Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm 131 West 86th Street New York, New York

Dear Rav Lamm:

I hope this note finds you and yours well, and at the beginning of a happy, healthy and fruitful year.

Your remarks about my pamphlet project to encourage new writers are much appreciated, both for your having taken the time to respond and for the guidance. The outline has meanwhile been returned to my "ideas" file.

Again I ask you for the benefit of your thinking, and hope you will similarly respond.

Two summers ago, I organized and chaired a symposium at the Rabbinical Alliance convention on the theme of "New Currents on the Orthodox Scene." Participating were Dr. Glick for AOJS, Rabbi Steinhorn for Yavneh, Mr. Kipust for the AOJT, and myself (by default) for COLPA. Rabbi Jacobs of the OBSERVER requested the papers for publication but months later his board turned them down. Saul Bernstean then took a few months to say no, although he indicated an interest in their publication although unable at the moment to suggest the form.

I then discussed the matter with Marvin Schick, including the thought that COLPA publish them as a pamphlet on public affairs. He offered this suggestion, for which reason I write to you: that these papers, which are introductions to the four groups, be the first half of the pamphlet, while in the other half, people like yourself and/or Charles Liebman comment on the challenge, both to the groups themselves and to the community, the combined papers becoming a document of the times. As such, the UOJCA might publish it as a pamphlet, or, if no kaker other suitable publisher could be found, COLPA could sponsor it.

Enclosed are the papers (which could be easily updated) and a return envelope. Your thoughts and comments will be much appreciated.

sincerely,

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P.S. - Incidentally, Dr. Liebman was present at the symposium and is familiar with the proceedings.