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January 3, 1969

Dr. Norman Lamm Jewish Center 131 West 86th Street New York, New York 10024

Dear Doctor Lamm:

Rabbi Rosenfeld has informed me that you will be available to participate in our TV in-service program, Family Living, Including Sex Education. The program will be shown on Channel 25 to teachers who are involved in our program. Our district coordinators are also encouraging parents to view this program at home.

The first session in which you have so kindly agreed to participate will be taped on January 27, 1969, 3-5 p.m., at Channel 25, 112 Tillary Street, Brooklyn. There is ample parking at the municipal parking garage on Jay Street, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ blocks from the studio. The studio is also near the subway.

I am enclosing some of the questions we plan to discuss on the program. Please feel free to add additional questions if you so desire.

Please accept my deepest appreciation for your professional interest in our program. If a question arises, please call me at 596-6168.

Very truly yours,

Domenick G. Canepa

Coordinator, Family Living Program

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cc: Helene M. Lloyd

Assistant Superintendent

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FAMILY LIVING, INCLUDING SEX EDUCATION

Television In-Service Course, Spring 1969

Taping of Session No. 1, January 27, 3 to 5 p.m. Channel 25, 112 Tillary Street, Brooklyn, New York

A. FORMAT

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- 1. Panel members will make brief introductory remarks.
- 2. Discussion will be informal.
- 3. Narrator will ask questions such as the following.

B. QUESTIONS

- 1. Over the past months, we have heard about this new program of Family Living, Including Sex Education now in use in the New York City schools. What is this program and what does it aim to do?
- 2. Why did New York city schools initiate instruction in an area that used to be reserved exclusively for the home and the church? Does this mean that the home and church no longer have to be concerned about sex education?
- 3. How did you reach agreement about what to teach in Family Living, Including Sex Education?
- 4. How many children are now under instruction? Teachers? Grades? Districts?
- 5. Are the teachers really prepared to teach sex education in family living? What help are they getting?
- 6. How is sex education taught in our schools? Are girls and boys taught in the same classroom?
- 7. Is the teaching of sex education likely to cause children to experiment with sex or to encourage sexual misconduct?
- 8. How are the special needs of the community being met in this program? Do the many cultural patterns and ethnic groups we have in our city affect instruction in any way?
- 9. How can I find out if my child's school is involved in the program? How does a school make provision to teach Family Living, Including Sex Education?
- 10. What happens if a parent does not want his child to receive instruction?
- 11. How are questions handled which are regarded by some people as controversial, for example: masturbation, homosexuality, contraception?
- 12. What has been the overall reaction to the program by parents, clergy, school staff, students?
- 13. What are the "next steps" in the growth of the program?

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