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Alex Buzo

Mammouth County office of the

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(201) 431-7875

Re: meeting on June 29.

He can arrange transportation to

Wash on June 30 from Trenton

at 1:17pm. and you will

arrive in D.C. at 3:45 p.m.

on June 30.

This means that your meeting
would have to be terminated

around 12:30 noon.

Please call back to let me
(over) S.S.B.

Know as to whether or not this
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**HENDERSON ROAD
R. D. 2, BOX 439
HAMPTON, N. J. 08827**

June 19, 1987

Lex Frieden, Ph.D, Director
National Council on the Handicapped
800 Independence Ave SW
Washington DC

Dear Lex,

We are all looking forward to your visit to NJ. This letter is to fill you in on those arrangements for which I assumed a responsibility.



1. Steve Janick will be meeting you with his van at Trenton station; please let him know your plans for arrival there - 201-870-9018 (keep ringing- you should eventually get an answer or an answering machine).

Steve

2. Steve will transport you to your hotel - the Princeton Hyatt Regency. From there you and he should proceed to the Center for Health Affairs, about half a mile down the road, for a meeting with representatives of the 4 official ILC's in New Jersey. The details are contained in the enclosed copy of the letter I sent them. DIAL is sending 9 people (not counting me), 4 staff and 5 board members, all but one (mobility) disabled. Agenda discussed later.

4. We will try to break at 4:30 pm until 5:15 when David Ford's agenda begins.

5. Back to the Hyatt for the night.

6. On the morning of the 30th it is hoped that you will meet with the directors of the County Offices on the Handicapped. The COH's are making their own arrangements. Last I heard from Diane Mutchler they planned to have a "brunch" with you in the hotel dining room. They are responsible for getting you to your train. Your contacts are Diane Mutchler, Middlesex Co. Office on the Handicapped, 841 Georges Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08903, and Alex Buono, Monmouth Co. Office on the Handicapped, Freehold. Diane is immediate past president of the state organization of county offices, and Alex is the current president.

We have 21 counties in NJ; a year ago ten of them had set up county offices; as of now there are about 15 offices, with some in development. We have state legislation pending to provide some state funding and minimum task definition. (see Task Force report.)

There is some friction between them and the ILC's. Those of us on the sidelines believe we need both, for the same reasons we need NCH and NCIL on the national level.

Please feel free to call me at 201 735 6571 during any time before you come if any of the above arrangements are incomplete or unintelligible.

Sincerely,

HENDERSON ROAD
R. D. 2, BOX 439
HAMPTON, N. J. 08827

June 15, 1987

To ILC/NJ directors.

Since you are a member of the "rehabilitation community" as defined by NJ DVRS, we know that you must have received an invitation from David Ford to "An evening with Lex Frieden" at the Center for Health Affairs on June 29th beginning at 5:15 p.m.

As you are no doubt aware, Lex, in addition to being the executive director of the National Council on the Handicapped, a presidentially appointed independent federal agency, is also an internationally known expert on and advocate for independent living. With the encouragement and assistance of David Ford, Steve Janick and I have prevailed on Lex to arrive in New Jersey in the early afternoon on Monday, June 29th in order to meet specifically with people directly associated with independent living centers in this state. He will be available to us from 2 until 4:30 pm. in Conference Room 2 of the Center for Health Affairs.

We would like to have some staff and board/advisory committee/consumer/member representation from each of the 4 ILC's now recognized in the state. I would appreciate it if you could let me know (by name and the capacity in which they serve your ILC) whom we may expect from your center. It would be helpful to know which individuals are wheel chair users so that we can configure the room appropriately. Also if any other accommodation is needed, please let me know asap (201-735-6571 -leave message on tape if I am not home).

I believe you received information on the location of the Center for Health Affairs with your invitation from David. The entrance is at the "back" of the building viewed from Alexander Road and there is handicapped parking immediately in front of the entrance. The doors are powered but have to be activated by a tug or push on the large handles. There is a receptionist immediately to your left as you enter the foyer. She can direct you to the conference room.

This is an informal event being arranged by Steve and myself; as you know he is the former chairperson of the Governor's Task Force on Services to the Disabled and I am the former vice-chair. He is associated with the south Jersey ILC and I am a board member of DIAL.

