

SUMMARIES OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY THE
SPECIAL MASTER

Section 7.1 of the Settlement Agreement requires that the Special Master “employ[] open and equitable procedures to ensure fair consideration of all proposals for allocation and distribution.” Since his appointment on March 31, 1999, the Special Master has received hundreds of proposals, from individuals and organizations around the world. A sampling of the proposals which reflect their authors’ careful and thoughtful consideration of the difficult allocation issues before the Court are briefly summarized here. Many appear in their original and complete form at the class action website, Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation (Swiss Banks), www.swissbankclaims.com. Where possible, each summary sets forth the language used by the authors in their respective proposals.¹

A. PROPOSALS FROM JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

AGUDAS CHASIDEI CHABAD

Address: The International Governing Body of the Chabad Movement (Lubavitch), c/o Counsel.

Contact: Joel M. Sweet, Esq., Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen, LLP, 1650 Arch Street, 22nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103; Zachary Grayson, EPA&M, LLC, 1600 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Date of Proposal: December 10, 1999; on January 20, 2000, the Special Master met with Rabbi Shentov, Joel Sweet and Zachary Grayson.

¹ Where, as part of a proposal, an organizational description was provided, it is included.

Proposal Summary: Under the *cy pres* doctrine, funds should be allocated to the Agudas Chasidei Chabad as a grassroots community organization, in order that it may “sustain the destroyed and rebuilt communities of Eastern Europe and Russia; continue services to the survivor communities around the world; and compensate communities for their direct losses sustained by the looting of communal assets.”

AGUDATH ISRAEL WORLD ORGANIZATION

Contact: David Zweibel, Mordechai Biser, and Prof. Harry Reicher of Agudath Israel of America, 84 William Street, New York, New York 10038; Nathan Lewin and Alyza Lewin of Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, 2555 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037; and Professor Aaron D. Twerski, Brooklyn Law School, 250 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201.

Date of Proposal: Undated. On March 16, 1999 the Special Master met with David Zweibel; on November 4, 1999, the Special Master met with Abraham Biderman, Rabbi Chaskel Besser, Joseph Friedenson; George Klein, Rabbi Yaakov Perlow and Prof. Harry Reicher.

Proposal Summary: Yeshivos and kehilos should qualify as members of the Looted Assets Class. Alternatively, if there is a residual fund, yeshivos and kehilos should receive a portion of it to help them rebuild themselves and ensure Jewish continuity in future generations.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF BETH HATEFUTSOTH

Address: 633 Third Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10017; Tel: 212-339-6034; Fax: 212-318-6176

Contact: Sam E. Bloch, Chairman; Stephen M. Greenberg, President

Nature of Organization: The American Friends support the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora located in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Date of Proposal: March 15, 2000

Proposal Summary: The American Friends request \$50,000,000 with which to endow the Museum, renovate its facilities and develop and expand its programs and exhibitions.

AMERICAN GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Address: 122 West 30th Street, Suite 205, New York, New York 10001; Tel: 212-239-4230

Contact: Benjamin Meed, President

Date of Proposal: December 9, 1999

Proposal Summary: Compensation should go first to survivors as a symbolic gesture publicly acknowledging their suffering. Next, funding should go to institutions and museums commemorating the Holocaust, such as the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem in support of the principle that the Holocaust must be forever remembered and understood.

AMICALE DES DEPORTES D' AUSCHWITZ

Address: 73, Avenue Parmentier, 75011 Paris, France

Contact: Raphael Esrail, General Secretary

Nature of Organization: An association of deportees in Europe, Amicale des Deportees d'Auschwitz claims 474 members who were deportees to Auschwitz and more than 400 heirs of victims of the Shoah.

Date of Proposal: October 14, 1999

Proposal Summary: The Amicale requests consideration for the deportees of Auschwitz, Birkenau and satellite camps who became forced laborers.

ASOCIACION FILANTROPICA ISRAELITA

Address: Vidal 2957, 1429 Buenos Aires, Argentina; Tel: 4545-2828; Fax: 4545-2603; E-mail: afi@interprov.com

Contact: Ing. Jose Smilg, President; Ing. Ricardo Vogelbaum, First Vice President

Nature of Organization: The AFI was founded in 1933 to provide shelter and other aid to Jewish victims of the Holocaust who sought refuge in Argentina. It currently operates a day care center for children and a Parents Home for some 200 elderly survivors of Nazi persecution. It claims to be the only organization in Argentina dedicated to serving the country's population of elderly survivors of the Holocaust.

Date of Proposal: March 8, 2000

Proposal Summary: The Asociacion requests funding to support its operating costs, which include providing medical care, financial support and social services to the elderly residents of its Parents Home. It estimates the cost of these services to be \$2,500 per person per month, an amount that is not nearly covered by the Argentine government pensions its residents receive.

ASSOCIATION OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Address: 184-24 Hovendon Road, Jamaica Estates, New York 11432; Tel: 718-454-2046

Contact: Dr. Izea Katzap, President

Date of Proposal: October 24, 1999

Proposal Summary: Compensation should go not just to those who held bank accounts, but to all survivors of Nazi persecution. The first priority should be survivors living in desperate poverty in the former Soviet Union. In addition, a portion of the settlement should be reserved for education and research about the impact of the Holocaust in the former Soviet Union.

ASSOCIATION OF NEW IMMIGRANTS FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Address: 760 East 10th Street, Suite 1C, Brooklyn, New York 11230; Tel: 718-421-0768

Contact: Chackle Chaitman, Vice President

Date of Proposal: November 1, 1999 and August 11, 2000

Proposal Summary: The needs of Holocaust survivors and their families in the United States should be addressed. Thirty million dollars should create and support a fund to award Jewish education scholarships, and \$5 million should fund creation of a “Wall of Memory” in New York, recognizing and honoring survivors of the Holocaust now living in the United States; \$10 million should fund assistance to immigrants from the former Soviet Union arriving in the U.S.; \$10 million should fund survivors’ funeral and burial services; and \$10 million should fund financial assistance to immigrants with critical health needs arriving or already living in the United States.

AUSCHWITZ JEWISH CENTER FOUNDATION (AJCF)

Address: 36 West 44th Street, Suite 310, New York, New York 10036; Tel: 212-575-1050

Contact: Fred Schwartz, President; Daniel Eisenstadt, Executive Director

Date of Proposal: March 6, 2000

Nature of Organization: Founded as a not-for-profit corporation in New York in 1995, the Foundation has established the only Jewish educational institution near Auschwitz, in Oswiecim, Poland. The facility consists of a restored synagogue dating back to the turn of the 19th century and an educational center under construction. It intends to focus on Eastern European life before the Holocaust.

Proposal Summary: First, and perhaps only, individual survivors should receive compensation. Funds should be allocated to the neediest of survivors as quickly as possible. Any residual funds should go to organizations promoting Holocaust education under a cy pres remedy. The AJCF should be granted funds as a symbolic representative of the Looted Assets and Slave Labor classes. The AJCF seeks an endowment of \$10 million to guarantee its future operations, the funds to be directed to educating future generations about Auschwitz and to memorialize those individuals whose assets were looted or who were forced to perform slave labor at Auschwitz or nearby.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST GENOCIDE

Address: P.O. Box 50489, Washington, D.C. 20091

Contact: Stephen Solarz; Steve Weissman; David Aronson

Nature of Organization: Developed in 1999, the Campaign is devoted to fighting the continuing threat of genocide and mass murder. It aims to become a self-sustaining membership organization comprised of tens of thousands of activist citizens mobilized to fight against the threat of genocide.

