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RABBI HAROLD P. SMITH, D.H.L.

October 6, 1976

Rabbi Norman Lamm
Yeshiva University
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Dear Rabbi Lamm:

Had I written the letter of congratulations and blessings when I should have written it, that missive would have been buried among the thousands of others you undoubtedly received. Now it has a chance to be noticed.

Seriously, I send on to you not only my own expressions of congratulations, good wishes, and blessings but those of the entire institutional family of Hebrew Theological College -- administration, board of directors, faculty, students, parents -- our entire community.

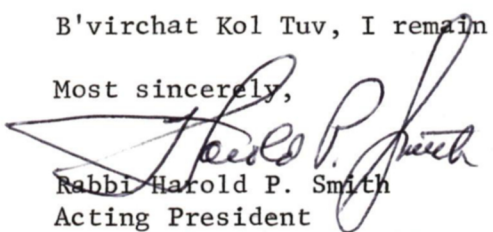
We are all aware of your sterling qualities that make you so fully and totally qualified for the exalted position to which you have been elected. It is our very joyous and satisfying feeling that a great development has taken place for the overall benefit of the Orthodox Jewish community of America, replacing the deep concern (if not the grief) we all felt at the loss of the revered Dr. Belkin, Z.T.L.

I am hopeful and confident that Yeshiva University and Hebrew Theological College will, under your able leadership, not only continue the warm relationship of institutional friendship and mutual cooperation which has always prevailed between us, but will, in fact, augment and enrich this relationship.

Please rest assured that any cooperation and assistance you might ever seek of us for Yeshiva University will, please G-d, certainly be forthcoming, with pleasure and enthusiasm. In the meantime, please accept once again our heartfelt blessings and good wishes toward your inevitable achievement, with G-d's help, of a monumentally successful presidential administration of one of the world's truly great Yeshivos.

B'virchat Kol Tuv, I remain

Most sincerely,


Rabbi Harold P. Smith
Acting President
Hebrew Theological College

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