We hope to see several people from your ILC.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Boggs

Some background on the Monday afternoon meeting with ILC's.

ILC's have had a tough time in New Jersey. Our DVRS has been unenthusiastic and until the Task Force rewrote it for them last summer had not even mentioned IL in their mission statement nor done anything to augment the federal funds. They expect each ILC to raise money from other sources (non public) to provide a c. 40% non federal match. DIAL is the oldest - about 8 years -; in recent years it has emphasized "systems advocacy" at the expense of service to individuals, although it has a multipurpose I & R component. Not even peer counseling has been offered lately because of liability insurance problems. Its feisty director (sci) is resigning as of Aug 8th (for health reasons) and will be succeeded to everyone's delight by Steve Janick. DIAL people set great stock in the fact that they are a free standing, much-more-than 50% consumer controlled organization and quote NCIL standards on that point frequently. Less attention is paid to some other NCIL standards. You may have met their associate exec, Deirdre Davis (black attorney) who has had a mercurial career in NCIL.

The second oldest, HIP, overlaps the territory (not well defined in either case) and initially focused on elderly blind. The director is vision impaired and keeps a low profile.

Number 3 is a component at the hospital-based rehabilitation center in Edison (Middlesex county - central NJ). The director is herself disabled. They stress I & R. The fourth center has just recently been funded and is based in Gloucester County, south of Camden. It is a project of Easter Seals, which has promised to spin it off to be free standing and meet the 51% criterion in three years. The vision impaired director seems terrified at this prospect. There is talk of using the latest release of federal funds to start another one in southeast Jersey.

There is discontent with DVRS' failure to make good use of its (mandatory) advisory committee. DVRS says it has a plan to initiate 9 centers, 3 each in each of its operating regions (which are not coterminous with any other agency's regions) but no one has seen this plan or knows whether territories have been delineated. Some ILC directors (all are on the advisory committee) believe that they should be the ultimate determinors of who gets ILC grants. Not much attention is being paid to the fact that, while we are developing new centers, all, old and new, are marginally funded and both board and staff spend an inordinate amount of time trying to keep a steady cash flow.

Some of us have felt that there should be a single statewide IL organization. Recently the directors have "organized". This means that the four of them meet together before the meetings of the advisory committee. They are apparently not keen to have an organization in which their own board members, staff etc would have an active role. While NJARF organized an outstanding lobbying effort in support of better funding for facilities, ILS's did not appear in support of DVRS' request for \$500,000 in state funds for ILC support.

