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Sen. Moynihan's office now says he may not get there until after you finish your talk.

John Z.

February 15, 1993

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SENATOR DOLE

FROM: JOHN Z.

SUBJECT: REMARKS TO NATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 12:45 P.M., DIRKSEN G 50.

You are scheduled to be the first speaker after their lunch begins at 12:15. You will be introduced by Maynard Wishner, of Chicago, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

As of Friday, attendance at the luncheon was estimated at 300 to 350 but it could be more.

They have asked for 5 to 10 minutes of greetings and remarks. I assume they will be interested in your views on President Clinton's Monday night speech as well as his State of the Union intentions. I have also drafted some remarks on foreign policy and the Middle East Peace talks.

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January 20, 1993

The Honorable Robert Dole
141 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Dole:

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The NJCRAC, comprising 13 national and 117 local member agencies, is the national coordinating and advisory body for the field of Jewish community relations in the United States. The 1993 plenum, which will be attended by approximately 600 Jewish lay and professional leaders, is NJCRAC's highest policy making body and provides a forum to examine issues of concern and to define the priorities of the field. The NJCRAC's annual Joint Program Plan (a copy of the 1992-93 Plan is enclosed) sets forth the field's priority domestic and international concerns. NJCRAC constituent agencies represent the spectrum of political and social thought in the American Jewish community, as well as the three main congregational bodies in Judaism -- Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. Our local constituent agency with which you may be most familiar is the Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Kansas City.

If you are able to join us, we would like you to offer greetings and brief remarks of 5 - 10 minutes for approximately 500 plenary delegates gathered for this important event.

Following this briefing, the NJCRAC delegates will visit with their members of Congress to discuss with them the priorities of the Jewish community relations field. Your presence and participation would surely add to this highlight of the 1993 plenum.

Hanne Felt
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Hanna Fox of the NJCRAC staff will contact your office in order to ascertain your availability and to follow up on the necessary logistic details.

We do hope that you are able join us and we look forward to meeting and greeting you in Washington.

Sincerely,

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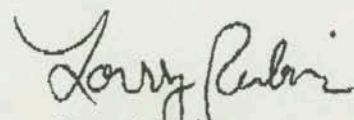
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Dear Senator Dole:

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The NJCRAC, comprising 13 national and 117 local member agencies, is the national coordinating and advisory body for the field of Jewish community relations in the United States. The 1993 plenum, which will be attended by approximately 600 Jewish lay and professional leaders, is NJCRAC's highest policy making body and provides a forum to examine issues of concern and to define the priorities of the field. The NJCRAC's annual Joint Program Plan (a copy of the 1992-93 Plan is enclosed) sets forth the field's priority domestic and international concerns. NJCRAC constituent agencies represent the spectrum of political and social thought in the American Jewish community, as well as the three main congregational bodies in Judaism -- Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. Our local constituent agency with which you may be most familiar is the Jewish Community Relations Bureau of Kansas City.

If you are able to join us, we would like you to offer greetings and brief remarks of 5 - 10 minutes for approximately 500 plenary delegates gathered for this important event.

Following this briefing, the NJCRAC delegates will visit with their members of Congress to discuss with them the priorities of the Jewish community relations field. Your presence and participation would surely add to this highlight of the 1993 plenum.

Hanna Fox of the NJCRAC staff will contact your office in order to ascertain your availability and to follow up on the necessary logistic details.

We do hope that you are able join us and we look forward to meeting and greeting you in Washington.

Sincerely,

Maynard Wishner

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