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Mr. Leonid Lamm
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Dear Mr. Lamm:

Your name has come to my attention as one of our brothers in the Soviet Union who is aware and proud of his Jewishness, and who wants to emigrate to Israel.

Since we share the same family name, I think we may be relatives. My father, Meir Shmuel Lamm, was born near Lwow which is today in the Soviet Union. His parents and grandparents before him lived in this same town of Kamienko. I suppose we have other relatives who lived in Jewish communities throughout Poland and Russia.

I myself am American-born, and have lived here all my life. I am the rabbi of a large and influential congregation in New York City, and I am a professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University. I am married and have four children.

There are a number of Lamm families in New York, but most of them are not related to us. I would appreciate hearing from you, learning of your family background and your family at present, and also of how you are doing. Is there anything I can do for you?

I do not know if you understand or can write English. Do you understand Yiddish or Hebrew? I can make my way through French and German, but unfortunately I do not know Russian.

I trust I shall hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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