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Rabbi Norman Lamm,
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131 West 86th St.
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Dear Rabbi Lamm,

Thank you for your letter and for the sermon.

The same mail chanced to bring something from Israel which I thought I should mention to you in case you haven't seen it. It is a series of studies by Dr. Nahum Rackover, the advisor on Hebrew Law, of the Israeli Government Justice Dept. on Jewish Law and questions of human rights. He deals with many of the same topics that you have written about such as the laws of privacy and self incrimination, and so I thought I should call his work to your attention in case you have not seen it. Dr. Rackover's address is Richov Ittamar Ben Tsvi 22, Jerusalem.

What I would like to talk to you about one of these days is your work on halachah and human rights. Your two essays on the 4th and 5th amendments are required readings in the course I give at a nearby university in Jewish Law and the issues of our time and the students have found them very enlightening. You really ought to do more work along these lines relating Jewish law to its parallels in western law. I think that Lily Edelman has mentioned to me that you are at work on a book along these lines, and if so I would like to know more about it and am eager to see it when it is ready. It should be a helpful work.

Tell me what other material on Jewish law and contemporary issues you have prepared, if you will, and perhaps we can get together to talk about these things the next time I get to New York.

Meantime with all good wishes for briyut haguf vihanefesh, I am

Sincerely yours,

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