Dear Friend:

As a co-worker on behalf of Israel, both the State and the people, for many years, I know you share with me great concern over the situation in which we find ourselves today.

Foresight, however, requires us to look beyond the immediate present and to prepare for the future. When peace comes, or at least when the international situation stabilizes, the great internal questions within Israel will come to the fore.

One of these is the perennial "Who Is A Jew" problem.

I therefore take the privilege of sending to you enclosed the reprint of an article by Dr. Norman Lamm, Rabbi of The Jewish Center and professor at Yeshiva University. I trust it will prove informative to you and be of assistance to you in forming your own opinions. I might add that, of course, I fully agree with Rabbi Lamm's thesis.

May this new year be one of peace from without and harmony within, for Israel, and for all the world.

Sincerely yours,

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