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Rabbi Norman Lamm
The Jewish Center
New York City

Dear Rabbi Lamm,

I wonder whether you could help us out in the following matter:
An American girl who participated in an Ulpan in Sdeh Eliyahu was proselytized in the United States before she came to Israel under the supervision of Rabbi Joseph Gold of Worcester, Mass. At the Ulpan she met a Jewish boy from France to whom she was engaged to be married. At the request of the Bet Din in Tiberias she produced the necessary documents relating to her proselytization, but was informed that since Rabbi Gold was not known to the Bet Din her ~~second~~ ceremony would not be recognized. It was suggested that she go through the ceremony a second time. But as so often happens in such cases, she was badly hurt by the suggestion. Among other things, she regards it as an affront to Rabbi Gold whom she regards very highly.

Do you perhaps know Rabbi Joseph Gold personally, or do you know anyone who knows him and whose testimony is likely to be accepted by the Bet Din or some other competent authority in Israel?

If so, and if there is no reason to doubt the validity of a ~~guiyur~~ performed under Rabbi Gold's supervision, could you have documents testifying to that effect sent either to me or to the secretariat of Sdeh Eliyahu.

I am troubling you in this matter, since at the moment I don't know the address of anyone else who could help me ~~in the matter~~. Simultaneously with this letter, I am sending off a postcard to Lenny Rosenfeld in Jerusalem asking whether he knows anyone in Israel who might have the necessary information.

Please convey my regards to your family, to Seymour Jasper, and to my sister-in-law, if and when you see her.

respectfully,

Eliezer
Eliezer Goldman