



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 7, 2011

Ms. Angela D. Caesar
Clerk of the Court
United States District Court
For the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

**Re: Agudas Chasidei Chabad v. Russian Federation, et al.,
Case No 05-1548**

Dear Ms. Caesar:

I am writing regarding the transmittal of Memorandum Opinions and Orders Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Default Judgment, with exhibits, and Notices of Suit to the Russian Ministry of Justice, the Russian Ministry of Culture, the Russian State Military Archive and the Russian State Library as defendants in the lawsuit referenced above pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1608(a)(4).

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow transmitted the documents to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation under cover of diplomatic notes, numbers CON 2010-097, CON 2010-098, CON 2010-099 and CON 2010-100 dated December 16, 2010 and delivered December 17, 2010. Certified copies of the Embassy's diplomatic notes are enclosed herewith in accordance with the procedures established for the implementation of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 736-9115.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William P. Fritzlen", written over a horizontal line.

William P. Fritzlen
Attorney Adviser

Office of Policy Review and Interagency Liaison

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Enclosures As Stated


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Lewin & Lewin
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Suite 901
Washington, DC 20036



Embassy Certification
Under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act

Russian Federation.....)
City of Moscow.....) ss:
Embassy of the United States of America.....)
Consular Section.....)

I, Philip Skotte, a Consul in Moscow, Russian Federation certify that this is a true copy of diplomatic note CON no. 2010-100 from the Embassy of the United States of America dated December 16, 2010, and delivered to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on December 17, 2010.



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Consul

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No. CON 2009 – 100

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In addition to the memorandum Opinion and Order, the Embassy is enclosing a notice of default judgment, prepared by the plaintiff, which summarizes the nature of the case and includes references to U.S. laws concerning suits against foreign States. Please note that under U.S. law, attachment and execution proceedings pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1610 may commence after a reasonable period of time from the giving of notice of the default judgment.

The Embassy has been advised that under the laws of the United States, any jurisdictional or other defense including claims of sovereign immunity must be addressed to the court before which the matter is pending, for which reason it is advisable to consult an attorney in the United States. Such legal counsel can advise about raising legal objections, if any, either in the underlying proceedings or should there be a proceeding relating to enforcement of the default judgment.

Otherwise, proceedings will continue without an opportunity to present evidence or possible defenses. Consistent with practice, the United States Department of State is available to discuss with counsel the requirements of U.S. law. The United States Government is not a party to this litigation and cannot represent other parties in this matter.

Attachments:

1. Memorandum Opinion, Order, Exhibits, Notice of Default Judgment
2. Translations

The point of contact for this issue, Aleta Kovensky, Consul, can be reached at 728-5577.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to extend to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation renewed assurance of its highest consideration.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

December 16, 2010


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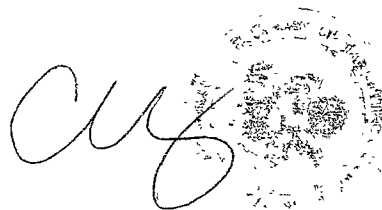
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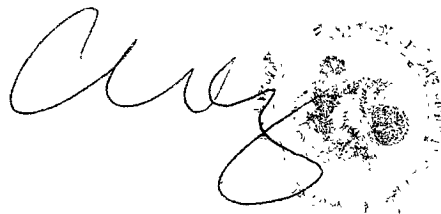
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