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April 9, 1979

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations 838 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10021

Dear Alex:

My lawyer is making progress with the foundation of which you, Yehuda and I are the incorporators. It is called the Research Center for Jewish Priorities, Inc., and he's drawn up the usual bylaws.

I've proposed the following officers:

Chairman, Board of Trustees - Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler Chairman, Executive Committee - Yehuda Hellman Treasurer - Dr. A.J. Clamar Secretary - Richard Cohen

I trust this is satisfactory to you.

Sincerely,

Richard Cohen

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AMERICAN JEWISH RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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The American Jewish Research Institute will seek to carry out research and publish its findings in the area of the demography and religious life of the American Jewish community.

The Institute will address itself to the phenomenon of intermarriage and the intensity of religious commitment. It will seek to explore the views of Jewish religious leaders and organizational heads as well as the unaffiliated in such areas as Jewish identification, Zionism and commitment to the survival of the Jewish people.

The Institute will undertake studies into the effectiveness of the synagogue; the changing role of women in Jewish life; comparisons of Jewish commitment in large cities and small towns in the Far West, the Deep South, the Northeast and the Middle West.

The Institute will examine Jewish family size and population trends. It will study the views of Jewish opinion leaders, public officials, rabbis and organization heads on such issues as Black-Jewish relations, church-state separation, Middle East peace, religious observance and interfaith cooperation with Catholic, Protestant and Moslem church bodies.

In sum, the American Jewish Research Institute will seek to ascertain the current trends and future prospects of American Jewry with a view toward providing a sound and practical basis for the formulation and implementation of Jewish communal policy.