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Honorable Joseph D. Duffey
Chairman
National Endowment for the
Humanities
Washington, D.C., 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that Agudath Israel of America has recently applied to the Research Collections category of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant request would allow this organization to complete the processing of non-current records in its Orthodox Jewish Archives.

In addition, the grant will permit the dissemination of a comprehensive checklist of all collections in the Agudath Israel archives as a basis for the future development of a national Orthodox Jewish Archives.

It is an important proposal which I believe would be of considerable significance not only to the American Jewish community but to a broad scholarly and secular community as well. I am pleased to add my support to this grant request and am hopeful that the Endowment will be able to assist this worthy project.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, Arts, and Humanities

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