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Rabbi Mandel
c/o The Jewish Community
Auckland, New Zealand

My dear Rabbi Mandel:

About two years ago, I gave a series of lectures at the Harry Fischel Institute in Jerusalem. At that time, I believe you were connected with the Institute. I may be mistaken, but that is my impression.

At any rate, whether you are or are not the person I have in mind, I do hope you will permit me to impose upon you with a number of queries for information.

Mrs. Lamm and I plan to spend about four weeks in Australia on a series of lectures this coming summer (winter for you). On our return trip, we were thinking of spending a week or ten days in New Zealand. We would want to leave Australia for New Zealand some time immediately after *aka ayel*.

Now, my question is whether you know of any strictly kosher people who are willing to accommodate travelers in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch. Of course, we are willing to pay for all accommodations.

This will considerably facilitate what we hope will be a brief motor tour through your country. In the event that kosher facilities in any or all of these communities, would you be kind enough to let me know if there are any hotels or motels nearby should we decide to spend a Shabbat in such community.

Do let me hear from you as soon as possible, and many many thanks in advance for responding to me.

Cordially,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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