Date of Proposal: January 10, 2000

Proposal Summary: Without denying anyone his or her just compensation, the Campaign requests \$3 million to help it become a self-sustaining organization to mobilize the U.S. and the international community against the threat of genocide wherever in the world it may arise.

CENTRAL UNION OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC (CUJRC)

Address: Kožia ul. 21, 814 47 Bratislava, Slovakia; Tel: 421-7-5441 1106, E-mail:

uzzno@netax.sk

Contact: Fero Alexander, Executive Chairman; Jozef Weiss, Office Director

Nature of Organization: The CUJRC is an umbrella organization representing the 11 remaining Jewish communities in Slovakia, a combined population that the CUJRC estimates at 1,400 individuals, all of whom are over 55 years old. The CUJRC claims to be the legal heir of the perished Jewish communities in Slovakia.

Date of Proposal: October 26, 1999 and August 11, 2000; on May 11, 1999 the Special Master met with Fero Alexander.

Proposal Summary: One percent of the Settlement Amount should go to Jews of Slovakia, whom the CUJRC asserts comprised almost 2% of European Jewry before World War II. Half of this 1% should be distributed as “[s]traight payments” to surviving Holocaust victims. The remaining half should support existing social and charitable facilities for Holocaust survivors, social services for individuals, Holocaust education, and synagogue and cemetery maintenance in Slovakia. Funds not distributed immediately would endow the above activities. The CUJRC would administer funds for the suggested programs.

THE CHILD SURVIVOR ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Address: 4 Queen’s Gardens, Hendon, London, England NW4 2TR; Tel/Fax: 0181 202 7117

Contact: Edyta, Survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto

Date of Proposal: May 11, 1999

Proposal Summary: No money should go to religious or educational institutions or to build museums or monuments. Only Holocaust survivors, especially child survivors, should be recipients of allocations. No money should go to Jewish organizations unless a survivor designates one as a caretaker.

**COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE JEWISH CEMETERIES OF
TERNOPAL AND MICKULINTSY, UKRAINE**

Address: 1452 55th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219; Tel: 718-972-2210; Fax: 718-853-1633

Contact: Governing Committee: Rabbi Y. I. Liebes; Rabbi Shlomo Herbst; Dr. Bernard Lander;
Rabbi Naftali Babad

Date of Proposal: Undated; on December 1, 1999 the Special Master met with Dr. Bernard
Lander.

Proposal Summary: Funds should be allocated to preserve the respect and integrity of
Holocaust victims' remains by locating lost cemeteries, identifying the original boundaries of all
Jewish cemeteries, restoring fences, marking mass graves, dislodging squatters, and appointing
caretakers to safeguard cemeteries from encroachment and vandalism. The Committee believes
that adequate funding could permit it to form an International Commission for the Restoration of
Desecrated Jewish Cemeteries to coordinate individuals and organizations working on
restoration projects.

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN RABBIS

Address: 87 Hodford Road, London NW11 8NH, England; Tel: 0181 131 0025; Fax: 0181-209-
1565

Contact: Councillor Aba M. Dunner, Executive Director, Community Relations

Countries Represented: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark,
France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands,
Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine.

Date of Proposal: November 18, 1999; as supplemented, March 30, 2000; on March 30, 2000
the Special Master met with Aba M. Dunner.

Proposal Summary: Allocation of funds should focus primarily on Europe, where the Holocaust took place. In particular, priority should go to the surviving Jews in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, who have suffered for decades under both the Nazi and Communist regimes. In addition, the Settlement should fund the Jewish education of the next generation. Finally, funding should be used to rebuild Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

The CER proposes to rebuild Jewish communities and provide the Jewish education of the next generation by establishing the Moscow Rabbinical College. The college would produce senior rabbis capable of organizing synagogue services, supporting Jewish educational programs for youth of all ages, supervising Kashrut, officiating at life cycle events such as Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and funerals, and offering pastoral care. It would also provide junior rabbis able to organize synagogue services and serve as community leaders. The CER would place its graduates in communities throughout the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe to facilitate development of Jewish communities and lead the Jewish education of community members. The anticipated annual budget for the college is \$835,400, and for the network of Eastern European rabbis, \$1,206,000.

EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Address: 23 rue Olivier Metra, Paris, France 75020; Tel: 33 1 4315 8500; Fax: 33 1 4315 8505

Contact: Cobi J. Benatoff; President; Michel Montreuil, Executive Director

Nature of Organization: The European Council of Jewish Communities (ECJC) is a non-governmental organization concerned with planning and coordinating action in the fields of social welfare, Jewish education, leadership training and culture. With member communities and organizations in 35 countries, the ECJC builds and strengthens networks among communal

leaders and professionals through an intensive program of consultations, exchanges, targeted training and joint projects.

The ECJC has member organizations in: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia.

Date of Proposal: December 20, 1999; on October 29, 1999 the Special Master met with Cobi J. Benatoff, Michel Montreuil, Boris Khait and Gregory Krupnikov of the ECJC, together with Andrew Baker and Ralph Grunewald of the American Jewish Committee.

Proposal Summary: First, assets that can be identified as belonging to specific individuals should be restored to their rightful owners. Next, 55% of the balance should be paid directly to survivors of Nazi persecution. Of the balance, 25% should be used for social services for victims of Shoah, including people “who fled persecution and the Nazi advance in the Former Soviet Union, known as the flight cases.” These services should be provided by existing local, national and international Jewish social welfare agencies, to be determined by a European allocating body in partnership with each country’s Jewish community. The remaining 20% of the balance should be spent on Jewish communal purposes, mostly in European communities and institutions dedicated to education, religious life, culture, commemoration projects and programs to strengthen Jewish community life.

EUROPEAN JEWISH CONGRESS

Address: 78 avenue des Champs-Elysees, Paris, France 75008; Tel: 01 43 59 94 63; Fax: 01 42 25 45 28

Contact: Henri Hajdenberg; President.

Nature of Organization: The European Jewish Congress (EJC) is a representative body of organized European Jewry.

Date of Proposal: April 25, 2000.

Proposal Summary: The funds should be allocated directly to the Jewish communities concerned. These funds should be used especially for the reconstruction and revival of Jewish life in Central and Eastern Europe. The EJC recommends that the apportionment and supervision of the allocated funds be placed under the authority of the World Jewish Restitution Organization in coordination with the EJC.

FEDERATION OF JEWISH CHILD SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Address; P.O. Box 741, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428; Tel: 610-527-1039; Fax: 610-520-9283; Email: fedjcsh@juno.com

Contact: Stefanie Seltzer, Chairperson

Nature of Organization: Through community interaction, education and conferences, the Federation represents the interests of the Holocaust child survivor community.

Date of Proposal: November 28, 1999

Proposal Summary: The Federation supports the submission of the National Association of Jewish Child Holocaust Survivors, Inc. (NAHOS, Inc.) It “feels very strongly that only individual survivors and no American Jewish Organizations other than survivor organizations should participate in the distribution of funds.”

THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF YIDDISH AND YIDDISHKEIT

Address: 788 Eastern Parkway, Suite 303, Brooklyn, New York 11213; Tel: 718-774-6448

Contact: Simon Jacobson, Director

Date of Proposal: August 8, 2000

Proposal Summary: A proposal to obtain a grant of 10 million dollars to the Foundation for the Preservation of Yiddish and Yiddishkeit. “This grant will ensure the survival and growth of the weekly Yiddish-English newspaper, the *Algemeiner Journal*, as part of a range of activities dedicated to perpetuating the mission of preserving Yiddish and Yiddish culture into the 21st century, rebuilding what was tragically lost fifty years ago — providing vision and addressing the needs of Jews everywhere, impacting homes throughout the world and serving as an anchor of continuity for upcoming generations”.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, INC.—QUEENS CHAPTER

Address: Rego Park Jewish Center, P.O. Box 800-157, Elmhurst, New York 11380-0157

Contact: Hanka Hirshaut, President

Nature of Organization: Not-for-profit organization with a membership of more than 350 people

Date of Proposal: November 14, 1999

Proposal Summary: The Settlement Fund should not spread small token payments to all the survivors of Nazi persecution. Instead, funds should be created to provide home care and long term care for frail, aging Holocaust survivors so that they may live out their lives with dignity. This organization strongly opposes funding organizations providing education or other community causes on the theory that the Jewish community already amply supports these organizations.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR JEWISH ART INC.

Address: 12 Colburn Drive, Poughkeepsie, New York, 12603, Tel: 914-462-7384; Fax: 914-462-1858

Contact: Professor Bezalel Narkiss, President

Date of Proposal: June 11, 2000

Nature of Organization: The International Society for Jewish Art Inc. is a supporting group of Friends of the Center for Jewish Art which is a research institution at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. For the past 21 years, the Center for Jewish Art has been dedicated to the systematic and comprehensive surveying and documentation of what remains of the Jewish visual culture throughout the world. It is committed to researching this precious legacy for educational purposes, disseminating it through electronic media, publications, conferences and various study programs for scholars, teachers, curators, lay people and children of all ages.

Proposal Summary: This organization acknowledges that Holocaust survivors and their heirs should be the primary benefactors of the settlement funds, however, regarding undistributed assets, the Society seeks an endowment fund of \$30 million to carry out its global mission to preserve the endangered visual culture of the Jewish people. To meet this end the Center has developed a plan involving three stages: 1) compiling comprehensive documentation, country by country, of Jewish communities that flourished, giving priority to regions where communities are dwindling or no longer exist; 2) research and computerization of the gathered data; and 3) dissemination of the researched material to the general public via the Internet, CD-ROM, books, and other educational programs. To facilitate this plan, more students and architects would have to be engaged to assist the current staff of 20 graduate students and an endowment fund needs to be established to ensure continuity of the process.

**IRGUN OLEI MERKAS EUROPA ORGANIZATION OF IMMIGRANTS FROM
CENTRAL EUROPE**

Address: 15 Rambam Street, P.O.B. 1480, Tel Aviv, Israel 65813; Tel: 972-3-516-4461; Fax:
072-3-516-4435

Contact: Michael Koll Nesher, Chairman

Date of Proposal: October 21, 1999

Nature of Organization: Founded in 1932, Irgun Olei Merkass Europa states that it is the largest body in Israel representing Jews from Central Europe — Austria, Germany and Czechoslovakia, reaching 15,000 to 18,000 persons in the countries' major urban centers. It is a not-for-profit organization sustaining and supporting the aging German-Jewish population in Israel through Parent Homes for supported living, Sheltered Housing for independent living and Senior Citizen Day Centers; it also provides financial assistance to needy Central European Jews living in Israel.

Proposal Summary: This organization seeks a total of \$65.1 million from the Settlement Fund to be applied as follows: (1) an annual allocation of \$3 million for 10 years to provide subsidies for residents of Parent Homes and Sheltered Housing; (2) a grant of \$5.1 million to underwrite construction of additional housing, construction of a memorial to German-speaking Jewish immigrants to Palestine in the 1930's, and construction of an academic institute of German Jewish history; and (3) an endowment to support the above programs.

JEWISH CONFEDERATION OF UKRAINE

Address: 252049 KYIV-49 6, Kurskaya Str, Tel: (38044) 2767431,4637087, 2963961; Fax:
(38044) 271-7144, 4637088; E-mail: vaad-ua@mail.ru

Contact: Sergey Maksimov and Yaakov Dov Bleich, Co-Presidents; Josef Zissels, Executive Vice President.

Date of Proposal: Undated; on November 30, 1999, the Special Master met with Josef Zissels, Arnold Gershman, and Alex Grinberg; on May 1, 2000, the Special Master met with Rabbi Shlomo Noach Mandel, Grigoriy M. Surkis, Alexander Rodnyansky, Edward Shifrin, Josef Zissels, Yevhen Chervonenko, Pincas Goldschmidt and Yaakov D. Bleich; on May 11, 2000, the Special Master met with Josef Zissels, Faina Pritsker and Emil Kitainik.

Proposal Summary: Fifty-five percent of the portion of the Settlement Fund allocated to Jews should be disbursed in direct cash payments to surviving Jewish victims of the Holocaust who lived under the Nazi Regime, under Nazi occupation, or under a collaborating regime, or the heirs of such people. Forty-five percent of the Settlement Fund allocation to Jews should go to Jewish communities now remaining in formerly Nazi countries, Nazi-occupied countries or collaborating countries in proportion to the Jewish population of each before the Holocaust. International auditing firms should supervise all distributions, which should be allocated to food and health care services to survivors, to memorialize Jewish mass graves, to create Holocaust museums and memorials, and to fund educational programs devoted to the Holocaust, Jewish schools, and other social programs.

THE JEWISH MUSEUM

Address: 1109 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10128; Tel: 212-423-3200; Fax: 212-423-3232

Contact: Robert J. Hurst, Chairman, and Joan Rosenbaum, Director

Nature of Organization: According to the submission, the museum is the premier museum of Jewish art and culture in the United States and one of the leading institutions of its kind in the

world. Through the collection, exhibition and interpretation of art and artifacts, the Museum not only safeguards a precious legacy for the Jewish people, but also explores the universal human themes embodied in the Jewish experience. Representing 4,000 years of Jewish culture through paintings, sculptures, photographs, ceremonial objects and other works of art, the Museum symbolizes a spiritual continuity that has lived on and thrived despite the devastation of the Holocaust.

Date of Proposal: May 3, 2000

Proposal Summary: The Museum respectfully requests \$25 million of the Settlement Fund, should any sum remain after survivors have been compensated. This grant would create in perpetuity a fund that would enable the Museum to continue to fulfill its mission: the preservation, understanding, and enjoyment of the artistic and cultural heritage of the Jewish people through its unparalleled collections, distinguished exhibitions, and related education programs.

KIRYAT HIDUSHE HARIM

Address: 24 Namirover Street, Tel Aviv, Israel

Contact: Judith Hager, New York Representative, 225 East 57th St., New York, NY 10022

Nature of Organization: A college-level yeshiva in Israel, Hidushe Harim was named for Grand Rabbi Isaac Meir, after whom many synagogues, yeshivas, and other institutions were named before they were destroyed during the Holocaust.

Date of Proposal: October 19, 1999

Proposal Summary: During the Holocaust, most of the students in the institutions named for Rabbi Meir were forced to provide slave labor, and precious religious texts and artifacts were looted. The present institution, a college-level yeshiva in Israel, preserves the memory and

tradition of its forebearers and seeks support from the Settlement Fund to expand its facilities, scholarship funds, computer access and campus.

