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The Honorable Christian Kennedy
Special Envoy, Holocaust Issues
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Ambassador Kennedy:

I write regarding the "Dachau Album," a book of 30 color drawings by Michal Porulski, a Polish inmate of the Dachau prison camp. Those drawings are of great historical significance since they show the dreadful conditions at Dachau.

Mr. Avi Hoffman, Executive Director of The National Center for Jewish Cultural Arts in Boca Raton, Florida, has been working to try to locate individuals who may have had contact with Mr. Porulski or Mr. Arnold Unger, the Jewish Dachau survivor who brought Mr. Porulski's work to the United States following the liberation of the camp.

One of my friends, Mrs. Francine Lipstein, who is also a constituent, has made a special request because her mother knew Mr. Unger. Mrs. Lipstein is very anxious to do whatever is possible to identify people who knew either Mr. Unger or Mr. Porulski in order to get the details on their stories as soon as possible since they are obviously very old.

I would very much appreciate it if you would assist Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Lipstein in their efforts to contact people who have first-hand knowledge of the origination of the Dachau Album. In addition, it would be very helpful if the Album could be made available for exhibitions in the United States and abroad.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

AS/ph

Via Facsimile