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My dear Dr. Belkin:

I have just returned from the Torah Leadership Seminar, held at the Lake House in Woodridge, N. Y. This has given me an opportunity not only to participate, but to observe at first hand the sort of work that is being done by Yeshiva University through its Youth Bureau. I thought you might be interested in some of the observations of one of your "Talmidim".

I can only say that it is a pity that such projects were not instituted many years ago. I have already heard from some of the parents of the Springfield children who accompanied me some heart-warming reports about the effect the conclave had upon them. It was a most inspiring experience to notice the deep thirst for Torah and the deep desire for Traditional Judaism that these children evinced. Yeshiva is now tapping an almost unlimited resource of manpower that exists in our country.

But all of this would be impossible if not for the superb direction and highly competent professional guidance of Abraham Stern. His talent, his devotion, and his ability to develop competent subordinates, certainly deserve to be acknowledged in gratitude by Yeshiva men like myself, who benefited so much from his work. I know that you will appreciate hearing this kind of report about the professional employees of Yeshiva.

The enthusiasm for Orthodoxy, and the desire evinced by many of my youngsters to attend Yeshiva College or Stern College, only serves to underscore another feeling that I have had, that I would now like to present to you. And that is, the crying need for a full time summer camp, one which would be self supporting, for our children. Yeshiva stands everything to gain and nothing to lose by such a venture. If six days at a Seminar can produce such results on my children, I can only imagine the effect of sixty days of living in such an environment.

With the hope that this suggestion will merit your consideration'

I remain



Most respectfully yours,

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Rabbi Norman Lamm