KOLEL CHIBAS JERUSALEM RABBI MEYER BAAL HANESS

Address: 1282 49th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219; Tel: 718-633-7112

Contact: Wolf Weinreb, President

Nature of Organization: Incorporated in Palestine in 1931, the Kolel supports Rabbis who are Talmudic scholars. It also provides regular income to aged people in need.

Date of Proposal: November 25, 1999

Proposal Summary: The Kolel wishes to be kept in mind for support from the Settlement Fund as an organization that has benefited Holocaust survivors for the last 50 years, providing services to keep them alive and in reasonable health.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

Address: 15 East 26th Street, New York, New York 10010; Tel: 212-679-4074

Contact: Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, President; Dr. Jerry Hochbaum, Executive Vice President

Nature of Organization: Founded in 1964 by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture received reparations from Germany for the destruction of European Jewish “spiritual heritage,” which existed in schools, synagogues, and libraries. It is dedicated to the restoration of Jewish culture through support for research and for educational expenses of youth devoted to Jewish studies and to rebuilding Jewish communities.

Date of Proposal: Undated; on May 26, 1999, the Special Master held a telephone conference with Dr. Hochbaum, and on June 2, 1999 the Special Master met with Rabbi Schindler and Dr. Hochbaum.

Proposal Summary: The Foundation requests that a significant portion of the Settlement Fund be dedicated to enable it to continue and enlarge its historical mandate, further cultural reconstruction, and plan for the cultural challenges facing the Jewish people in the future.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH CHILD HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, INC. (NAHOS, INC.)

Address: P.O. Box 1010, New York, New York 10023; Tel: 718-998-4266; Fax: 718-820-0859

Contact: Leo Rechter, General Secretary

Date of Proposal: September 21, 1999; on August 2, 1999 the Special Master held a telephone conference with Joel Breslaumer.

Proposal Summary: Allocations should go first to Swiss bank depositors or their heirs in amounts determined by negotiation. Heirs should include children or grandchildren, or if none, individuals who can prove family ties to depositors. The remaining funds should be paid to three categories of claimants: (1) all former slave laborers, including Roma, or their surviving children or grandchildren, (2) Jewish survivors who can demonstrate that they unsuccessfully sought refuge in Switzerland and were turned away or were admitted and mistreated, and (3) all other Jewish survivors, including children who were placed in hiding, whose assets or whose parents' assets were looted, or their children and grandchildren. The amounts paid to each group listed above should be a *pro rata* share. NAHOS, Inc. opposes allocations from the Fund for charitable purposes of American Jewish organizations.

PARTNERS IN TORAH – “PROJECT KESHER”

Address: 160 Broadway, Suite 200E, New York, New York 10038; Tel: 212-227-1000; Fax:
212-962-3214

Contact: Rabbi Eli Gewirtz, National Director

Date of Proposal: August 22, 2000

Proposal Summary: A proposal to obtain a grant of one million dollars to fund a program called Project Keshet. “Over the last several years Partner in Torah has been successful in helping thousands of Jewish Americans gain a better understanding of their Jewish heritage. Through its unique approach to adult learning, Partners in Torah has enriched the lives of its participants, strengthened their Jewish identity, and opened the door for them to make Judaism a more meaningful component of their lives.” This organization seeks to extend the same opportunity to Jews living in Israel by launching Project Keshet. The need for such a program is particularly great in Israel where secular and religious Israelis are becoming increasingly alienated from one another. The organization requests funding for the initial implementation of the program; recruitment and training of mentors; promotion to select secular neighborhoods and follow up procedures. They anticipate reaching 200 Israelis within the first 6 months, 600 within 1 year and approximately 1,500 within 2 years.

PESHA ELIAS BIKUR CHOLIM D’ BOBOV

Address: 1542-47th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219

Contact: Jules Fleischer, Executive Director

Date of Proposal: November 30, 1999; on November 22, 1999 the Special Master met with Mr. Martin Payson, Chairman of Maimonides Medical Center, and Rabbi Aaron Twerski, who support the proposal.

Proposal Summary: This organization seeks funding to build a 170-unit housing complex for Holocaust survivors in Boro Park, Brooklyn, N.Y., which it asserts is home to the largest concentration of Orthodox Jews outside of Israel. It estimates that 15,000-30,000 Holocaust survivors live in Boro Park.

PROJECTS INC.

Address: 31/7 Zevin, Jerusalem 97450; Tel: 972-2-656-5391; Fax: 972-2-656-4434

Contact: Rabbi Adam Winston, President

Nature of Organization: Projects Inc. was established in 1984 in the United States and in 1997 in Israel. Its major purposes and activities is “to educate the general and Jewish public regarding the ideals, history and values of the Jewish People using programs, media, publications and other ancillary activities relating thereto.”

Date of Proposal: August 8, 2000

Proposal Summary: Projects Inc. submits two proposals.

“First: Lessons from the Past — Guides to the Future. We propose a program to create a Living Memory of the Holocaust. We will train large groups of selected individuals who will then be qualified to give one or more talks/presentations/classes on what happened in the Holocaust — and the relevance it has to us today. Most of those attending will not be professional educators — but will be interacting with all levels of society on a day-to-day basis. As a result the message we are seeking to convey will also be ‘seeded’ throughout society. A talk with co-workers, relatives, or friends can be an extremely effective method of first-stage education.”

Total estimated budget of project is \$355,500.

“Second: The Why of the Holocaust – Why the Nazis wanted to destroy the Jewish people. A major obstacle in conveying the Holocaust to a new generation is that they may feel it is

irrelevant to them. Alternatively, they may regard the Holocaust as painful, scary, threatening – something they would rather not know about. This seminar will educate the public about the Holocaust from a perspective that has been virtually untouched. There has been a good deal of material and research detailing physical loss, number of people killed – but almost nothing on the values, ideals and beliefs that the Nazis sought to destroy. The goal of the seminar is to educate about the Holocaust, while using the message of the Holocaust to connect our people with their own Judaism. Our long-term goal is to dramatically up-grade the modern day Holocaust curricula. The Holocaust needs to be taught in a way that connects to the modern generation. The modern generation needs to be taught about the Holocaust in a way that will help them to connect to their Judaism.”

Total estimated budget of project is \$615,700.

THE RUSSIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

Address: Naprudniy Per., 10, 3 Moscow, Russia; Tel: 095-284-0338; Fax: 095-284-5426

Contact: Evgenii Y. Satanovsky, Chairman of the Board

Date of Proposal: December 7, 1999; on August 18, 1999 the Special Master met with Dr. Evgenii Y. Satanovsky of the Russian Jewish Congress and Misha Galperin, Chief Operating Officer of the UJA-Federation of New York.

Proposal Summary: The Russian Jewish Congress endorses individual payments to survivors. After that, it suggests creation of a “Russia Fund” to support a variety of projects. Five possible types of programs include (1) social and human service programs, including direct restitution payments for property lost during World War II or payments of a \$50 monthly allowance to Holocaust survivors; (2) educational programs, including a network of high-level specialized study schools in large Jewish communities or a Jewish studies program in public schools; (3)

intellectual culture programs, such as archival development, museum research or creation of a Jewish museum to catalogue, preserve and display Russian Jewish collections; (4) anti-defamation efforts, including educational programs to fight xenophobia and nationalism; and (5) capital projects, such as Jewish community centers.

