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Dear Dr. Cohen,

Thank you for your letter concerning the International Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide. In all fairness, I should point out my total unfamiliarity with the organizational scope of the Conservative Movement and I will therefore be unable to advise Dr. Charny in this matter (re. p. 2 of his cover letter). Perhaps you ought to put him in touch with someone else so as to insure a significant Conservative involvement. The other caveat is that my own approach to the Holocaust is diametrically opposed to that of the conference. While I am deeply concerned with the problem of genocide, I reject all attempts to universalize our national tragedy. I believe that my encompassing everything from Armenia to ecological warfare, we completely lose sight of the Holocaust itself. If, despite these reservations, you still support my candidacy, I would be honored to act as your representative at the conference.

Sincerely,

David G. Roskies