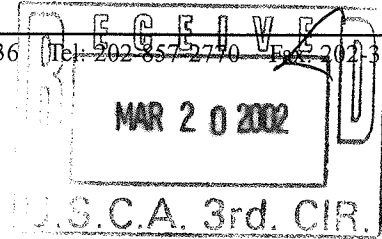




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No. 01-3301

Dear Ms. Waldron,

I write on behalf of the *amici* Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the Rabbinical Council of America with regard to your letter on behalf of the Court dated March 8, 2002 requesting comment as to whether the *lechis* were properly designated symbolic speech by the District Court.

Amici respectfully decline the Court's invitation to independently comment and state our support for the responses advanced by appellants' counsels in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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