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Name of Correspondent: Samuel E. Karff

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Subject: Request for greeting to the Centennial Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis -- June 25, 1989

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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A - Appropriate Action
C - Comment/Recommendation
D - Draft Response
F - Furnish Fact Sheet
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
R - Direct Reply w/Copy
S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

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B - Non-Special Referral
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 - n - 2 - George Bush
 - n - 3 - George
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 - n - 3 - Bar
 - n - 4 - Mrs. Barbara Bush
- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence
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 - n - 2 - Barbara & George

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- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MAY 16, 1989

*June 25
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MEMORANDUM TO: LINDA WATSON, DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

FROM: SARAH DECAMP, ^{SD} ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR THE CENTRAL
CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS

RABBI SAMUEL E. KARFF HAS REQUESTED A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR
THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN RABBIS. THIS EVENT WILL TAKE
PLACE ON JUNE 25th AT THE HYATT REGENCY IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

AT THIS EVENT, RABBI KARFF WILL BE INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
CONFERENCE. THEY ARE ANTICIPATING 2500 TO 3000 PARTICIPANTS FOR
THE EVENT. THIS IS AMERICA'S OLDEST RABBINIC BODY WITH 1500
COLLEAGUES WHICH BELONG AND SERVE CONGREGATIONS WITH OVER A
MILLION AMERICAN JEWS. THIS YEAR THE CONFERENCE WILL BE
CELEBRATING THEIR CENTENNIAL.

IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE ME
A CALL AT EXT. 7193. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Clear final w/ OPL + NSE

OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES
REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

TO:
SARAH DECAMP, OPL

Date Due:
JUNE 19, 1989

Date of Event:
JUNE 25, 1989

Subject:
Presidential message for the 100th anniversary of the Central
Conference of American Rabbis

Requested by:
Sarah DeCamp, OPL

Background:

May we please have your approval on the attached.
Copy of incoming request attached, FYI.
Telephone clearance would be appreciated.
Thank you.

Signature:
LINDA WATSON

Date:
JUNE 19, 1989

*Presidential Messages
Old Executive Office Building
Room 18
(202) 456-2941*

Your Recommendation/Comments:

Sherry

SIGNATURE:

Sarah DeCamp

DATE:

6/19/89

June 19, 1989

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all those gathered in Cincinnati, Ohio, to celebrate the ~~100th anniversary of the Central Conference of American Rabbis~~. And my heartfelt congratulations to my fellow Texan, Rabbi Samuel E. Karff, as your new conference president.

I proudly commend all in attendance for your deep and abiding commitment to the preservation of the traditions of your ancient faith. The Central Conference's advocacy of strong religious observance and moral values of Reform Judaism is a shining example for all those who seek to maintain their beliefs, and your support for the basic principles of mutual respect and tolerance upon which America was built helps ensure the freedom and vitality of our Republic. Yours has been a century of giving, and I am honored to share in the celebration of this special time.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for a most enjoyable and productive conference. May the Almighty bless you as you have blessed others by your strong adherence to His teachings.

Call Sarah DeCamp, x 7193, for dispatch

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cc: Pres.Msgs.Rm.18/D.MacKinnon/CF
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WASHINGTON,

March 30, 1989

Dear Rabbi Karif:

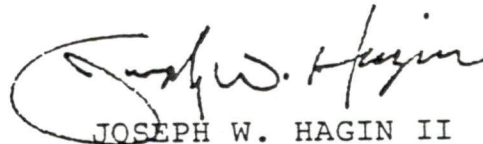
On behalf of the President, thank you for your recent invitation.

You were very kind to extend this opportunity to the President. I regret to write that, due to an already heavily committed schedule, he will be unable to accept your invitation.

However, your request for a message has been noted and forwarded to the appropriate office for consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph W. Hagin II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

JOSEPH W. HAGIN II
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Appointments and Scheduling

Rabbi Samuel E. Karif
5600 North Braeswood Boulevard
Houston, TX 77096

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Office of the President:
Rabbi Eugene J. Lipman
3512 Woodbine Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

April 27, 1989

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you in my capacity of President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the professional association of the Reform rabbinate, and the largest and oldest such organization.

This year, at the end of June, the Central Conference of American Rabbis will celebrate its centennial, having been founded in 1889 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, the organizational genius of American Reform Judaism. Since then, his rabbinic body has grown to some 1,550 rabbis serving 1 1/2 million affiliated Jews throughout North America and abroad.

On the occasion of our centennial, we would welcome your expression of greeting, that it might be read at our 100th convention, specifically as we gather many hundreds strong in Cincinnati on June 22.

While I assume that I need not elaborate on the multifaceted roles which our rabbinic leaders have played in every major (and many minor) communities during these hundred years, the enclosed brief description of the CCAR might be of some specific help to those who would draft your letter of greeting. If possible, we would hope to have such a letter at our New York office before the middle of June.

Very best wishes, and Godspeed in your work.

Sincerely,

Eugene J. Lipman

Rabbi Eugene J. Lipman
President

Central Conference of
American Rabbis

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SAMUEL EGAL KARFF, D.H.L.

RABBI

March 14, 1989

Dear President Bush:

I presently serve as Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, Texas' oldest Jewish congregation. Fourteen years ago I succeeded your fond admirer, Rabbi Hyman Judah Schachtel.

Next June 25th I shall be installed as President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. This is the national organization of Reform Rabbis on the North American continent. Some 1500 colleagues belong and serve congregations with over a million American Jews. The CCAR is America's oldest rabbinic body. This June we shall be celebrating our Centennial.

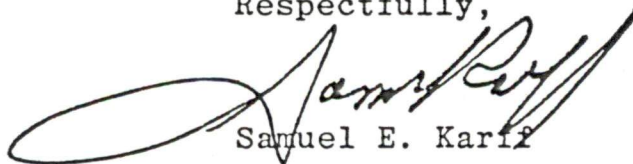
I would deem it a signal honor if you could present a personal greeting to our Centennial Convention at the Sunday evening banquet, June 25th at the Hyatt Regency in Cincinnati, Ohio.

We anticipate a gathering of 2500 to 3000 people. In addition to delighting this Texas Rabbi your presence would be the crown on our Centennial celebration.

If you are unable to attend personally, may I request a letter from you in honor of the occasion. Your friend, Marjorie Arsht, a member of Beth Israel, emboldened me to hope for a personal appearance. "Go for it" she said, so I have gone for it!

Looking forward to hearing from you and with every good wish for the success of your administration, I am

Respectfully,



Samuel E. Karff

The Honorable George H. W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500