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My dear Norman,

Thank you very much for your letter of June 7. Unfortunately it reached me only on the afternoon of June 15 as you will see from the copy of the letter which I have written to our mutual friend Rabbi Jakobovits. I don't think I have anything else to add about the Erub to what I have already written to Rabbi Jakobovits. By now I am sure you must have heard all about the Chief Rabbinate. I understand that Sir Isaac said that you refused to accept it but the rumours current here are that you refused to do so because you don't want to work with the present BethODin. That has definitely raised your stock in the eyes of many here. I had a long talk with Sir Isaac on which I will report to you when I see you. I wonder what the story is that you promised to the "Jewish Chronicle" when a Chief Rabbi is elected; I can only guess.

I now want to take this opportunity to thank you and your wife very much for your very kind hospitality to me and above all, for your friendship. I do wish you could be here for the

wedding of my daughter, Raquel.

Write to me about the news in New York. Are you going to have your thesis published? Both my wife and I send you all our best wishes,

Yours very/sincerely,