

May 5, 1998

Mr. Jerome J. Shestack
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Dear Mr. Shestack:

Thank you for your letter of March 18 regarding the conference celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration and the Genocide Convention. I would like to thank you again for the honor and the opportunity to participate. I found the conference to have been one of the most professionally organized and substantive in which I have participated. My heartiest congratulations to you and your staff for a stunning success.

I have two lingering questions regarding the follow-up to the conference. First, as one of the rapporteurs, I had understood that I would be contacted about either drafting a synopsis of my session or making a first-round edit of a transcript. I have not heard anything since the conference. Could you please let me know whether you anticipate the preparation of a written project and whether you would like the rapporteurs to play a role? The second question pertains to the recommendation, by Congressman Jim Leach, that the ABA sponsor an inquiry into—I will try to say this diplomatically—“procedures” in the U.S. Senate and their “consistency” with democracy. To the extent that you anticipate forming such a panel, I would be very interested in participating.

With great appreciation for the excellent opportunity, I am,

Sincerely,

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