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Rabbi Norman Lamm,
The Jewish Center,
131 West 86th Street,
New York 24,
N.Y.,
U.S.A.

Dear Rabbi Lamm,

Thank you for your letter of the 26th November. I quite appreciate the sorrow which the tragic assassination of President Kennedy must have cast over the United States. I can assure you that this was not confined to America alone for the late President Kennedy was one of the great leaders of modern times. He was certainly the most dynamic, the most imaginative and the most courageous head of state the Western world possessed. He was, perhaps, the first leader of one of the great powers imbued with the true spirit of the Twentieth Century. For him justice, freedom and equality were human virtues worth fighting for. Let us hope that his fight for human rights will not be in vain.


Rabbi Goss's book, I hope, will give you some material on the background, the aspirations, the goals and the type of Jewish education in South Africa which we represent. I do not think that there is a basic difference between our aims and yours.

I would like you to know that our Jewish Day Schools - King David Schools - only devote approximately one hour a day to Hebraic studies, apart from the early morning and Minchah services, which take approximately, another forty minutes. When you see the King David School, which was only established in 1949 with six pupils and numbers today, well over two thousand in Johannesburg alone, you will be able to judge for yourself.

I am enclosing several of my stories and articles, which may give you a glimpse of the type of community you will meet in the very near future.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,



A. MISHEIKER.
ORGANISER-SECRETARY.

P.S. Enclosed please find first press
cuttings dealing with your forthcoming
visit to South Africa.