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By the Grace of G-d  
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President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I deeply appreciate your kind and warm words of sympathy.

"Words emanating from the heart, enter the heart," the Sages say. I want you and Mrs. Reagan to know that they brought me comfort and solace.

We are, indeed, consoled by the abiding thought that the dear departed has left behind her a legacy of a lifetime spent here on earth in good deeds which live on, and continue to grow; and, of course, growth is a sign of true vitality. And her eternal soul - reflected in the ongoing activities of the institutions - will continue to be a source of inspiration and encouragement, especially to all whose lives were touched by hers.

In the Torah, an expression of sympathy in a time of grief, invoking solace from the One Above who is the true source of Consolation, is termed a "Blessing of Condolence," and is reciprocated with the words, "May you be blessed from Heaven."

I do so reciprocate your blessing. Needless to say, a blessing from Heaven, the Source of All Blessings, is replete and boundless with all good. I only add my prayerful wish that it be "in the kind of good that is revealed and obvious" - not only in Heaven, but also here on earth.

With profound esteem and with blessing

