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MEMORANDUM

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From: David Schreiber

Date: 29th June 1993

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Further to my memo to Jonathan, we are now in possession of a timetable for the appeal to the Secretary of State and we are required to present a Statement of Case within nine weeks from now. I think in view of this and in the light of the recent meeting of honorary officers, it would make good sense to get together to brief you on the detail of what is now a fairly complex situation. I suggest that we could perhaps meet over a cup of coffee at Hampstead if that is convenient and talk it through. Please let me know when will be convenient for you.

In the meantime you should be aware that we are setting up our preliminary conference with Counsel and on further reflection and advice, we have now selected John Steel, with whom we have a long-standing and outstandingly successful commercial relationship on matters of planning appeal. The indication is that the modified application will be put to the planners in August at the earliest but September and even October is fairly likely and therefore we will not have the benefit of that outcome before being required to present the Statement of Case.

As you know, 'The Appeal Appeal' is going ahead this weekend and the mail pieces are now going out. Supporting A3 posters (as enclosed) will go up in the local shuls. Once this is launched and the early results are in, we will be approaching the selected list of guarantors, as we discussed. That would also be an appropriate time to follow up your suggestion of contact with various trusts and perhaps we can discuss this when we meet.

I also enclose a copy of a letter to Don Goodman, Chairman of the Public Works Committee who, as you know, has been a very valuable friend and similar letters have been sent to the other pro-Eruv councillors in order to keep in touch.

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Our planning consultants are also preparing letters to go to the other councillors in order to advise them of our recent applications and to position the modified application in the most positive way so that we can then follow up nearer to the date of the TP & R meeting to canvass broader support and hopefully obviate the need for an appeal.

I look forward to working with you for the successful conclusion of this prototype Eruv and you should be aware that however complex the situation, we now feel quietly confident of the successful outcome.

Yours sincerely

David Schreiber