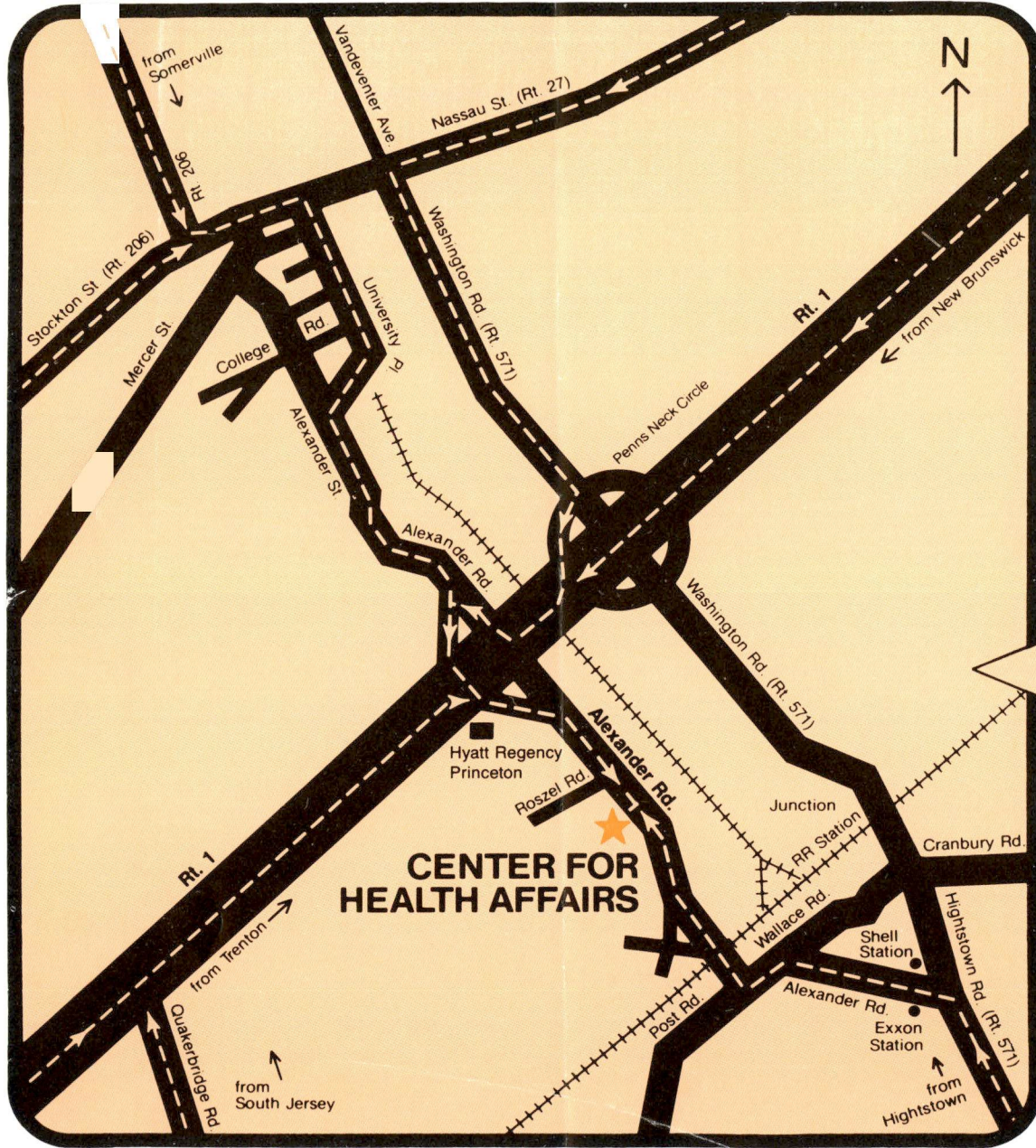
Given the above, I am not prestructuring things too much, hoping that you can use your own consummate skills to lead with questions.

What I personally would be pleased to see come out of this session is:

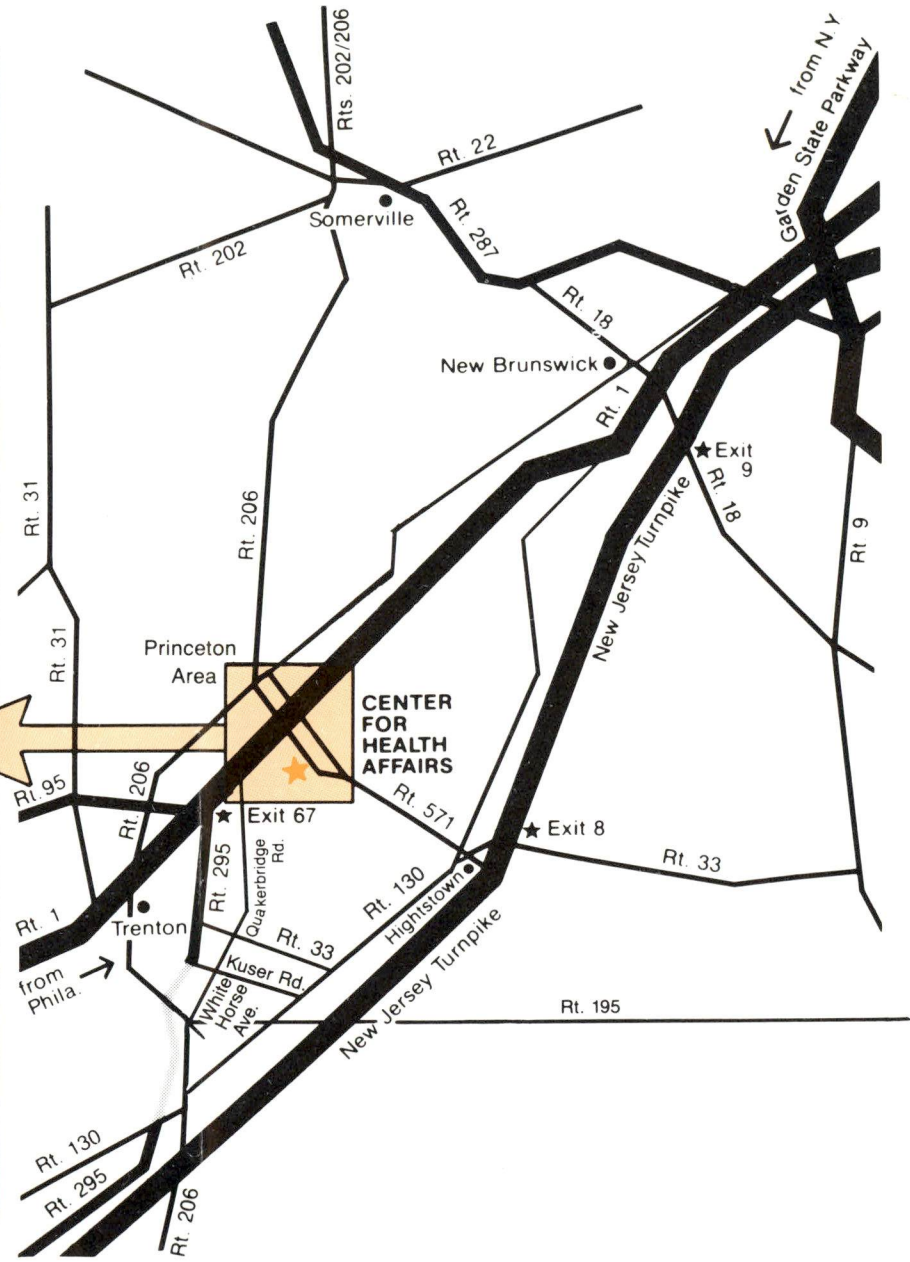
1. Recognition that NONE of the centers is doing all the things expected of an ILC and the 51% isnt in itself the ultimate test.
2. Recognition of the need for a good participatory association composed of organizational and individual members (same model as NCIL) and for territorial definition (limitation) for each component.
3. A glimmering of understanding of the need for greater sophistication in financial and other managerial functions, board responsibility etc.
4. A better vision of what is happening in the rest of the world

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Directions to the Center for Health Affairs

