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Mr. Larry Pfeffer
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Dear Mr. Pfeffer:

It was nice talking to you yesterday.

May I compliment you and Mr. Aryeh Gallin, Root and Branch's president, on your efforts to honor rescuers and I gladly accept your offer to co-sponsor your event.

Many thanks for your invitation for tomorrow night but unfortunately I am unable to attend. Therefore, may I kindly ask you to read the following remarks:

"Among the many heroes, who saved directly or indirectly individuals during the Shoah, you are honoring tonight Mr. Hillel Kook, and the diplomats Georges Mantello, Per Anger and Raoul Wallenberg.

The latest hero, who devoted his life to humanitarian operations, Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, High Commissioner of Human Rights, was tragically killed last week in Iraq.

During my meeting with Mr. Vieira de Mello, he promised me that he would raise the fate of Mr. Wallenberg with President Putin, in a meeting planned for later this year. Unfortunately this window of opportunities is now closed.

It is individuals like Mr. Vieira de Mello and those you honor tonight, who serve as a role model to make this world a better place to live."

I will be in touch with you later on today.

With best regards,

Max Grunberg