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TO:

Marion Frankenhuis, Chairwoman, and Hansje Toebes-Ruitenbergh, Secretary of the Life Tools Foundation, supporting the production of the documentary Life Tools by producer/director Paul King

It is my pleasure to recommend the completion and distribution of the film "Life Tools," in the hope that it will contribute to a widening of help to the world's orphans.

There is need for a new wind to blow across the fossilized conception of childcare institutions as necessarily inimical to their graduates. With over a hundred million orphans in the world, well-run settings with large numbers of participants offer the only hope for the majority of these orphans to get any kind of care at all. Adoptive- and foster-family programs are being submerged by the fast-growing numbers of orphans, and the fate of the majority of these youngsters growing up with no role models, no guidance, no support and no limits is frightening.

Every opportunity to indicate that wide-scale care, on the model of Youth Aliyah villages, is not only possible, but highly desirable, is a chance to open new horizons before hitherto hopeless young people. "Life Tools" would be an important message to many people concerned about and engaged in child-care activities.

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