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Draft Memo to Dr. Belkin
on Camp Morasha Special Program

1. This memorandum has been prepared at the suggestion of Dr. Belkin, pursuant to his discussion with Rabbi Norman Lamm on October 9, 1964.
2. The proposal aims at introducing a special Yeshiva University Academic Program into Camp Morasha, in addition to the regular education scheme which proved so successful last year and which is being revised for even greater achievements this coming season.
3. The plan involves thirty young men, ten of them Semichah students, and twenty JSP students, potential candidates for RIETS.
4. Other than the approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours per day set aside for recreational and athletic activities, full time will be devoted to studies.
5. The 20 younger students will receive an intensive course geared to preparing them for RIETS. Hence, the emphasis will be on Talmud, although other material will be included. Two JSP students will be assigned to each Semichah student who will be their "Big Brother," training them especially in Gemara. It is hoped that by the end of eight weeks of such concentrated study, they will be about ready to take a full RIETS course, perhaps eventually leading to Semichah.
6. The ten Semichah students would have to come from amongst the very best students in that class. They must be able not only to teach but also to inspire their JSP charges.

7. In addition to the approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ "free hours" mentioned, the Semichah students program is envisioned as follows:
- (a) teaching the JSP students, as above.
 - (b) assisting in the general educational and guidance program of the camp, not more than one hour per day.
 - (c) continuing their own Talmudic studies.
 - (d) supplementary guidance in extra-Talmudic studies and practical aspects of the Rabbinate. This might include coaching in speech, the opportunity to practice it in camp, and guest lectures on various practical rabbinic and communal problems.
8. A faculty member from RIETS would be in charge of the program.
9. Suitable physical facilities are already available.
10. The cost to the camp for this program would be approximately \$300 per person, exclusive of staff. It is felt that to pay for the ten Semichah students plus a faculty member in charge we need a subvention of about \$5,000.