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Media-Radyg + TV NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS 1771 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 • (202) 293-3518 HAROLD NIVEN March 30, 1980 VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th Street New York, New York 10022 Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum: I am very pleased to learn that you will offer the Invocation at the Opening General Assembly of the NAB Convention. The Assembly will be held in the Rotunda of the Las Vegas Convention Center on Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 PM. There will be a reception for Dias guests and the NAB Board of Directors starting at 2:00 PM in the Gold Room of the Convention Center. I look forward to meeting you in per-Thank you very much for your participason at our Convention. tion. HN/h,j

LAS VEGAS - NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS - APRIL 14, 1980

RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS
OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

- OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN - WE, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, WHO FIND OUR UNITY AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN GOD'S ONE HUMAN FAMILY, JOIN HANDS IN GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFTS OF DAILY LIFE. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER, THE NORMAL BLESSINGS OF OUR EVERDAY EXISTENCE - OUR COMFORTABLE HOMES, OUR NURTURING FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, OUR ORDINARY FREEDOMS, THE MIRACLE OF LIFE ITSELF, WHICH FAR TOO OFTEN WE TAKE FOR GRANTED.

OUR GRATITUDE IS SHARPENED FOR US THIS DAY AS WE ALLOW OUR MINDS AND OUR CONSCIENCES TO EMBRACE THE DAILY TRAGEDIES OF MILLIONS OF OUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS - EQUALLY BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF GOD'S HUMAN FAMILY. TODAY, AT THIS MOMENT, THOUSANDS OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WILL DIE FOR LACK OF A BOWL OF RICE OR MEDICAL CARE OR A DECENT ROOF OVER THEIR HEADS TONIGHT.

HELP US, OUR FATHER, TO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR VERY HUMANITY IS AT STAKE IN SALVAGING THEIR HUMAN LIVES, THAT THE MORAL BALANCE AND SANITY OF THE WORLD HANGS ON EACH OF US, ON WHETHER WE SAY TO THEM, YOUR CHILDREN, WITH CALLOUSNESS AND INDIFFERENCE THERE IS NO ROOM AT THE INN, OR WHETHER WE DETERMINE TO LET LOOSE A WAVE OF CARING, COMPASSION AND LOVE THAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, AND MAKE IT WORTHWHILE TO LIVE IN FOR OUR CHILDREN WHO NEED SIGNS OF HOPE AS THE CAMBODIANS NEED FOOD AND HOPE.

LET THIS BE THE RESOLVE OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH PLEASURE AND WISDOM TO OUR PEOPLE. DURING THE COMING WEEKS LET US INSPIRE OUR PEOPLE THROUGH OUR MEDIA TO BECOME FULLY HUMAN BY DOING SIGNFICANT DEEDS, BY HELPING RELIEVE THE PAIN, THE SUFFERING, THE HUNGER OF THE WIDOW, THE ORPHAN, THE IMPOVERISHED - WE ASK FOR THIS MORAL VISION, THIS MORAL POWER FOR HEALING A BROKEN WORLD IN YOUR NAME.

May 6, 1980

Mr. Vincent T. Wasilewski President National Association of Broadcasters 1771 N Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Wasilewski,

I was delighted to have had the opportunity of meeting you and your associates during the recent NAB Convention in Las Vegas. In particular, I want to thank you for extending to me the courtesy of making a statement in behalf of the Cambodian Crisis Committee before your prestigious and influential group.

I sincerely hope that there will be some significant follow-up in the promotion of the cause of the Cambodian refugees among your constituents. If there is any way in which our committee or I personally can be of additional assistance to you, I hope that your will feel free to call on us.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum National Director Interreligious Affairs

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Enclosures

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