SALZBURG SEMINAR

Address: The Marble Works, P.O. Box 886, Middlebury, VT 05753; Tel: 802-388-0007; Fax: 802-388-1030

Contact: Olin Robinson, President

Nature of Organization: The Salzburg Seminar is an independent nonprofit educational institution that has convened intensive seminars for the discussion of complex social, political, cultural and moral issues for over 50 years.

Date of Proposal: September 23, 1999

Proposal Summary: Six million dollars of the Settlement Fund should endow the Salzburg Seminar Project on Reconciliation to convene an annual series of symposia to review unresolved issues relating to the Holocaust, explore viable and equitable solutions to these unresolved issues and help frame policy guidelines for dealing with similar post-conflict situations.

SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER

Address: 9760 W. Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90035

Contact: Rabbi Marvin Hier

Nature of Organization: Founded in 1977, the Simon Wiesenthal Center states that it is a 400,000-member international center for Holocaust remembrance defending human rights, and for improving human relations.

Date of Proposal: November 24, 1999, submitted by Martin Mendelsohn, Esq.

Proposal Summary: Only individual survivors should receive settlement funds, and each should receive the same amount. But, if some money should go to organizations connected with the Holocaust, then such funds should establish Jewish educational centers and create a Holocaust educational curriculum for use in the State of Israel. If organizations in the United States receive funding, the Simon Wiesenthal Center should be included, but organizations in Israel are uniquely qualified to educate the victims and the perpetrators of the Holocaust.

SWISS FEDERATION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Address: Pourtalesstrasse 48, CH-3074 Muri; Tel: 41 32 944 1717; Fax: 41 32 944 1040

Contact: Dr. Rolf Bloch, President

Date of Proposal: January 31, 2000

Proposal Summary: The Federation seeks funding to establish, maintain, and operate a center for tolerance in Switzerland, an educational center to cultivate an understanding in the Swiss people of the significance of the Shoa and to teach against racism and anti-Semitism.

UKRAINE JEWISH COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION

Address: 155, Jabotinsky St. Ramat-Gan 52575; Tel: 972-3-753266; Fax: 972-3-7532633

Contact: Asher Del, Esq.

Nature of Organization: The Association provides educational and cultural programs in 467 locations in the Ukraine. The Association works to restore or rebuild synagogues, schools, orphanages, and community centers. It helps Jews in economic distress, especially single senior citizens, by providing food, health care and other social services.

Date of Proposal: Undated

Proposal Summary: The Association seeks funding to restore the Jewish communities that were destroyed in the Holocaust and unite Jews scattered throughout the Ukraine into one community, as they were before the Holocaust.

UKRAINE KIEV ORGANIZATION OF JEWS, GHETTO AND CONCENTRATION CAMP SURVIVORS

Tel: 295-69-20

Contact: Ighor Koghan, Co-Chairman

Date of Proposal: Undated

Proposal Summary: All allocated money for Holocaust survivors should go to organizations representing survivors through a World Representation Committee, in which every country has a representative who is a Holocaust survivor.

VAAD HANOCHOS HATMIMIM, INC.

Address: 788 Eastern Parkway, Suite 303, Brooklyn, New York 11213; Tel: 718-774-6448

Contact: Simon Jacobson, Director

Date of Proposal: August 8, 2000

Proposal Summary: A proposal to obtain a grant of 10 million dollars to the applicant's Foundation for the Preservation of Yiddish and Yiddishkeit. This grant will ensure the survival and growth of the weekly Yiddish-English newspaper, the *Algemeiner Journal*, as part of a range of activities dedicated to perpetuating the mission of preserving Yiddish and Yiddish culture into the 21st century, rebuilding what was tragically lost fifty years ago – providing vision and addressing the needs of Jews everywhere, impacting homes throughout the world and serving as an anchor of continuity for upcoming generations.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF BELARUSAN JEWRY, INC.

Address: 760 East 10th Street, Suite 1C, Brooklyn, New York 11230; Tel: 718-421-0768

Contact: Yakov Goodman, President

Proposal Date: November 1, 1999 and August 11, 2000; on May 26, 1999 the Special Master met with Yakov Goodman.

Proposal Summary: The Association proposes that \$45,000,000 be distributed from the Settlement Fund to the Jewish survivors of the Holocaust remaining in Belarus, to be allocated as follows: \$3.5 million to establish and maintain schools to provide Jewish education to children and young adults; \$7 million to establish and maintain nursing, rehabilitation and convalescent facilities for elderly Holocaust survivors and their heirs; \$700,000 to establish and maintain educational programs promoting awareness and understanding of the Holocaust and of the history of the Belarussian Jews; \$19 million to restore and maintain cemeteries and burial grounds of Belarussian Holocaust victims, their ancestors and descendents; \$14 million to restore and maintain sites reflecting Jewish architectural character and achievement; and \$800,000 to establish and maintain a fund to support funeral and burial services for Holocaust survivors unable to afford them.

WORLD COUNCIL OF ORTHODOX JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Address: c/o Stephen A. Whinston, Berger & Montague, P.C., 1622 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 and Law Offices of Mel Urbach.

Contact: Stephen A. Whinston, Esq., Mel Urbach, Esq.

Date of Proposal: December 17, 1999; on March 3, 2000, the Special Master met with Mel Urbach and Rabbi Morris Schmidman.

Proposal Summary: Two thirds of the Settlement Fund should be devoted to direct payments to class members in the following proportions: 7% for deposited assets claims, 5% for slave labor claims, 1% for refugee claims, and 54% for looted assets claims. The remaining third of the fund should be set aside for cy pres purposes benefiting both individual and communal claimants.

WORLD JEWISH RESTITUTION ORGANIZATION

Address: 7 Radak St., Jerusalem, Israel 92301, Tel: 972-2-5612497; Fax: 972-2-5612496

Date of Proposal: October, 1999

Contact: Stanley M. Chesley, Esq., Paul M. DeMarco, Esq. and Jean M. Geoppinger, Esq.

Members: Agudath Israel World Organization; American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors; American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; B'nai B'rith International; Centre of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors in Israel; Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany; EJC/ECJC – Joint European Delegation; Jewish Agency for Israel; World Jewish Congress; World Zionist Organization.

Proposal Summary: The first priority should go to the Deposited Assets Class, as identified by the Volcker Committee. Second priority should go to Jewish victims of the Holocaust who lived under the Nazi Regime, under Nazi occupation, or under a regime of Nazi collaborators. This program, which should make direct cash payments based on need, should be administered by the WJRO, which has experience administering the Swiss Fund for Needy Victims of the Holocaust/Shoa. The third priority should go to providing food, health care, and other basic social services to the same Jewish victims of the Holocaust and to those who fled Nazi persecution. The WJRO should also administer this project in the same manner as the Claims Conference makes grants for social welfare programs for Jewish Nazi victims worldwide. Of

this fund, 55% should go to direct payments, 25% should support social services for the same group, and 20% should be spent on a Holocaust memorial.

WORLD UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Address: 13 King David Street, Jerusalem, Israel 94101; Tel: 972-2-620-3447; Fax: 972-2-620-3446; E-mail: wupjis@netvision.net.il

Contact: Rabbi Richard A. Block, President and CEO

Date of Proposal: December 7, 1999. On November 16, 1999 the Special Master met with Rabbi Richard A. Block.

