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Cantor Harold Orbach
1759 Woodgrove
Bluefield Hills, Michigan 48013

Dear Cantor Orbach:

In 1969, in February, Dave Brubeck came to the cathedral for two performances of "The Light in the Wilderness", with the Cathedral Choral Society (250 members) and the National Symphony. A CBS Television production came out of that production.

On Monday, February 22 and Tuesday, February 23, in Washington Cathedral, the same forces will be presenting his "Gates of Justice". McHenry Boatright has agreed to do the baritone, and having heard so much of your marvelous projection of the tenor role, and your work on the recording, nothing would please me more than your participation in this performance. Dave also feels strongly that you must be here to help us. CBS has again been informed of this production, and it is possible that they may again be interested in televising.

The rehearsals with orchestra and soloists will be held on Saturday, February 20, and Sunday, February 21, in the afternoon on Saturday, and at 8:00 pm Sunday, a full dress rehearsal. I do hope that you will be free to come, and that you will agree to a fee of \$700.00. Please call me at (202) 966-3500, collect, if you have questions, else, your early acceptance will be most welcome. We look forward to the honor of your participation in this National Cathedral Church in what we feel will be a distinguished presentation to the religious, governmental, and diplomatic communities of the Capital City and to the nation, should CBS cooperate.

Cordially yours,

Richard W. Dirksen
Precentor, Washington Cathedral
and
Assistant Musical Director
The Cathedral Choral Society

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