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February 9, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. George Hecht 111 Ocean Place Sarasota, Florida 33581

My dear Arlene and George,

I hope that this finds both of you in very good health.

As you know, I will be coming to Sarasota on March 1st for an AJC fundraising meeting bee following day. I will look forward with much anticipation to seeing both of you and hope that we will have an opportunity to spend some time together.

One of the important matters that I wanteto share with you is a report on our mission of the International Rescue Committee to Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Thailand in connection with the Vietnamese Boat People and other indochinese refugees. As a result of your very generous assistance, I was able to participate actively in that mission and it is now clear that we have been able to make a very pronoucced impact on the White House, State Department, and members of Congress.

One of the clear-cut consequences of this work is that we have been able to succeed in having the refugee quota lifted from 7,500 to 50,000 for 1979. By the time we are through, these IRC missions will probably have contributed to the saving of tens of thousands of lives. No small measure of that estraordinary humane achievement is due to your own interest and support. I want to thank both of you for making possible my going and I hope when we meet together I can express that deep appreciation on a personal way.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially, as ever,

Rabbi Ma**arc**H. Tanenbaum National Director Interrel**ģģ**ious Affairs

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February 12, 1979

Mr. Harry Sudakoff 192 North Washington Drive Sarasota, Florida 33577

My dear Harry,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health.

As you well know, I am coming to Sarasota around March 1st and I simply wanted to tell you how eagerly I look forward to spending some time with you.

I hear margelous things about your state of mind and that gives me no end of personal pleasure.

There is so much to talk about that I can hardly wait until I see you.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially, as ever,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum National Director Interreligious Afffirs

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