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May 9, 1963

Honorable John M. Murtagh
Administrative Judge
Criminal Court of the City of New York
100 Centre Street
New York 13, New York

Dear Judge Murtagh: *Murtagh*

In accordance with the recommendation made to me by a clerk in the court, I am sending enclosed a summons I recently received together with an explanation why I feel I should not be required to pay the fine.

The car was double parked immediately in front of my synagogue. A "Clergy" sign was prominently displayed together with a clearly visible note, which I had hurriedly written when I parked, explaining to any patrolman that I was in the synagogue building on important business. I signed my name to the note.

My presence in the synagogue was not as required by normal business, but more in the nature of an emergency. Even then, I left my study a number of times to make sure that no other motorist was inconvenienced, and I even drove around several blocks looking for a parking place, but without success.

Under normal circumstances I would certainly not protest the ticket. But in this particular case, I respectfully submit that there was good reason for me to do what I did, and I therefore request of your Honor to dismiss the summons.

With many thanks for your kind and thoughtful consideration,

Sincerely yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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