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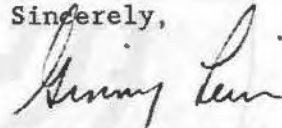
July 20, 1988

Dear Mr. Arnow:

At Mort Mandel's request, I am sending you the enclosed copy of his letter of July 5 along with the two enclosures. Please note that the meeting place has been changed to the UJA Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, 130 East 59th Street. The meeting is still scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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July 5, 1988

Dear Bob:

In following up my letter to you of June 9, I learned that you are out of the country until mid-July. In light of the fact that the first Commission meeting is imminent, and in the hope that you will agree to serve as a commissioner, I am writing to provide you with additional information about the Commission.

The Commission will suggest practical steps and concrete recommendations for the improvement of Jewish education in North America in all its forms and settings.

We anticipate that the Commission will meet three or four times over a period of 18 months. Our first meeting will be held on August 1, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the offices of JWB, 15 East 26th Street, New York, New York. I hope you will plan to be with us.

The Commission will oversee the activities of Commission Director Arthur Naparstek and appropriate supporting staff, whose responsibilities will include gathering and organizing data, preparing background papers and reports, consulting with scholars, educators and policy makers, and coordinating the ongoing participation of important Jewish publics.

The Commission will start its work with some already established benefits. It has begun its planning stage in cooperation with JWB and the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), and has held discussions with the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF). A number of national educational organizations and foundation leaders have also been consulted.

Enclosed is a paper describing our concept of the work of the Commission. It reflects the thinking of a small group that has worked to describe the idea behind the Commission. I am also enclosing a list of those who have agreed to serve on the Commission, thus far. Four or five additional persons are being approached to serve.

Prior to our first meeting, a member of the Commission staff will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss your views with respect to the Commission and Jewish education in North America.

I hope to see you at our first Commission meeting. An agenda, background material and particulars will be sent well in advance.

Cordially,



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June 9, 1988

Dear Bob:

The Mandel Associated Foundations is in the process of organizing a Commission on Jewish Education in North America. The Commission will function in cooperation with the JWB and JESNA and in close cooperation with the CJF.

The purpose of this Commission is to bring together the best lay and professional minds we can assemble to make a positive impact on the quality of Jewish education in the United States and Canada.

We believe that Jewish education needs a great deal of improvement if it is to make its appropriate contribution to the constructive continuity of the Jewish people. We believe that our Commission has a good chance to bring about important results, because American Jewish leadership is now sufficiently concerned to make this a high priority, and because there are important new financial resources available for Jewish education if we show how these resources can be utilized to good effect.

I hope, Bob, that you will serve as a member of this Commission. The Commission will meet four to six times over a period of eighteen months to two years. It will have the benefit of a professional staff and consultants who will do the research directed by the Commission, and staff the Commission and its subgroups. The first meeting of the Commission is scheduled to be held on August 1st in New York City.

Thus far everyone asked has agreed to serve including Bill Berman, Jack Bieler, Charles Bronfman, John Colman, Lester Crown, David Dubin, Stuart Eizenstat, Joshua Elkin, Eli Evans, Max Fisher, Yitz Greenberg, Robert I. Hiller, Carol Ingall, Mark Lainer, Norman Lamm, Sara Lee, Seymour Martin Lipset, Robert Loup, Matthew Maryles, Florence Melton, Donald Mintz, Lester Pollack, Charles Ratner, Harriet Rosenthal, Esther Leah Ritz, Alvin Schiff, Ismar Schorsh, Dan Shapiro, Yitzak Twersky, and Bennett Yanowitz.

I know that you can be an important addition to the work of the Commission and I hope that you will wish to participate. Warm regards.

Cordially,



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Dear Morton:

Thank you for inviting me to join the Commission on Jewish Education. I will have to decline the invitation because I will be out of the country for almost half of next year and it would be impossible for me to participate in any meaningful way.

It sounds like a wonderful project and I wish you much success.

Yours truly,


Robert H. Arnow

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