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Rabbi Norman Lamm
Jewish Center
131 West 86th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Lamm:

Al Kleiman has informed me that you would like to know my full position on the Yeshiva campus relation to the Riverside-Amsterdam project. I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith photostatic copies of my letters to Mr. Mollen and Dr. Belkin which I hope will clarify this matter.

If you wish any further information, I will be pleased to discuss it with you.

Cordially yours,

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Dr. Samuel Belkin
President
Yeshiva University
Amsterdam Avenue and 186th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Belkin:

It has been called to my attention that my views pertaining to the proposed Riverside-Amsterdam project and the inclusion of Yeshiva University campus in that area may not have been fully understood. I have sent the annexed letter to Chairman Milton Mollen in order to set forth a clarification of my position.

If you wish any further clarification as to the above, I shall be pleased to discuss the same with you.

Sincerely yours,


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Mr. Milton Mollen
Chairman
Housing and Redevelopment Board
2 Lafayette Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mollen:

I am writing this letter in order to fully set forth my views pertaining to the proposed Riverside-Amsterdam project which is located in the 5th Assembly District.

1. I strongly support the necessity for immediate planning for the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Riverside-Amsterdam Area.
2. The redeveloped and rehabilitated area should be expanded to cover the region running from Central Park West to Riverside Drive.
3. Priority should be given to housing consisting of middle income and low income residential units, in a proper ratio and in an amount adequate to serve the needs of the dislocated tenants.
4. Wherever possible, skewed low income rental units should be added in the middle income housing.
5. Consistent with the above, I favor and encourage the inclusion of Yeshiva University campus in this area. This campus will not only serve as an additional cultural institution on the West Side - providing a link from Lincoln Center to Columbia University and giving the West Side one of the finest cultural areas in the country - but will also give assurance that the area will not be permitted to deteriorate and become slum-ridden. Such assurance will be beneficial to the entire community.

If you wish any further clarification as to my views, please communicate with me and I will be pleased to discuss this with you.

Sincerely yours,

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