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Your Eminence; Srbazan Hayr:

This letter offers a brief summary report of our Association to supplement our regular mailings.

First and foremost, enclosed is the list of survivors who live in New Mexico. We are submitting their names for the 70th year commemorative programs in 1985.

We held our last annual business meeting on November 9, 1984; no annual meeting was held in 1983. Despite that, our programs have continued but with an accomodation for the reality that we have few active workers.

The list of current board members and officers is enclosed.

The focus of our programs for the past six years has been to encourage and nurture self-identification as an Armenian. The response, even from board members, remains essentially passive.

Following the annual meeting a committee was formed to study the feasibility of owning property as several of our most committed workers are in favor. This committee is charged with determining whether the membership wants land and a building; if so, how it proposes to use, finance and support it. The financial and educational base of our community is business and professional middle class; no potential benefactors or philanthropists live among us.

Jerry Chakerian, chairman, responds to the letter and questionnaire for establishing education and youth programs written November 27, 1984, by Elise Antreassian and Nancy Basmajian (addressed to Rita Cook, past chairman) with the following comments.