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Dear Norman:

I just received "Some Thoughts On Leadership" and I had to write with my reactions.

What a majestic statement! You touched so many bases with sensitivity and elegance. I was moved by the entire speech, but particularly by your explanation of the need for compromise with its attendant principle of openness and *ahavat Yisrael*. The statement from the Kotzker Rebbe was so magnificently applied. The explanation of God's handling of *emes* was breathtaking. Finally, the application of the *teshuva* of the *t'rumas ha-deshen* was so homiletically creative and practically decisive. "What holds true for a *Sefer Torah* must hold true for a Jewish *neshama*." Simply brilliant!

A modern Orthodox leadership conference merits a highly significant statement about how we ought to function as Orthodox Jews. I so much admire your having presented that statement with eloquence and power.

Very cordially yours,

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