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Dear President Lamm (or may I ~~say~~ still call you Prof. Lamm, or even Lamm; and may be even, Norman?)

Now that the flood of greetings and congratulations has subsided into a mere river, and that you may have the time to read some of its contents before <sup>fully</sup> facing the avalanche of the new daily activities, may I add a few drops to your steadily bulging archives. It surely would have been much easier for you to be Professor of Judaic Studies at Brooklyn College, and indeed more challenging than that to head the Department. The headaches at Yeshiva University will certainly be greater. However, there is no comparison when it comes to the spiritual and emotional rewards that come with task of steering the course of the great Jewish institution in these critical times and the happiness that comes with achievements on this high level.

May I therefore join the multitude of wellwishers in congratulating both the University and you on the wise choice that both of you have made. I wish you the very best, as few complications as possible, a minimum of politics and more than a soapbox, in resistance to ~~an~~ established bureaucracies. You must teach at least one course. That's the only practical advice I can give you now. May I also offer my help whenever you may desire to have it.

My own and my good wife's and family's wishes range from L.I. to Amsterdam (Nederland) from where our Jerusalemite daughter Rivka, now Duker-Fishman, in the throes of actually finishing her Ph.D. dissertation, writes most enthusiastically about you and the University's future under your leadership.

!אבאם אפול פראל פראלאל אלאל !אבאם אפול  
Most cordially  
Abel Duker