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Dear Lennie:

Some time ago I sent you a copy of an article based on a lecture I gave concerning sex education. (If you no longer have a copy, please ask your secretary to ask mine for one.)

I feel quite strongly that something ought to be done about the problem. My own very limited experience in education has necessarily circumscribed my involvement in the matter to the ~~theory~~ ^{theory}, but I feel intuitively that there's a great educational contribution waiting to be made.

Do you think that of the hundreds of underworked and overpaid executives and educationists you have at your beck and call, that you can get one person or one committee to look into it? I'm thinking of a method of interlacing sex instruction with both religious and general studies in a truly integrated fashion in Day Schools. Alternatively, you might try a scheme of relating it to Hebrew Studies for afternoon schools and attempt it for all groups, from Orthodox through Reform. Sex, after all, cuts across all lines and, at last report, has not been known to be a respecter of denominational boundaries.

I would have mentioned the possibility of Rogosin Institute tackling the problem, but they have been dragging their feet on less formidable issues. Perhaps you can preempt one or two of their people to work with yours.

Do you think it can be done? Think, think. Better: do!

Yours,

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