians and Jews in Stockholm, Sweden. My office will start emploring the air flight schedules and I will let you know shortly about what time I will need to leave Stanform on June 15th.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum National Director Interreligious Affairs

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Enclosures

Robert Hamerton Kelly Dean of the Chapel

19 February 1980

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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

On behalf of the chaplains and presidents of the senior class, I invite you to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at Stanford on June 14th. We have long been admirers of yours and your work for human understanding. Your recent involvement in the effort to aid the Cambodians is only the latest of your activities we have heard of and admired.

STANFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH Stanford University Stanford, California 94305

The Baccalaureate Service is an ecumenical one, attended by about a thousand students, parents and others, as well as faculty and administration. It is held out of doors, in the University's quadrangle at 9:30 on the Saturday morning before Commencement which takes place the next day.

Should you accept our invitation we hope your wife would accompany you and that you will stay for the weekend of receptions, dinners, etc. We would also pay you an honorarium of \$500 in addition to all expenses for you and your wife.

With fervent hope that you will accept,

Sincerely, Robert Hane R.G. Hamerton-Kell

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May 27, 1980

Dean Robert Hamerton Kelly Dean of Chapel Stanford Memorial Church Stanford University Stanford, California 94305

Dear Dean Kelly;

Thank you for your recent warm and thoughtful letter.

I look forward with much pleasure to being with you and your colleagues on that occasion.

The title of my talk will be "On the Threshold of the 1980s: Challenge and Promise."

The passage from Scripture which I would prefer is Isaiah, Chapter 58, Verses 1 through 12.

It will give me much pleasure to join President and Mrs. Lyman at dinner on Saturday evening.

I, too, look forward with much anticipation to this lovely event.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum National Director Interreligious Affairs

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Robert Hamerton Kelly Dean of the Chapel

8 May 1980

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum The American Jewish Committee 165 East 65th Street New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

We are looking forward to your presentation at Baccalaureate on June the 14th. I enclose a time table of events for the weekend in question. Please feel welcomed at any of these events listed, or indeed to stay away from most of them (excepting the Baccalaureate Service). Not listed on the program are two rather important events at which we request your presence. On Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 o'clock, the President and his wife, Richard and Jing Lyman, invite you to a cocktail party for special guests and participants in the Commencement Weekend, followed by dinner at the President's house. There you will be able to meet, in addition to the President and other university officials, the Commencement speaker, Dr. Lewis Thomas of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Please put that evening event on your schedule.

In addition, the Jewish student community on campus, as represented by the Hillel Foundation and their rabbi, Mark Cartun, would like you to participate in an event with them between 2:00 o'clock and 4:00 o'clock on the afternoon of June 14th. I will leave it to them to communicate to you the precise nature of this event, but would appreciate very much your putting that on your agenda if that seems acceptable to you.

I would appreciate having the title of your sermon, as well as any readings from the scripture, that you may wish to be part of the service just as soon as possible. We look forward to your presence with great anticipation and thank you warmly for agreeing to be with us.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Program for Rabbi Tanenbaum's visit (subject to change, of course)

Friday, June 13: 2:30 p.m. Arrive SF airport, UAL 25.

Memorial Church staff member will meet flight and drive you

to Stanford Faculty Club, Suite 6 (room telephone # is 497-4706) * Take Room Key wingou. Outside door (Faculty Club telephone is 497-4325) NOTE: Daily Continental breakfast must be requested the night before.

> Otherwise, breakfast available only at Tresidder Union, next door to Faculty Club. (Lunch on Saturday also available only at Tresidder.)

5:00 p.m. (approximate) John Felstiner, Prof. of English, would like to entertain you at dinner. He will telephone your room to see if this is agreeable with you.

Saturday, June 14: 9:00 a.m. Dean Hamerton-Kelly will escort you to Memorial Church, Round Room (cap, gown and hood are being held here for you). Line up for Baccalaureate procession.

> 9:30 a.m. Baccalaureate Service begins (program attached) 10:45 -- Free time

2:00 p.m. Rabbi Mark Cartun, director of Hillel Foundation, will escort you from Faculty Club to a reception in your honour at Tresidder Union deck.

4:00 p.m. Free time

6:00 p.m. Dean Hamerton-Kelly will meet you at Faculty Club and accompany you to Cocktail party (if you wish to go, of course) honouring Commencement weekend guests. At Joel Smith's residence, Lomita court.

8:00 p.m. Dinner at Pres. Lyman's. Dean Hamerton-Kelly will pick you up at Faculty Club (or godine of from cocktail party.)

Sunday, June 15: 9:30 a.m. Depart for Frost Amphitheatre. Dean H-K will escort you to the place where the procession forms.

10:00 a.m. Commencement Exercises begin.

12:00 m. (or after the exercises) Jean Fetter, Assistant to Pres. Lyman will drive you to the informal lunch at the Lyman residence. She suggests you meet on Memorial Way (or look around for her red Datsun if you do not see her--you will have met at Baccalaureate).

