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US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton,

On March 28th, the Simon Wiesenthal Center and its Museum of Tolerance will present its 2011 Humanitarian Award to one of the giants of American industry, Jeffrey R. Immelt, Chairman and CEO of the General Electric Company, at our National Tribute Dinner at the Mandarin Hotel, New York.

The Chairmen of the dinner are Nelson Peltz, CEO and Founding Partner, Trian Fund Management, L.P., and Beth Comstock, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, General Electric Company. Some of the Vice-Chairmen in formation include Brian Moynihan, President and CEO of Bank of America, Peter Grauer, Chairman and President of Bloomberg, L.P., Ed Snider, Chairman of Comcast Spectacor, and Michael Kowalski, Chairman and CEO of Tiffany.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Center, we would like to invite you to deliver the keynote address at the dinner honoring Jeffrey for his significant achievements not only in the world of business but in the world of philanthropy. As President Obama said when he appointed him Chairman of his Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, "Jeff is somebody who brings a wealth of experience to the table. He is one of the nation's most respected and admired business leaders...."

The Center is one of the largest Jewish human rights organizations in the United States with a constituency of 400,000 members and we were particularly fortunate to have two sitting Presidents: President Ronald Reagan and President George H. Bush speak at our dinners, as well as Vice-President Al Gore, King Hussein, Senator Ted Kennedy, the Dalai Lama, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, among other very distinguished world leaders. Most importantly, we were fortunate to have your husband, President William Jefferson Clinton, speak at our Spirit of Hope Dinner in Toronto in 2006.

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The mission of the Center and the Museum is to combat hatred and antisemitism, preserve the memory of the Holocaust, and promote tolerance through its world-renowned Museum of Tolerance, which has hosted 5 million visitors since its opening in 1993. The Museum conducts the largest diversity training program in the United States; its Tools for Tolerance program has trained 100,000 law enforcement professionals and over 60,000 educators from around the country. Its Moriah Film Division has produced ten documentaries, two of which have won Academy Awards and all of which have been televised and critically acclaimed.

We would be particularly honored and privileged if you would be able to be with us to deliver the principal address and help honor Jeff.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Marvin Hier
Founder and Dean
Simon Wiesenthal Center



Nelson Peltz
Dinner Chairman
CEO and Founding Partner
Trian Fund Management, L.P.

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