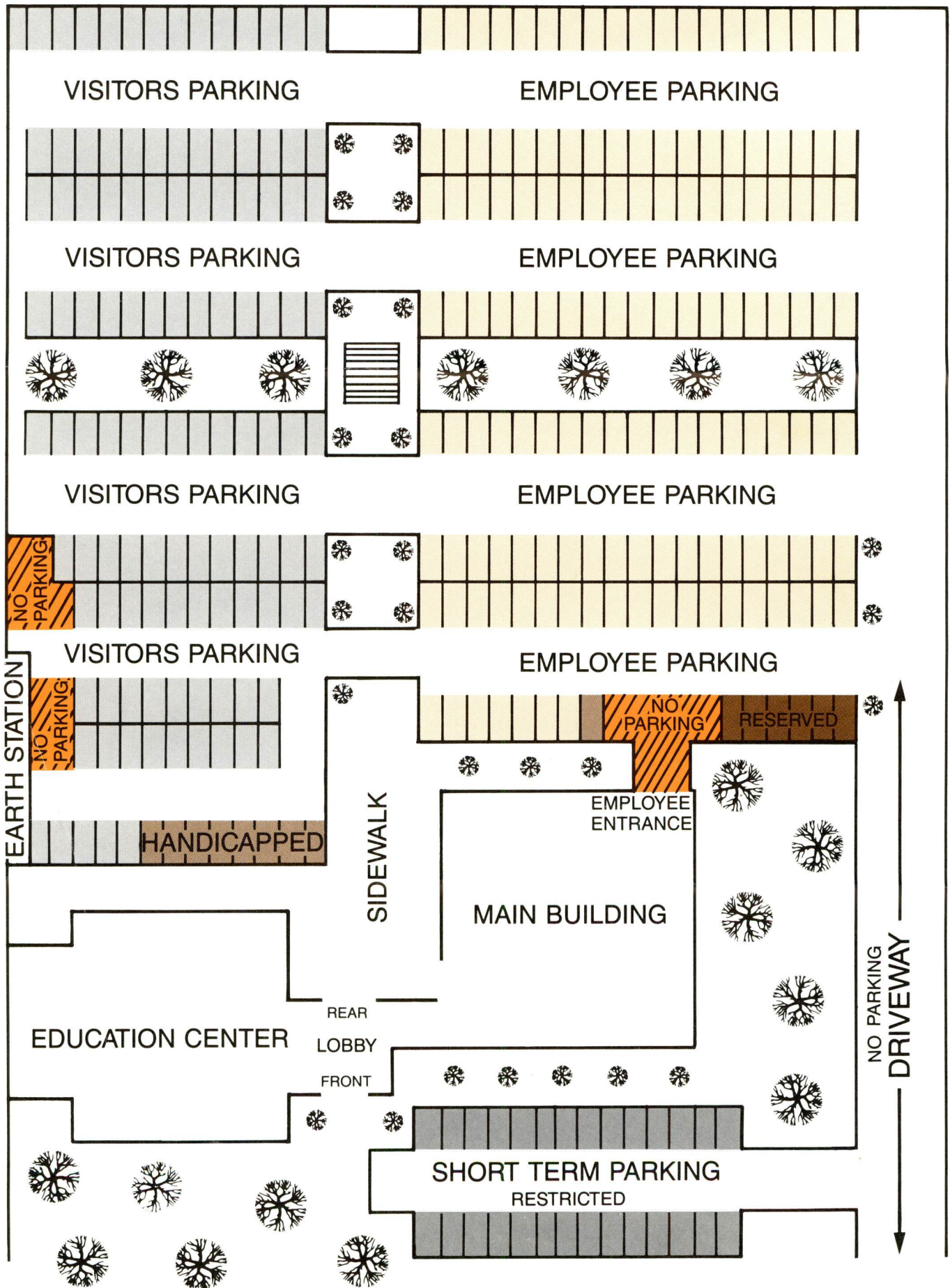


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June 1, 1987

To: Rehabilitation Community
From: David Ford, Director *DF*
Re: An Evening Conversation With Lex Freeden

The Rutgers University Center for Human Resources and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, New Jersey Department of Labor, are most pleased to announce an evening conversation with Lex Freeden, Executive Director of the National Council on the Handicapped. This session will be held on Monday, June 29, 1987 at the Center for Health Affairs on Alexander Road, Princeton.

Mr. Freeden will discuss independent living and employment in the disabled community. He is a nationally recognized expert on these topics and we expect a very engaging conversation.

The evening will begin at 5:15 pm with a reception and buffet dinner in the Garden Room. The conversation with Mr. Freeden will begin about 6:30 pm.

As the room will only accomodate 80 persons, please call Judy Kapp at (201) 932-9888 by June 19, 1987 with the names of those who will attend.

Thank you.

To: Lex Freeden

From: David Ford *DF*

For Your Information. Looking forward to seeing you on the 29th.

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May 14, 1987

Mr. Lex Freeden
Executive Director
National Council on the
Handicapped
800 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Suite 814
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Freeden:

Thank you for agreeing to speak at our evening program scheduled for June 29, 1987. "An Evening Conversation With Lex Frieden" has generated much excitement.

It is being held at the Center for Health Affairs on Alexander Road in Princeton, NJ (I have enclosed a map) and will begin at 5:15 pm with a reception and a buffet dinner. The conversation will start at approximately 6:30 pm.

We have made reservations for you at the Hyatt Regency in Princeton for the evening of the 29th. If we can be of any further assistance with travel arrangements, please feel free to call.

We will be pleased to pay an honorarium of \$300.00 for the evening.

We are looking forward to seeing you and we're certain it will be an enlightening evening for all participants.

Sincerely,



David Ford
Director

cc: George Chizmadia