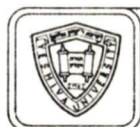


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DEAR NORM,

IT WAS GOOD MEETING YOU ON MONDAY TO REMINISCE ABOUT 'DOWN UNDER'.

HANS HAS BEEN AT IT FULL BLAST SINCE MY DEPARTURE. HE SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN RANOSCHY'S APPROVAL TO SEND FORMS 3, 4 & 5 TO SEMINAR.

THE ENCLOSED LIST WAS RECEIVED FROM YAVNEH. WOULD YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH TO CIRCLE THOSE ITEMS WHICH YOU THINK WORTH INCLUDING IN THE ALLOTMENT (\$750) WHICH SCOPUS HAS MADE FOR BOOKS FOR SEMINAR.

THANKS AND BEST REGARDS.

CORDIALLY,

DR. ABRAHAM STERN
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MR. HANS BACHRACH
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DEAR HANS, JONATHAN & RUTH,

I RETURNED TO THE STATES PHYSICALLY EXHAUSTED BUT SPIRITUALLY REFRESHED AFTER THE WHIRLWIND TRIP TO SYDNEY. KNOWING AS YOU DO THE HECTIC PACE WHICH HANS SET FOR ME IN MELBOURNE, YOU CAN APPRECIATE WHAT IT WAS LIKE CRAMMING ALMOST ALL OF THE WORK WHICH WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN MELBOURNE IN NO FEWER THAN TEN DAYS INTO TWO DAYS WHICH WE HAD IN SYDNEY.

I IMAGINE THAT HANS HAS REPORTED TO YOU IN DETAIL ON OUR VISITS AND MEETINGS THERE. IN ESSENCE, THE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE SEMINAR IDEA OR SHOULD I SAY COUNTERPOINT 5734 WAS AS GREAT IN SYDNEY AS IN MELBOURNE.

THE DAYS SINCE MY RETURN AND THE PERSPECTIVE OF DISTANCE HAVE GIVEN ME, I BELIEVE, A CLEARER PICTURE OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONCERNS WHICH I SHALL TACKLE INDIVIDUALLY BELOW.

- 1) COORDINATING COMMITTEES - I AM ENCLOSING FOR YOUR INTEREST A COPY OF A) COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR MELBOURNE & B) SYDNEY COMMITTEE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE MELBOURNE COMMITTEE UNDER YOUR EXPERT DIRECTION WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE BROAD OBJECTIVES ASSIGNED TO IT. IT APPEARED TO ME THAT THE ROLES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES WERE FAIRLY CLEAR AND THAT UNDER YOUR EXPERT GUIDANCE, EACH OF THE AREAS REQUIRING FURTHER ASSIGNMENT AND CLARIFICATION WOULD RECEIVE DIRECTION FROM YOU. TO WIT, TALILA'S ROLE IN MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH ADVISORY STAFF & IN PROPOSING RECREATIONAL AND EVENING ACTIVITIES, ARNOLD'S WORK ON PUBLICITY, PROMOTION, BERT MOND'S RESTRUCTURING OF STUDY MATERIALS ETC. ETC..

I AM NOT AS CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, IN THE DIRECTION OR CAPABILITY OF THE SYDNEY COMMITTEE TO ACHIEVE ALONG COMPARABLE LINES NOR AM I FRANKLY CONVINCED THAT IT IS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE THAT THE COMMITTEES FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY. IT WOULD BE A LOT MORE USEFUL IF THE SYDNEY GROUP COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO YOUR COMMITTEE SO THAT BROAD PLANNING MIGHT BE DONE JOINTLY WITH SOME ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO LOCAL NEEDS AND DIFFERENCES. EX. HOW TO OBTAIN REGISTRATION FROM LOCAL, STATE AND CHURCH SCHOOLS. I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT A MEETING TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN YOURSELVES AND DR. KERN, SHAYA REDELMAN, RABBI APPLE & MR. NAGLEY TO TIE THE PIECES TOGETHER AND FORM ONE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP.

- 2) SITE - HANS BACHRACH HAS NO DOUBT REPORTED TO YOU ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SHALOM COLLEGE FACILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES. HE HAS NO DOUBT BY NOW POLED THE ADMINISTRATION OF SCOPUS TO DETERMINE WHETHER WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF THE ENLARGED FACILITY, THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO THE ORIGINAL PLANS OF SENDING FORMS 3 & 5 IN ADDITION TO 4. HANS MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY NOW ABOUT ALTERNATE SITES IN VICTORIA.

FROM THIS END, WE COULD LIVE WITH EITHER LOCATION. I MUST CONFESS MY PERSONAL BIAS FOR THE BULK OF THE PROGRAM TO BE CONDUCTED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE IN THE MELBOURNE AREA. IF THE HOSPITALITY WHICH MALKA AND I RECEIVED AND THE READINESS OF PEOPLE GENERALLY TO COOPERATE IS ANY INDICATION OF WHAT THE VISITING AMERICANS MIGHT EXPECT, CERTAINLY FROM THEIR VANTAGE POINT, THE LOCATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE. I AM ALSO APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF AN AMPLE SUPPLY OF LOCAL ADVISORS IN THE SYDNEY AREA TO COMPLEMENT THE AMERICAN ADVISORY STAFF, THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE MELBOURNE PEOPLE TO MAKE THE TREK FOR BOTH THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM AND THE SUBSEQUENT SEMINARS.

IF ON THE OTHER HAND, THE UTILIZATION OF SHALOM COLLEGE WOULD MAKE FOR A REGISTRATION OF 200+ STUDENTS AT EACH EVENT AND THE ABOVE CAN BE OVERCOME, IT MIGHT BE WORTH WITHDRAWING MY OBJECTIONS.

- 3) STAFF - WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE SELECTION OF FACULTY AND ADVISORY STAFF. I SPOKE THIS MORNING WITH RABBI & MRS. SELWYN FRANKLIN WHO WILL BE DEPARTING IN LATE JUNE TO ASSUME A PULPIT IN SOUTH AFRICA. I HAVE AS PER INSTRUCTION FROM HANS INVITED THEM (AND THEIR ONE YEAR OLD SON) TO JOIN OUR CONTINGENT FOR A FACULTY ROLE. THE OBLIGATION TO THEM WILL BE THE ADDITIONAL FARE RESULTING IN THE AUSTRALIAN DETOUR ON THEIR WAY TO SOUTH AFRICA. THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO BE WITH OUR CONTINGENT UNTIL JULY 31 AND I BELIEVE WILL PROVE A MAJOR ASSET.

WE HAVE ALSO TENTATIVELY OBTAINED THE SERVICES OF A TALENTED YOUNG ACCORDIONIST TO HELP WITH RUACH. HE IS A YESHIVA STUDENT WHO HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH YOUTH GROUPS AND SEMINARS. HE HAS PERFORMED BEFORE MAJOR AUDIENCES, RELEASED RECORDS, COMPOSED NIGUNIM ETC. ETC..

I HAVE ASKED THESE PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE FACULTY THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO TO SUBMIT TO US A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH, PHOTO AND A LIST OF TOPICS FOR SPECIAL LECTURES. I HOPE TO BE OBTAINING THESE AT A SPECIAL STAFF MEETING WHICH HAS BEEN CALLED FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20.

I TRUST THAT RABBI MOND HAS BEEN MEETING WITH HIS FACULTY COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE THEIR AVAILABILITY FOR SPECIFIC SEMINARS AND TO SELECT THOSE THEMES FROM THE STUDY MATERIALS WHICH I LEFT WHICH WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROJECTED PROGRAMS.