Proposal Summary: The World Union seeks an unspecified share of the Settlement Fund available after payment has been made to the Deposited Assets Class. It intends to use the funds to “[p]rovide a measure of justice and dignity for the Liberal Jewish victims of the Holocaust, their communal institutions, and the Movement to which they were so deeply devoted, to restore and perpetuate Liberal Judaism’s unique contribution to modern Jewish life and to serve the demonstrated needs, preferences, and interests of emerging Jewish communities.”

YESHIVA CHOFETZ CHAIM OF RADIN

Address: 82 Highview Road, Suffern, New York 10901; Tel: 914-357-6391; Fax: 914-368-2582

Contact: Bernard Hochstein, President

Nature of Organization: Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim of Radin is the survivor in the United States of the yeshiva of the same name that was established in Poland in 1864 and destroyed during the Holocaust. It was incorporated in the United States in 1925 and now operates an elementary school, a high school and an assisted-living facility for elderly residents.

Date of Proposal: March 13, 2000

Proposal Summary: The Yeshiva endorses the Settlement Fund going to the five classes designated in the Settlement Agreement. It believes that funds for survivors should be managed by survivors, not by outside interests. It seeks funding to support its services and to expand its facilities.

YIVO INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

Address: 15 West 16th Street, New York, New York 10011; Tel: 212-246-6080; Fax: 212-292-1892

Contact: Carl J. Rheins, Executive Director

Nature of Organization: Founded in Vilna in 1925, YIVO maintains a Library containing over 350,000 volumes in Yiddish and many other languages, and an Archives that “hold more than 23,000,000 archival pieces, including diaries, letters, posters, sound recordings, costumes, art and ceremonial items, and over 100,000 photographs, many of which are the only record of a vanished life. YIVO’s is the world’s largest archive of materials on the life and culture of Eastern European Jewry.

Date of Proposal: September 5, 2000

Proposal Summary: YIVO’s Library and Archive in Vilna was looted by the *Einsatzstab des Reichsleiter Alfred Rosenberg* in 1940, causing great losses to its collections of books, archival materials, and artworks. YIVO asks for \$ 2 million in funding for three programs: 1) to “establish five graduate-level scholarship grants-in-aid, to be offered on an annual basis to emerging scholars and PhD. candidates...[in] Jewish studies research in the newly reopened archives in the former Soviet Union and across Eastern Europe; 2) to help compile The YIVO Encyclopedia of the History and Culture of Jews in Eastern Europe, anticipated to become “a standard book of reference on Jewish life and culture in Eastern Europe, before during and after

the Holocaust,” and 3) to “go toward rebuilding and augmenting the current YIVO collections,” with a particular focus on “filling gaps in the sets of newspapers and periodicals from communities across the globe prior to World War II, as well as for restoring the few works of art still remaining in the collections.”

B. HEALTH CARE PROPOSALS

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE (FDOD)

Contact: Bill Nelson , Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner of the State of Florida, The Capital, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0301; Tel: 904-922-3100; Fax: 904-488-6581

Date of Proposal: February 18, 2000

Proposal Summary: Florida Holocaust survivors would like funding for home health care.

MENACHEM Z. ROSENSAFT

Address: 179 East 70th Street, New York, New York 10021

Date of Proposal: November 23, 1999

Proposal Summary: Mr. Rosensaft proposes that the Settlement Fund should provide long-term health care for the 125,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States by pooling some of the Settlement Fund with other funds from German banks, insurance companies and corporations that exploited slave labor.

C. PROPOSAL FROM HOMOSEXUAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE EUROPEAN REGION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY ASSOCIATION (ILGA-EUROPE)

Contact: Nigel Warner, 141 Cloudesley Road, London N1 OEN, United Kingdom; Tel/Fax: 44-171-278-1496

Date of Proposal: February 29, 2000

Members: Agudah (Association of Gay Men, Lesbians and Bisexuals in Israel); Homosexuelle Initiative (HOSI) Wien; International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC); Lesben-und Schwulenverband in Deutschland (LSVD); World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (WCGLJO). These organizations are all members of the Pink Triangle Coalition, an international coalition for coordinating affairs relating to the Nazi persecution of gay men and lesbians.

Proposal Summary: ILGA-Europe proposes a *cy pres* allocation of 1% of the Settlement Fund for homosexual persecutees under the Agreement. Because only a small amount of the total is needed to fund the few surviving individual claimants, the majority could be spent in memory of the homosexual victims and targets to establish a foundation for education about and research into the Nazi persecution of homosexuals.

D. PROPOSAL FROM JEHOVAH' S WITNESSES ORGANIZATION

WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Address: 100 Watchtower Drive, Patterson, NY 12563; Tel No: 914-306-0700

Contact: Carolyn R. Wah, Associate General Counsel

Date of Proposal: December 7, 1999; as supplemented August 23, 2000; on August 10, 1999 and on June 22, 2000 the Special Master met with Carolyn R. Wah, Jolene Chu and James Pellechia.

Proposal Summary: Special consideration should be given to applications of the surviving Jehovah's Witness victims of Nazi persecution. The Watch Tower would use a portion of the Settlement Fund to support its ongoing research and archival work on the Holocaust and presentations of its findings. It would devote any allocated monies solely to Holocaust education and the remembrance of the prisoners who bore the purple triangle, which represented the

Jehovah's Witnesses. Watch Tower proposes to establish a legal entity to make cash payments and in-kind distributions to needy Jehovah's Witness class members,

E. PROPOSALS FROM SINTI AND ROMANI ORGANIZATIONS

ALLIANCE FOR UNITY OF ROMA

Address: Based in Romania.

Contact: Lumitia Tecaru, Officer

Proposal Summary: Funds should be given to individual survivors.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF SINTI AND ROMA OF GERMANY

Address: c/o Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, 901 15th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20005, Tel: 202-371-6279; Fax: 202-371-6279

Contact: Martin Mendelsohn, Esq.

Date of Proposal: November 9, 1999; on July 12, 1999, the Special Master met with Romani Rose, Arnold Rossberg and counsel Martin Mendelsohn; on June 8, 2000, the Special Master met with Martin Mendelsohn, Barry A. Fisher and Sebastian M. Rainone.

Nature of Organization: Founded in 1982, the Central Council represents the 70,000 Sinti and Roma who hold German citizenship, 3,500 of whom are Nazi victims. It has been recognized and funded by the German Government and was appointed by the Swiss Humanitarian Fund for Needy Victims of the Holocaust/Shoa to administer distribution of funds to Sinti and Roma living in Germany. As a result, it has established a special trust agency that has reviewed claims and made distributions to 2,850 Sinti and Roma in Germany.

Proposal Summary: The Central Council believes that the primary distribution of the Settlement Fund should be individual grants to survivors in equal amounts regardless of religion

or nationality. Claimants should receive lump sum payments even if they lack documents to prove Looted Assets or Slave Labor claims. Claims should be reviewed and payments made by settlement administrators or by an independent Commission that includes survivors' participation.

INTERNATIONAL ROMANI UNION (“IRU”)

Address: 1888 Century Park East, Suite 1750, Los Angeles, California 90067-1721; Tel: 310-557-1077; Fax: 310-557-0770

Contact: Barry A. Fisher, Class Settlement Counsel

Nature of Organization: The IRU was founded in 1971. It claims to be the only United Nations-recognized non-governmental organization representing the Romani people.

