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Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm
Office of the President
Yeshiva University
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New York, N.Y. 10033

Dear Dr. Lamm:

In accordance with our telephone conversation several days ago, I am writing to request that you prepare a two - three page memorandum for the forthcoming meeting of our Commission on the Holocaust. As you know, the Foundation has made education about the Holocaust a priority area for support this year and has initiated a program supporting the development of a model curriculum for Jewish schools. At the next meeting of the Commission we will be discussing the issue of Holocaust education in non-Jewish schools as well as programs for the transmission of the Holocaust experience through the medium of art and literature.

It is important that there be some clarification in these programs about the balance in emphasis between the universal and the particularistic aspects of the Holocaust. The Commission would greatly benefit from a brief statement by you as to what the relative emphasis between these two areas would be, the specific subjects within each area that should be stressed (hopefully with some examples) and finally, the programmatic implications of your position as it affects education about, and transmission of, the Holocaust experience to both Jews and non-Jews.

Your memorandum would be circulated prior to the meeting to the members of the Commission and you would be given time at the meeting to amplify your position.

Many thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Jerry Hochbaum
Associate Executive Director

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