

April 30, 1962

Dr. S. R. Weiss  
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Dear Dr. Weiss:

1. The enclosed copy is for your records.

2. Your letter to Jhirad was most appropriate.  
To say that I am dismayed by the information [REDACTED] has  
sent us from Bombay is an understatement.

3. I have before me the letter to you of April 22nd  
from Dr. Tartakower. Basically I think he is right. The  
"Heter" by the Chief Rabbi has been given and, as you so  
well put it, "Gazetted." The problem of the controversy  
that remains would come into consideration, possibly, if  
the Union were called upon to officiate at a wedding or  
openly declare its position. However, this is not the case.  
All that we are asked to do is to participate in the budget  
for sending a qualified Rabbi to India. We ought to have  
sufficient confidence in the Chief Rabbi to do at least  
this. Frankly, from Mr. [REDACTED]'s letters, from the apparent  
deterioration in the U.O.J.C.I. in Bombay, and from in-  
formation from other sources, the situation is most acute  
and nothing less than sending a Rabbi now, not three years  
hence - will be an adequate solution. To my mind, we ought  
to inform Dr. Tartakower that we agree in principle but that  
the exact nature of our budgetary commitment is as yet un-  
determined. The Overseas Commission should then make a  
decision in the matter.

Sincerely,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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