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By the Grace of G-d
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To the Friends of Lubavitch in
California, Headed by
Mr. Avrohom Lazaroff, President

Greeting and Blessing:

It gave me much genuine pleasure to receive the distinguished delegation who presented me with the Key to the new Chabad House in Berkeley.

The occasion was additionally propitious since it coincided with the observance of the 12-13th of Tammuz, the 45th Anniversary of the Liberation of my father-in-law of saintly memory. This historic date, as you know, is significant not only to the Chabad community, but to our people as a whole, as the Baal HaGeulo stated in his letter on the occasion of the 1st Anniversary, that it was a triumph for

"כל מחבבי תורתנו הקדושה, שומרי מצוה, וגם אה אשר בשם ישראל יכונה"
"All who cherish our holy Torah, who observe the Mitzvoth, and also those who are Jews in name (only)."

Although I expressed my thanks and message through the distinguished delegates, I would like to reiterate here, in writing, the prayerful wish that the new Chabad House serve as the key to open the hearts of all who will visit it, and all who will come under its sphere of influence - open their hearts to the very core of their Jewishness. Of this innermost core it has been said that it is always "awake" and responsive, regardless of the outer layers encrusting it. And when the inner core of the heart is touched, it reveals the very essence of the Jew, permeating him with the Torah, Torah Chaim, and the Mitzvoth whereby Jews live, so that he becomes a source of inspiration to others, and together with King David, the Sweetener of the Songs of Israel, he will be able to say in all humility - כמותה הייתי לרבים - "I have been an example to many, for you (Oh G-d) are my strong refuge."

With prayerful wishes for Hatzlocho, and

With blessing,

M. Schneerson