October 23, 1972 Rabbi Israel Silverstein 140 Riverside Drive New York, N.Y. 10024 Dear Rabbi Silverstein: Please accept my congratulations for your designation as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Citation of Yeshiva University at the annual Hanukhah Dinner. I know that all your friends will respond enthusiastically to this award and, hopefully respond to your invitation to rally to the cause of Yeshiva University. Most regretfully, I shall not be able to attend the Hanukhah Dinner personally on December 10. At that time, I expect to be in the midst of an international conference in Geneva and so it will not be possible for me to do what I would have much preferred to do -- to be with you and your wife at that time. My wife joins me in warmest best wishes and enthusiastic congratulations to you and Mrs. Silverstein and all your family. Cordially, RABBI NORMAN LAMM NL:cw