Date of Proposal: Undated; on June 11, 1999, the Special Master met with Barry Fisher; on June 8, 2000, the Special Master met with Barry A. Fisher, Martin Mendelsohn and Sebastian M. Rainone.

Proposal Summary: The IRU asks that 10% of the Settlement Fund be allocated to the Roma. Of that amount, 90% would be distributed by an international Advisory Committee to surviving victims of Nazi persecution or their heirs. The Advisory Committee, with Romani and non-Romani members, would receive and evaluate claims. The remaining 10% of funds granted the Roma would be put into a trust fund to be managed by an International Romani Trust, which would allocate it for remembrance, education and institutional development.

INTERNATIONAL ROMANI UNION, INC. (“IRUP”)

Address: Box 464, Wildwood, New Jersey 08260; Tel: 609-522-2542, Ext. 19; Fax: 512-295-4772; E-mail: xulaj@mail.utexas.edu

Contact: Dr. Ian F. Hancock, Chief Administrative Officer; John Nickels, U.S. National Representative; Sam Connick, General Secretary

Nature of Organization: Founded in 1971, the IRUI claims to be the only United Nations recognized nongovernmental organization representing the Romani people, as well as a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, on which it claims Special Consultative Status.

Date of Proposal: April 22, 1999; on June 17, 1999; on October 19, 1999, the Special Master met with, among others, John Nickels and Sebastian M. Rainone, and spoke by telephone with Dr. Ian Hancock; on June 8, 2000, the Special Master met with Barry A. Fisher, Martin Mendelsohn and Sebastian M. Rainone.

Proposal Summary: The IRUI seeks funding for a not-for-profit foundation to provide financial and other support to Roma and Sinti for humanitarian, educational and cultural assistance, including giving aid to Holocaust survivors or their heirs, providing humanitarian relief to Roma living in poverty throughout the world, lobbying governments, creating children's programs and education programs, and establishing a legal defense fund.

SEBASTIAN M. RAINONE, ESQ.

Address: Sebastian M. Rainone & Associates, 1528 Walnut Street, Suite 1201, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102; Tel: 215-732-7740; Fax: 215-732-8194

Date of Proposal: December 23, 1999; on June 17, 1999 and October 19, 1999, the Special Master met with Sebastian M. Rainone and John Nickels and spoke by telephone with Dr. Ian Hancock; on June 8, 2000, the Special Master met with Sebastian M. Rainone, Barry A. Fisher and Martin Mendelsohn.

Proposal Summary: Mr. Rainone proposes the creation of a non-profit foundation with a Board of Directors and Advisory Committee, first to make direct payments to all individual Roma who have joined in the class action and then to distribute the remaining funds to defend against racism, persecution and nationalist hatred and to promote an informational network and legal assistance project for Romani people.

ROMA NATIONAL CONGRESS

Address: Simon von Utrecht Str. 85, D-20359 Hamburg, Germany; Tel: 49 40 319 4249; Fax: 49 40 319 0475; Email address: RNC@romanationalcongress.org.

Contact: None named.

Nature of Organization: The RNC states that it is an umbrella organization of the European Roma Civil Rights Movement, consisting of numerous member organizations, associated member organizations and unions around the world. It has worked on Roma projects throughout Eastern Europe.

Date of Proposal: October 1999; on June 17, 1999 and October 19, 1999, the Special Master met with John Nickels, Sebastian Rainone and Dr. Ian Hancock; on June 8, 2000, the Special Master met with Sebastian M. Rainone, Barry A. Fisher and Martin Mendelsohn.

Proposal Summary: The RNC proposes to create a foundation, which it would run, to hold the Romani distribution from the Settlement Fund. The foundation would distribute the income generated by the principal amount while limiting administrative expenses to 1% of the proceeds. The RNC proposes to distribute two thirds of the income directly to survivors of Nazi persecution in the form of a monthly stipend. The remaining third of the foundation's income would fund community projects in education, culture, business, media, health care, human rights

and legal assistance and provide “seed money” for other projects which can be jointly financed with other agencies.

ROMANO CENTRO

Address: Urschenbockgrasse 8, A-1110 Wein; Tel/Fax: 0043-1-749-6336; E-mail: romano-centro@magnet.at

Contact: Dragan Jevremovic, President; Renata M. Erich, Executive Secretary

Nature of Organization: The Romano Centro represents Roma in Vienna, Austria.

Date of Proposal: October 19, 1999

Proposal Summary: The Romano Centro endorses establishment of a foundation to support Roma education.

ROMERNAS RIKSFORBUND/ROMA NATIONAL UNION (“RNU”)

Address: Sockengatan 83, s-252 51 Helsingborg, Sweden; Tel: 46 42 10 7898; Fax: 46 42 10 7732

Contact: Stefanie Kuzhiov, Chairman

Nature of Organization: The RNU represents Swedish Roma, to whom it refers as “Romers.” It is comprised of 21 member unions and in addition to Swedish Romers, represents Finns, non-nordic Romers and “travellers.”

Date of proposal: October 22, 1999

Proposal Summary: The RNU believes that the Roma portion of the Settlement Fund should be given directly to survivors or their heirs. Any residuary should go to Roma organizations to start projects in their respective countries to defend against racism and discrimination, to support

education and the dissemination of information, and to fund research, archives and exhibitions to assure that Roma do not remain “forgotten people.”

STOCKHOLMS ZIGENARFORENING (SWEDISH GYPSY ASSOCIATION)

Address: Box 117, 121 15 Enskededalen; Tel: 08-39-6-7

Contact: Jonathan Freud, Secretary; Pastor Lars Demetri

Date of Proposal: November 10, 1999

Proposal Summary: The Swedish Gypsy Association endorses the proposal submitted by Ian Hancock and John Nickels. It adds, however, its conviction that a goal of the Romani for the future should be assimilation and that that goal is best achieved through the churches of the Roma Pentecostal movement. Those churches would use the funds to build schools and community centers and to make interest-free loans to Romani to support them in establishing businesses.

UDRUGA ROMA ZAGREBA I ZAGREBACKE ZUPANIJE (ROMA ASSOCIATION ZAGREB AND ZAGREB COUNTY, REPUBLIC OF CROATIA)

Address: 1000 ZAGREB, Cemernicka 17; Tel/Fax: 245-2554; E-mail address: udruga-mladezi-roma-hrvatske@zg.tel.hrl

Contact: Alija Mesic, President

Date of Proposal: Undated

Nature of Organization: Formed in 1992, the Roma Association aids Roma families in Croatia, providing education, employment services, cultural events, and legal assistance.

Proposal Summary: The Roma Association seeks \$2,585,500 to fund a revitalization plan for Roma in Croatia. The funds would support establishment of a Roma Cultural Center, Roma Youth Clubs in 7 Croatian cities and local support centers in each of the 21 major housing areas

for Roma in Croatia. The housing areas, which are not supported by the Croatian government, often lack potable water, gas, telephone service and child care. Many of them also lack electricity and sewage systems. In addition, the residents need medical care, elder care and education facilities. The Roma Cultural Center would function as an administrative center for the Roma of Croatia. It would also provide facilities for recreation, education and training, legal services, and day care for children and the elderly. It would provide shelter as needed and would contain a library and a museum.

F. PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES

Address: 449 15th Street, Suite 303, Oakland, California; Tel: 510-451-8644; Fax: 510-451-8511

Contact: Sid Wolinsky or Laurence W. Paradis, counsel to Disability Rights Advocates

Nature of Organization: Disability Rights Advocates claims to represent eight individuals and 15 organizations located in California and Maryland in the United States as well as in Bulgaria, Hungary, Manitoba, England, Japan and Germany.

Date of Proposal: October 20, 1999; on October 4, 1999 the Special Master met with Sid Wolinsky, Adrienne Asch and Harilyn Russo.

Proposal Summary: Disability Rights Advocates proposes that 15% of the Settlement Fund be allocated to the disabled, to be divided three ways. The first 25% would go to Holocaust survivors or their disabled heirs, with the proviso that claimants who fall into more than one claimant category—*e.g.*, Jewish and disabled—would recover only once. The next 20% would fund commemorative, educational and memorial activities or centers. The remaining 55% would fund a Disability Class Assistance Program to provide grants for the support, protection and advancement of people with disabilities.

G. INDIVIDUAL LETTER PROPOSALS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

GERHARD E.

Address: Sao Paulo, Brazil

Date of Letter: November 16, 1999

Recommendation: Distribution should first go to those in the most need, to alleviate their suffering for the remainder of their lives; then money should be given to the less needy, as a measure of justice for those who have suffered so much.

WALTER F.

Address: Florida, United States

Date of Letter: August 23, 1999

Recommendation: Only individuals and institutions that were affected by the actions of Swiss banks, the Swiss government or corporations that dealt with the Swiss Banks during World War II should be included in the five Settlement Classes. The distribution should be carried out utilizing detailed documentation or anecdotal evidence by heirs and should be adjusted for any capital gains and inflation for each class. Organizations, such as those involved in Holocaust education, should receive funds only after individuals and businesses have been compensated.

LEV F.

Address: California, United States

Date of Proposal: Undated

Recommendation: All of the Settlement Fund should be distributed to the victims of Nazi persecution wherever they are to be found in the world.

AGNES G.

Address: Ohio, United States

Date of Letter: July 27, 1999

Recommendation: As a Holocaust survivor, Ms. G. suggests that funds should first be paid to Swiss bank depositors or their heirs; any remaining money should fund the cost of every survivor's long-term health care, whether in a nursing home, an assisted living facility or in their own homes with 24-hour nursing care.

CHAIM H.

Address: Tel Aviv, Israel

Date of Letter: December 15, 1999

Recommendation: The letter is a draft of a speech Mr. H. gave at the Fairness Hearing in Jerusalem on December 13, 1999. The husband of one of the surviving children of Dr. L., who had a very substantial art collection looted by the Nazis, he believes justice and fairness demand that art objects be excluded from the Settlement. Much of the missing art may only be found or located in the future, and heirs should not be precluded from asserting their rights at that time.

DINA H.

Address: New Jersey, United States

Date of Letter: August 4, 1999

Recommendation: Ms. H. recommends that Settlement funds go first to survivors of Nazi persecution, recognizing that people who fall into more than one settlement class might receive on the basis of both. The notion of equitable reparation requires compensating those who have suffered most directly.

ISAAC K.

Address: California, United States

Date of Letter: June 11, 1999

Recommendation: As a Holocaust survivor, Mr. K. requests that money should only go to Holocaust survivors. No funds should be allocated to organizations or charities.

ADRIENNE K.

Address: Connecticut, United States

Date of Letter: July 15, 1999

Recommendation: Imprisoned in Auschwitz and the sole Holocaust survivor of her family, Ms. K. believes that only Holocaust survivors, not their heirs or any others, should receive distributions. No money should go to any religious or educational institution or any building of yeshivas, museums or monuments. Nor should compensation go to anyone who emigrated before 1938 to the United States or to other non-Nazi dominated countries.

ARJE L.

Address: Massachusetts, United States

Date of Letter: Undated

Recommendation: Because the Europeans looted all of the Jewish belongings, restitution should be paid by Europe to the only heir of the six million, the State of Israel.

RITA L.

Address: None given

Date of Proposal: November 16, 1999

Recommendation: Rita L. endorses making long-term health care available to all surviving victims of Nazi persecution, so that they should never again be forced from their homes against their will. They should have support for whatever form of elder care they choose to have, whether it be nursing home care, assisted living or around-the-clock home care in order to remain in their homes. They should also have support for medical expenses. After the medical and health care needs of survivors have been provided for, any residual funds should support Holocaust commemoration and education.

RITA M.

Address: None given

Date of Letter: November 11, 1999

Recommendation: The \$1.25 billion Settlement Fund should go directly to the former Holocaust prisoners, whose experiences cannot be compared to those of victims who were evacuated.

FRANCIS S.

Address: Connecticut, United States

Date of Letter: May 17, 1999

Recommendation: As a Holocaust survivor and widow, Ms. S. believes that only immediate survivors of the Holocaust should receive payments from the Settlement Fund.

MR. S.

Address: Tel Aviv, Israel

Date of Letter: August 27, 1999

Recommendation: Mr. S. spent 3 years in the Vilna ghetto and approximately 1 year in the Rudniki and Naliboki forests as a combatant partisan. He proposes the following distribution scheme: (1) 30% of the Settlement Fund should help needy survivors, since the majority of them are elderly, in need of medical assistance and cannot participate in many activities; (2) 30% of the Settlement Fund should create Holocaust and Heroism museums and research institutes in Israel, establishing for each institution a separate sinking fund whose profits would cover operating expenses. Each fund should be administered by leading independent personalities. One such museum should be in Tel Aviv. The museums should be up-to-date, unlike traditional museums, and should use audio-visual displays; (3) 10% of the Fund should support research and publication on the Holocaust; and (4) 30% of the Fund should be for loans to Jewish students, to be repayable over a stated period of time on the condition that, thereafter, each student would contribute an agreed percentage of their yearly earnings for life to one or another of the sinking funds. The museums would be a tribute to the past, support of needy survivors would be a tribute to the present, and loans to students would be a tribute to the future.

YELIZAVETA V.

Address: None given

Date of Letter: Undated

Recommendation: Ms. V. believes that victims of Nazis persecution who survived incarceration in camps or ghettos and those who fled the Nazis suffered equally. All who experienced the Holocaust deserve compensation, even if those who were evacuated receive less.

PHILLIP V.

Address: Paris, France

Date of Letter: July 26, 1999

Recommendation: As an Auschwitz survivor, Mr. V. proposes that special compensation should be granted to the few surviving former residents of Nazi concentration camps and other elderly, ill Holocaust survivors; next, funds should go to orphans of the Shoah victims who were exterminated during the Holocaust or who died at any point up until the 1970's. After these payments, funds should go to Jews and Gypsies still living in the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe or the Baltic States, or to their descendants, if any.

GARY W.

Address: California, United States

Date of Letter: June 1, 1999

Recommendation: As a Holocaust survivor, Mr. W. proposes that all allotments for any cause whatsoever, educational or religious or otherwise, be decided by the survivors. Organizations acting on behalf of survivors should not make disbursement decisions.

IDA W.

Address: None given

Date of Proposal: Undated

Recommendation: All of the Settlement Fund should go to the victims of Nazi persecution or their heirs.

NAUM Z.

Address: None given

Date of Letter: December 16, 1999

Recommendation: Mr. Z. believes that some of the Settlement Fund money should be distributed to all people who survived the Holocaust, those who survived camps and ghettos, and those who were forced to flee and leave all their property and valuables behind to be looted by the Nazis.