I TRUST THAT TALILA WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A TENTATIVE LIST OF ADVISORS AVAILABLE FOR EACH OF THE PROJECTED EVENTS AND OBTAIN SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM MESSRS. LINK, WOLF AND THE OTHERS IN SYDNEY WHO WILL BE SUPPLYING LEADERSHIP. TALILA SHOULD ALSO ADVISE US OF HER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHUGIN, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (BASED UPON THE RESOURCES OF SYDNEY, SHALOM COLLEGE ETC.), EVENING PROGRAMS, WHICH OF THE SCRIPTS AND DRAMATIC MATERIALS SHE PLANS TO USE ETC. ETC..

- 4) DATES - FOLLOWING THE TELEPHONE CALL FROM HANS IN SYDNEY, I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MAJOR HIGH SCHOOL SEMINARS WILL BE TAKING PLACE THERE. HE WAS NOT TOO CLEAR ON THE LOCATION OF THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM. I AM ALSO UNSURE AS TO HOW YOU SEE THE UNIVERSITY SEMINARS. DO YOU ENVISION SEPARATE UNIVERSITY WEEKENDS FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE? IF SO, HOW WILL IT BE POSSIBLE WITHIN A THREE WEEK PERIOD IN SYDNEY TO INCLUDE ORIENTATION, 3 HIGH SCHOOL SEMINARS AND A UNIVERSITY WEEKEND AND STILL PROVIDE A BREATHER BETWEEN EVENTS FOR STAFF? PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE EVENTS ARE EXCEEDINGLY DEMANDING AND DRAINING AND IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE FROM ONE PROGRAM TO ANOTHER WITHOUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO "RECHARGE BATTERIES". WE ARE NOT TOO EXCITED ABOUT THE IDEA EITHER OF SEPARATING FACULTY FOR THE UNIVERSITY SEMINARS AND DIVIDING THEM BETWEEN SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. WITH A TOTAL OF SEVEN OR SO FACULTY AND ONLY ONE STRONG MUSIC PERSON, THEIR IMPACT IS CONSIDERABLY DIMINISHED.

I AM NOT CLEAR EITHER AS TO THE NUMBERS ANTICIPATED AT EACH EVENT NOW THAT FORMS 3, 4 AND 5 OF SCOPUS ARE EXPECTED, AND HOW OR WHEN THE STATE SCHOOL & CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE TO BE COVERED.

PLEASE ON THE BASIS OF COMMENTS PRESENTED ABOVE AND THE REALITIES OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SPACE AND LOCATION, SUBMIT TO ME YOUR PROPOSALS FOR ITINERARY.

- 5) OTHER MATTERS - PLEASE LET EM KNOW WHAT PROVISIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR PUBLICITY. PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPLICATIONS AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS. I HAVE ASKED RABBI LAMM TO SUBMIT TO YOU RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE PROGRAM AND ASSUME THAT YOU ARE DOING LIKEWISE WITH MR. SCHRON.

WE WILL BE SUBMITTING THE LIST OF BOOKS TO BE ORDERED ON BEHALF OF SEMINAR FROM THE \$750 ALLOCATION FROM SCOPUS.

ANY OTHER MATERIALS OR SUPPLIES REQUIRED FROM THIS END WILL HAVE TO BE ORDERED EARLY SINCE SURFACE MAIL IS SO SLOW. IN MOST INSTANCES, VIZ. PREPARATION OF SONGSTERS, PRINTING OF STUDY MATERIALS, ORDERING OF TZITZIT, FILMS, SWEATSHIRTS, KIPOT, BANNERS COULD BEST BE DONE LOCALLY.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL FOR NOW. PLEASE SHARE THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMITTEE (AND WITH SYDNEY).

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH YOU DISPLAYED TO HALKA AND MYSELF DURING OUR VISIT. WE WILL LONG CHERISH EACH OF THE BEAUTIFUL ASSOCIATIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF OUR MEMORABLE TRIP.

KINDEST REGARDS.

CORDIALLY,

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