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June 10, 1988

Mr. Henry L. Zucker Premier Industrial Foundation 4500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Dear Hank:

Thank you for your letter of June 7.

As I indicated to you in our recent telephone conversation, it will be my pleasure to serve as a member of the Commission. I do, however, wish to reiterate my belief that the general perception of how this Commission does its work is very important to the undertaking and certainly to me, personally.

As you indicated in your letter of June 7 that all options are open with respect to the work of the Commission, I feel this issue can be presented at the appropriate time.

Marianne joins me in saying hello to you and also to extend our warmest regards to Harriet. Please say hello to Mort and wish him well on this undertaking.

Fondly

Robert I.

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June 29, 1988

Dear Bob:

I had a very nice talk with David Hirschorn yesterday. He has agreed to serve on the Commission on Jewish Education in North America and seemed pleased to be asked.

Many thanks for your exposing him to the work of the Commission. I feel certain we'll profit from his involvement.

Warm regards.

HENRY L. ZUCKER

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Morton L. Mandel Arthur J. Naparstek Virginia F. Levi

Virginia F. Levi FROM:

Henry L. Zucker

DATE: 7/26/88

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TO:

I had a very constructive talk with Bob Hiller by telephone today. He is concerned about too much Mandel prominence in the Commission's work. He wants the Commission to have maximum credibility for its independent, objective thinking and recommendations. He believes that the sponsoring foundation, if it is too dominant in the study process, might cause the recommendations to be suspect. This could interfere with support of the recommendations in the post-Commission period.

I assured Bob that every effort will be exerted to have a scholarly review of the subject of Jewish education in North America, and a series of recommendations which will reflect the best thinking of the outstanding Commission group which is comprised of scholars, experts, and leading laymen.

The windup of our discussion was that Bob said he would send me a letter, probably in a few weeks, to put on record his concerns and then to participate wholeheartedly in the work of the Commission. I believe Bob will be a constructive force in the work of the Commission and in our follow-up work later.



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SUBJECT: BOB HILLER

Bob Hiller raises a question regarding the effective following up of the Commission findings if the Commission and its report are conceived of as too heavily Mandel Foundation and Morton L. Mandel dominated.

It might be worthwhile for MLM and HLZ to meet with Bob Hiller before August 1st or on August 1st to discuss this question.

Immediately, we should prepare a statement for MLM to present to the Commission on the place of the Mandel Foundation in this initiative, and the relationship of the Mandel Foundation to other foundations which are participating, and with members of the Commission. This statement should indicate the place of the professionals in the preparation of the report, and the place of the Commission in the preparation and follow up of the report.

To me the main issue is the effect the report will have on the Jewish foundation world and on the federation movement, what authority will the report carry to these people. Obviously the convict of the Commission will have a lot to do with how well the report is received.

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TO: Arthur J. Naparstek	FROM: Henry L. Zucker /	DATE: 12/15/88
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The following are the highlights of a brief meeting I had with Bob Hiller on December 13 in New York:

- 1. He believes the Commission is off to a great start and has confidence that it will make substantial progress.
- He believes that the Commission should be much more critical of the status quo in Jewish education. It should point up its weaknesses, and it should demand better results if more money is to be devoted to Jewish education.
- 3. Bob said much of what Eli Evans had said the previous day about the need for more innovation and demonstration projects.
- 4. Bob is supportive of our approach on the community organization option and, I think, will be helpful in carrying it out with the foundations and with the federations.