3:00 p.m. Free time

5:30 p.m. (approx) Rabbi Cartun will drive you to SF airport 7:30 p.m. Depart Pan Am 124

We hope you enjoyed your stay with us and that you will come back and visit us again!





MRS. RICHARD W. LYMAN 623 MIRADA AVENUE STANFORD, CALIFORNIA 94305

May 13, 1980

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum The American Jewish Committee 175 East 56th Street New York, NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I understand that the Dean of the Chapel, Bob Hamerton-Kelly, has been in direct touch with you about some of the social events surrounding your official activities as Baccalaureate speaker for Stanford's 1980 Commencement.

Dick and I are looking forward with pleasure and anticipation to having you with us. You will soon be receiving copies of the more formal invitations to cocktails and dinner on Saturday, June 14, but I thought you might like to have a little more detailed background on these affairs.

I don't know whether you are expecting to participate in the box lunch picnic for seniors and their families which is scheduled from 11:00 to 1:00 and includes Class Day exercises. I understand that the Stanford Jewish community is anxious to have a special gathering with you. This could be scheduled between Baccalaureate and the luncheon, though there will be much more flexibility of time following the luncheon.

It is our custom to receive all interested graduates (both under and post) and their families at our home, The Lou Henry Hoover House. This will take place between approximately 3:00 and 6:00 PM (the invitations say 3:30-5:30, but it always slops over!). I'm not even going to suggest you sacrifice yourself to that receiving line, since we've been known to have between 4,000-5,000 guests at these affairs, and given our impending departure the line will probably be longer than ever. This should also allow you a good period of time with your own community, and also for a bit of relaxation before the somewhat-less-peopled festivities of the evening.

I'm sure Bob and Rosemary Hamerton-Kelly will be prepared to have you transported to the home of Joel Smith, Vice President for Development, where we cohost cocktails from about 6:00 to 7:30. This allows time to recover from the effects of the Reception at our house, and to arrange for a relaxed dinner. The <u>+</u> 100 people invited for cocktails are either participants in, or organizers of, some part of the weekend's activities. This is our chance to say thank you to them by giving them an opportunity to meet you.

With another dramatic drop in numbers, we expect about 25-30 people to come back here to the Hoover House for an 8:00 dinner. I expect the Hamerton-Kellys to be among these. If there is someone you would particularly like to have invited for both cocktails and dinner, I hope you will feel free to call (415) 326-2403, or write me.

As I think you will find, there is a definite amount of positive tradition and ceremony involved in Commencement, but as you can see, our personal style is one of informality. (No black tie!) Saturday's cocktails and dinner are both supposed to be fun!

And the same holds true for luncheon following the program Sunday morning, although I'm not sure whether your impending flight to Sweden will preclude your joining us for that.

If our luck is in, and you can stay that long, we'll welcome you to what we've found to be a delightful decompressor: liquid refreshment in the pool, if that appeals to you, and liquid and solid out of the pool. This occasion usually includes members of our own extended family, and resident students-- most of whom will be among the "graduates." (We've temporarily adopted a few young people, as our own have flown the coop.) Be sure to bring your bathing suit if you like to swim.

Whatever your time availability, we look forward to meeting you and are indeed honored to have you as our guest and fellow participant in this Stanford Commencement.

Sincerely, Lyman ng

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- cc: J. Fetter
 - R. Hamerton-Kelly
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STANFORD UNIVERSITY STANFORD, CALIFORNIA 94305

MEMORIAL CHURCH

5 May 1980

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I am sending along a form which will help us in planning both the Baccalaureate program and your visit. Would you try to return it as quickly as possibly, and certainly by May 28? I am sorry to trouble you with this but June is practically upon us and there are all sorts of things to be done like printing programs and ordering your honorarium cheque.

We are all looking forward to your visit with immense anticipation and want to stand by to assist you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

Edith Vongehr Bridges Secretary to Dean Hamerton-Kelly

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| Friday, June 13 | |
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| 2:00 pm | Tour of Rodin Collection |
| 8:00 pm | Phi Beta Kappa Initiation |
| Saturday, June 14 | |
| 9:30 am | Baccalaureate Service |
| 10:45 am | Dedication of the Senior Class Plaque |
| 11 am - 1 pm | Senior Parent Luncheon |
| 1:00 pm | Carillon Concert |
| 1:30 - 3:30 pm | SLAC Tour E S |
| 2:00 pm | Walking Tour of Outdoor Sculpture |
| 3:30 - 5:30 pm | President's Reception |
| Sunday, June 15 | |
| 9:00 am | Carillon Concert |
| 10:00 am | Commencement Exercises |
| 12 noon | Carillon Concert |
| 12:30 pm | Diploma Award Ceremonies |
| 2:00 pm | Museum Tour |