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Mr. Robin Gilbert
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Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I am sorry that I was not able to visit with you in Switzerland or wait for you in India. I am glad, however, that you have finally arrived in India, and I trust that you will fulfill all the great expectations held forth for the J.D.C. and for you in particular in India.

I had wanted to discuss with you the highly complex problem in Bombay, especially regarding the schools. As you doubtless know, these things can become very complicated.

May I make a suggestion? The J.D.C. in all its endeavors throughout the world has always been rightly famous for its impartiality with regard to local controversies. I would therefore make this completely confidential recommendation to you: that the Joint Committee in Bombay also include some people other than the Liberal group. There are people like Mr. A. D. Jhirad, Mr. Saul Penkar, Mr. J. S. Ezra, and Miss Sophy Kelly, who would be good material for such a committee and make for more comprehensive community representation. I am saying this not because I believe that you will yourself be swayed to any one point of view; rather, in order that the Joint will be able, at its inception, to begin without any taint of suspicion of prejudice.

Do let me hear from you as to your progress. Our Indian brethren are sometimes hotheaded and I hope that you will steel yourself to their temperaments and thus keep happy and healthy.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Norman Lamm