



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

FROM THE VATICAN, October 27, 1983

Dear Mr. Shapiro,

I am directed to acknowledge the letter which you addressed to His Holiness Pope John Paul II. The sentiments which prompted you to write are appreciated, but I regret that it is not possible for His Holiness to comply with your request.

I have pleasure in informing you that His Holiness invokes upon you God's abundant blessings.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'G.B. Re'.

Monsignor G.B. Re
Assessor

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October 19, 1983

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Dear Dr. Shapiro:

Thank you very much for your recent invitation. It was kind of you to include me in your plans but I regret that I will be unable to accept.

During the coming year I have many commitments; these include a busy Senate agenda, important work in Massachusetts, and fundraising events for fellow Democrats and the Democratic Party.

Although I cannot join you, I do extend my best wishes to you and know that your hard work will be rewarded and your plans will meet with great success.

Again, thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy

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Jan. 15, 1984

Dear Deane,

I just returned from four months in India to find your kind invitation (dated October 4 to Keynote 'The Power of the Human Spirit' Conference.

It's a beautiful format & timely topic and I hope the conference does well.

I'm presently taking a few years away from preplanned public functions in order to deepen my connection to the Source so that I can in the future help more

profoundly in the alleviation of suffering and the enhancement of happiness. So I shall observe your efforts this year from the sidelines.

Sincerely

Ram Dass

Johanna Comments: You got blessings from the Pope, encouragement from Kennedy, and kind appreciation from Ram Dass. Awesome! Yes, I'd put these up at the end of this conference, with a note about thinking big and appreciating kind rejections.

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