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Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon
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Dear Bernard:

I am very flattered by your invitation to me to accept the chairmanship of the committee which you described over the phone.

However, most regretfully, I must decline the invitation. I already indicated to you, during the same conversation, my initial reaction. After thinking about it a bit more, my feelings are intensified rather than diminished. While I approve wholeheartedly of the intentions that inform this particular move, I do take exception to the tactics and the tone, and I believe they will prove self-defeating!

Please, therefore, try to sympathize with my point of view, even if you don't agree with it.

Thanks once again and very best regards,

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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