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January 23, 1963

Dear Rabbi Lamm:

Pursuant to your conversation of today with Rabbi Kasher, I am enclosing the rough draft of a letter which with your permission we should like to send over your signature (or Rabbi Jakobovits') to the people on the enclosed list, as well as a number of others that you kindly offered to furnish us. (~~I did not!~~)

Would you please inform me if and how the letter might benefit by revision, and would you kindly provide me with the above-mentioned additional names, as well as about 50 pieces of your stationery\* (and perhaps too a sample of your signature, to be "forged").

For Rabbi Kasher, I tender heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles Wengrov*

Rabbi Charles Wengrov

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Enc.

P. S. Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum which we plan to include. I would appreciate your suggestions as to how that too, might be improved.

*\*against the possibility that we may require your letterhead in the future too.*

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January 31, 1963

בנין תשכ"ג

Rabbi Norman Lamm  
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New York, N. Y.

Dear Rabbi Lamm:

We are certain that you are well acquainted with the name and the personality of Rabbi Menachem M. Kasher, one of the great scholars of our generation, who has dedicated his life to Jewish learning in general, and especially to the biblical encyclopedia Torah Shelema - of which Volume 21 is now on the press.

Having moved his residence to Israel, he has now returned to these shores for a visit. Now that he plans to spend the greater part of the year in Israel, he has conceived a dynamic, vital idea which can inspire new life into the scholarly Torah world in Israel, and bring great benefit to all Jewry.

We would urge you to kindly read the enclosed Memorandum, for it presents Rabbi Kasher's vision in detail.

In order to realize the plan, we have now organized the Sarei ha-Elef Foundation, an Israeli Scholarship Fund for Higher Torah Study. We feel certain that you will warmly welcome its goals, and with your permission we are adding your name to our roster of officers, now in formation.

ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12 WE ARE HAVING A SMALL GATHERING AT THE FIFTH AVENUE SYNAGOGUE, AT 8:30 P. M., please G-d. Rabbi Kasher will be there, to present his ideas first hand. Please make every effort to attend, for your presence will be needed to launch the venture properly.

Looking forward to seeing you there, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits

Rabbi Norman Lamm

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