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31st July, 1973.

Dear Mr. Stern,

Rabbi Norman and Mrs. Lamm have stimulated, electrified and greatly influenced a fair section of our Melbourne community. We are delighted with their visit and we only hope that the heavy schedule which they undertook in this city will be offset by a few days rest before their return to the United States.

I'm sure you will be delighted to hear that out of an overall total Jewish population of 35,000 in Victoria, Rabbi Lamm will have addressed at least 4,500 during his stay here. Allowing for the fact that a number of people attend more than one lecture, the Rabbi has had at least 2,000 different people listen to him who will long remember his visit. Most likely you have heard the Rabbi explain that our great Teachers are known by their works rather than by their names; our Teachers and their Book form an identity. Similarly, Rabbi Lamm's lectures were the mirror of his personality and Melbourne loves him for it.

We, here in Australia, are grateful to the Jewish Center for allowing the Rabbi sufficient "holidays" for this visit. The Jewish Center is blessed with a great jewel. Please continue to share the Rabbi's time and energy with Jewry in the rest of the U.S.A. and with us in Australia. Your congregation will be blessed by all the Jews who come in contact with your remarkable genius.

Here in Melbourne we are discussing with the Rabbi a certain follow programme and we hope that Rabbi Lamm will help in selecting Rabbis, camp councillors and youth leadership instructors from the U.S.A. to spend two months in Australia next year.

May I suggest to make the life of the Rabbi a bit easier, and to allow his message to be driven home to greater numbers, that your congregation provide the Rabbi with an "avante gard" to prepare his visits and possibly a group of young men and ladies to follow up (not speaking of Australia) on the Rabbi's words. Rabbi Lamm's message could possibly bear even greater fruit.

I deep gratitude to you and to your congregation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

H.A. BACHRACH.