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Dear Mr. Liebgott:

Now that I have begun to return to my usual routine here in New York, I want to let you know how deeply grateful I am to you for the friendship you have shown me during my stay in Africa, as well as for acting in the role of "shadchan" and thereby being instrumental in effecting my visit.

It is obvious to anyone who bothers to acquaint himself with the situation in South Africa that you are indeed a key man in keeping the cause of Torah alive in this wonderful Jewish community. I must express to you my admiration for the fact that you have so vividly and genuinely fulfilled the maxim of our Rabbis, that "where there are no men, you must try to be a man." I know and trust that with your discretion and good sense, you will continue to pursue the cause ~~that~~ unite us with a great deal of zeal and dedication, together with those others who are, as I mentioned to you, the true "neturai Karta" -- the guardians of the walls of Judaism.

Meanwhile, I have been in contact with Rabbi Rosenfeld about your request to recommend possible substitutes for Prof. Edar. As soon as I shall have an opportunity, if Rabbi Rosenfeld consents to release his Australian report, I shall mail it on to you.

If there is anything I can do for you from afar, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Finally, please convey my very best wishes to Mrs. Liebgott and to your daughter, and please give my very best regards to all our friends in Johannesburg.

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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P.S. I have taken the liberty of sending you some reprints of a number of articles and talks I recently gave.