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Dear Rabbi Bloom: <sup>רבי</sup>

I was very disappointed and distressed at the fact that Agudas Yisroel did not find it important enough to participate in the Pro-Israel demonstration which is taking place in Washington, D.C. today.

The only memorable event of the black days that Jewry faced in the holocaust years was the march to Washington, D.C. in which 200 rabonim participated. Although I was a very young man at the time, I recall the impact this march made on all the participants. And the answer given to the many who still ask the question: What did the Jewish People do then? is this march.

There are tragically very few other memories that can be recalled. Yes there was the Agudah drive to raise funds. There were a few participants for this, including myself who gave part of my נדון but what people recall is the Rabbis' March.

The enemy of today is not one that aims to destroy Israel alone. This enemy states continuously that it is out to, G-d forbid, kill every Jew. Is this not a cause big enough to merit our participation. What answer can I give to the question: where were you at the time of the great crisis we are now facing?

The fact that the organizers may not have been to our liking should not have canceled us out just as it did not in the Rabbis March of the 1940s, when the march was organized by Hillel Cook and Ben Hecht.

Still, the leading rabbis of that generation participated in that Rabbis March, including Rabbi Kalmanowitz, zt"l, Rabbi Eliezer Silver, zt"l and the Melitzer Rebbe, zt"l.

Be assured that I would be the last one to find fault with my Agudah. But this letter is meant to clarify what Chazal say: תורה היא וללמוד אני צריך

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