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Dear Rabbi Lamm:

I truly meant what I said to you on the telephone the other day concerning your article. You have presented your side of this controversial question so splendidly that I do not see how it could be improved upon by anyone else, and unlike the often prolix prose of Dr. Agus, yours is clear and easily understood by any intelligent person. I am therefore delighted to have the opportunity to present it to our readers, who have already had the other side of the dispute.

I have just finished editing the manuscript. As I think I may have mentioned to you, it is very long and I wanted to cut it if possible. I pride myself on an ability to shorten manuscripts without injuring their theses, but I must confess that yours has almost completely baffled me, because wherever I insert the knife it seems that I touch a vital organ. I have managed to delete a sentence or two here and there without damage, but I have found it impossible to delete any long and substantial portions that would result in a worthwhile condensation.

However, with your permission I would like to delete two relatively short passages which I think can be done without injury to the article. At the bottom of page 9 and for the first half of page 10, you give an example which is one of several you have given relating to the American Jewish Committee. They are all valid and excellent examples of what you are talking about, but it seems to me that this one is perhaps the weakest, relative to the others. I would therefore like to delete from the paragraph at the bottom of page 9 beginning "But more than vulgarity is in issue here" down to but not including the last paragraph on page 10.

I would also like to delete the long paragraph beginning above the middle of page 11 and ending with the 2nd line of page 12. This passage makes an interesting point, but one which I do not think is absolutely vital to your thesis.



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I have just been notified that we must go to press earlier than we had anticipated, but <sup>due</sup> to a number of factors I won't burden you with, and I am therefore not certain as to whether I can get your article into that issue or not, although I will try to do so. Meanwhile, I will send you a copy of the edited version of the manuscript just as soon as it can be typed, and I think this will be a more satisfactory way of letting you see it than waiting until proofs are ready, especially in view of my earlier press date.

As for reprints, our experience here has been that they are very expensive when our printer does them, especially in small amounts of a couple of thousand or so. Any printer that does offset work in New York could run them off for you much cheaper, I am sure, and all he would need would be a couple of clean copies of the issue, which we would be glad to send you. Or, our own print shop in this building could reproduce them by offset, although I don't know how many you would need and therefore cannot give you a price.

The annual subscription to our magazine is a purely nominal sum of \$1.50 per year, and although I could deduct it from your author's fee, the easiest way would be for you to send us a check for that amount separately if you wish to subscribe.

Yours sincerely



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