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My dear Bernie (and Associates),

As the Sanctuary nears completion, I wish to express to you many sentiments and emotions that have been gathered up within me over these many months.

When the Temple of old was constructed - on Zion, the Scripture is very clear and explicit in indicating those who were responsible for its erection. While David and his son, Solomon, come in for their share and are given the privilege to offer the prayer and pronounce the Benediction - far more verses are accorded the lay-leaders, architects, the artisans, the craftsmen - and all others, without whom the project could never have been translated into reality. Even the sources for the materials - such as the Cedars of Lebanon and the stone quarries - come in for due Biblical acknowledgment.

You have been endowed with many wonderful strengths and potentialities, and you have shared these to the fullest in the fulfillment of your particular role. As we ask God's blessings upon this House and its dwellers, we shall also petition Him to turn His grace toward you as well.

It has been a joy and delight for me to share with you in every step toward the realization of our deepest dream, and I am more than simply pleased to convey to you my personal and heartfelt appreciation.

Most sincerely,

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