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February 19, 1992

3/3/92 -Ne get word from MLM and SE that he has agreed to serve on board.

Mr. Richard Scheuer
The S.H. & Helen R. Scheuer
Family Foundation
104 East 40th Street
New York, NY 10016-1801

Dear Richard:

I was pleased that you were able to attend the meetings of CIJE on January 16. I believe that CIJE has the potential to have a real impact on Jewish education and Jewish continuity in North America and was happy to learn from our discussion that day of your interest and support.

This letter is our formal invitation to you to join the Board of CIJE. It is our intention to meet in New York approximately three times each year as we work to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Jewish Education in North America. Dr. Shulamith Elster, Chief Education Officer for CIJE, will call you soon to brief you on current activities of CIJE.

Warm personal regards.

MORTON L. MANDEL

cc: Shulamith Elster

TO:	FROM: Virginia F. Levi	DATE: 3/2/92
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We gave Shulamith Elster an assignment to meet with Richard Scheuer as a follow up to your letter inviting him to serve as a member of the CIJE board. She is to fill him in on details about CIJE work.

When Shulamith called Mr. Scheuer's office on Friday to set a date, she learned from his secretary that he would be meeting with you later that afternoon. Shulamith wonders if there is anything she should know about that meeting and whether she should still schedule a meeting of her own.

Please advise.

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I heard back from Mort about his meeting with Richard Scheuer. He indicated that there was some confusion about Scheuer's serving on the board, "But it's all clear now." Mort's note did not indicate the outcome, but I assume Scheuer has agreed to serve.

Mort's note goes on to say that you should wait 1-2 months to meet with Scheuer. He concludes, "We had a nice chat. All is well with him."

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TO: Morton L. Mandel	Virginia F. Levi	3/3/92 DATE:
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It turns out that Richard Scheuer returned Shulamith's phone call before she got our message to hold off on a meeting with him. She has set up a date to meet with him in mid-March to discuss Jewish education issues. He was evidently anxious to chat.

Shulamith felt it would be awkward to call and cancel the meeting. She will not, however, plan to discuss funding in any way.

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Memorandum

TO: CIJE Steering Committee

FROM: Shulamith R. Elster

RE: Camper Report: Richard Scheuer

DATE: March 23, 1992

I met with Mr. Scheuer at his office in New York last week. It was my first CIJE contact with him though I have known him for many years as a grandparent of students enrolled at the day school in Washington. I think Mr. Scheuer is genuinely pleased to have been asked to serve on the board.

I told him about some of my own CIJE activities that have involved the Reform education community, including my trip to Cincinnati and the participation of Sara Lee, Daniel Syme- as well as Isa- in our work. He was pleased that the professionals are so involved. It was a nice coincidence that I could tell him that just the previous day I arranged for a teleconference with Rabbi Jonathan Stein (of Indianapolis), the chairman of the Reform Commission on Jewish Education, and some the key leadership that Rabbi Stein will identify. This is in connection with my assignment to develop the approach to utilizing the resources of the movements and denominations in the lead communities.

I wanted to know more about some of Mr. Scheuer's specific interests. They include the nursery/pre-school established at HUC in Jerusalem and that has now expanded to the elementary grades and now occupies a former public school in Bayit V'Gan. He is also interested in the recruitment of female students for the HUC School of Sacred Music. This led to a discussion of the need for a program for the recruitment of young people for careers in Jewish education and communal service.

While I was there Alfred Gottschalk called for Mr. Scheuer. He took the call and told him that he was meeting with me about the work of the CIJE.

When I made the appointment I knew that he would have an hour for me- we more than filled the alloted time and there were many more things that we could have talked about.

I think it important to inform Board members very soon of our next meeting. I want very much to have him at our next Board meeting and so before I left I gave the date to his secretary so that he would hold the date on his calendar.

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