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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Austin, Texas

My dear President Johnson:

Mrs. Belkin and I deeply appreciate your gracious invitation to join you at the milestone occasion of the dedication of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. Were it not for the most compelling commitments, including the fact that the morning of May 22nd falls on our Sabbath, we would have been highly honored to attend. We especially regret that we shall be unable to pay tribute to you in person.

I recall vividly the occasion almost a decade ago when Yeshiva University had the privilege of conferring an honorary degree upon you, as one of the most distinguished servants of our American heritage. It is characteristic of your vision that you have placed emphasis upon education; and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library will indeed enhance this as well as your other noble ideals. For us at Yeshiva University the period of your national leadership in behalf of higher education meant more opportunities for creative growth, advancement of the goal of excellence, and service to the community.

In addition to providing invaluable source material to scholars and historians, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library will be a testimonial to your dedication and to the great contributions you have made to our nation and to the world.

May you and your family be granted continued well being, and may you enjoy good health and vigor of mind for many, many years so that we may continue to reap the benefits of your wisdom and your leadership.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,