grun a December 3, 1964 Rabbi Norman Bernhard 77 Howard Avenue Staten Island 1, New York Dear Norman: Thank you for sending me copies of the correspondence between you and the people from the Oxford Synagogue. Your frankness in your reply is most commendable. However, I think it would be much kinder not to impose your own inner hesitations upon them. Your next to the last paragraph about not closing the door finally will probably keep them in a state of doubt for a long time. I personally feel it would have been wise to make the visit in December, on the simple grounds that there is nothing like seeing things first-hand, but I suppose it is too late for that now. Whatever you decide, may it be the best and wisest decision for you and your family. Kindest regards to your wife. Sincerely yours, RABBI NORMAN LAMM NL:rf