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His Eminence Archbishop Torgom Manoogian,
Primate,
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America,
630 Second Avenue,
New York, N.Y. 10016
U.S.A.,

I take this opportunity of referring to the telephone discussion I had with Your Eminence, on various matters of interest to our Parish Council in particular and the Parish in general last evening.

I shall keep Your Eminence informed of important developments as and when these occur and seek your views and advice on the same.

Meanwhile, I am pleased to confirm that a Resolution was passed by the Canadian Council of Churches at its last General Board Meeting held at Niagara Falls on April 19-21 1983, recognizing and condemning the Armenian Genocide perpetrated by Turkey. The Canadian Council of Churches have embodied the abovementioned Resolution in their letter of May 11 1983 addressed to the Hon. Allan J. MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs, House of Commons, Ottawa, copy of which has been endorsed to the Ambassador of Turkey, Ottawa. As advised I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the same for Your Eminence's considerate attention and reference.

A Commemorative Function was held on the occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide here on April 24 1983 at the A.G.B.U., Alex Manoogian Cultural Centre, under the auspices and participation of the Honourable Roland Michener, Mrs Michener and several other dignitaries. The Function was very impressive, well attended and the Rt. Hon. Roland Michener also spoke appropriately on this occasion. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Programme.

I am of the opinion that every effort should be made to have a similar Resolution passed at the forthcoming World Council of Churches Conference to be held at Vancouver from July 24 to August 10 1983 and that copies of the same be sent to the United Nations Organization, New York, all member Governments, other concerned International Organizations and to the President of Turkey at Ankara.

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Ofcourse, this is a very important national question, with international repercussions and significance and as pointed out by Your Eminence, should be immediately brought to the attention of His Holiness Vazgen I, Catholicos and Supreme Patriarch of All Armenians and His Holiness' views and guidance sought in the matter, in order that further appropriate steps be taken to ensure the success of any efforts that may be made in this respect.


Perhaps it may be helpful if one or two Delegates from Canada are included in the Etchmiadzin Delegation to the World Council of Churches Conference at Vancouver, as a lot of behind the scene work and efforts and lobbying have to be done, through friends, delagates of sister Churches and others to secure the adoption of the desired Resolution.

Assuring Your Eminence of my highest consideration at all times.

Yours most respectfully,



Caro A. Martin
Chairman.
Parish Council.



Enclosures: