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To the Participants in the Annual Dinner
of the Lubavitch Foundation, London,
G-d bless you all!

Greeting and Blessing:

The Annual Event, taking place in such close proximity to Yud Shevat,
The Yahrzeit-Hilula of my father-in-law of saintly memory, will, I
trust, bear the imprint of his influence and inspiration.

In the course of his allotted life-span on this earth, my father-in-law had seen, and contended with, many different worlds. But whether it was under Czarist Russia or under Soviet Russia, during the two world wars or during their aftermaths, in the Old World or in the New - he was always the indefatigable Manhig Yisroel, dedicated heart and soul to the spiritual and material wellbeing of our people.

Exemplifying a pattern of leadership which is the heritage of his illustrious ancestor, the Old Rebbe, author of the Tanya and Shulchan Aruch (on whose Yahrzeit this letter is written), my father-in-law was as vitally concerned with the Aleph-beis child as with the advanced Yeshivah student, and his love for his disciples and followers to whom he expounded the inner secrets of the Torah was only matched by his love for his fellow Jew in some distant country, deprived of the most elementary educational facilities.

Jewish education was his primary concern, and the same spirit of dedication permeated his emissaries who pioneered in many an educational field under his inspiring initiative and guidance. This work truly expressed the unity of our people through the Torah which, on every level from Aleph-beis to Raze-d'razin (Innermost secrets), is the unifying force, uniting the one people by means of the one Torah to the One G-d.

The Lubavitch House in London, which in a comparatively short time has made considerable strides in the field of Jewish education, has already demonstrated that it is a positive dynamic and vital force in the Jewish community of England. The preservation of the Jewish way of life, according to the Law of Life (Toras Chayyim) is surely the responsibility not only of the leaders of the community but also of every Jewish individual, man and woman. I prayerfully hope that everyone, whom this message reaches, will want to have a share in this most worthy endeavor, and thus bring G-d's blessings to the community at large, and to themselves and their families in particular, materially and spiritually.

With blessing,

M. Schneerson