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September 12, 1978

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your unusual new year greeting. It is a rare instance of something that is both computerized and personalized!

I am distressed that, according to your report, the other side in the [REDACTED] controversy did not live up to your full expectations. However, from reports that I received, there was no open mutt slinging, and thus the dignity of the organization, as well as the reputation of the cause for which it came into being, emerged unscathed. That, I think, is the really important result. That is no small achievement, and both sides are to be congratulated for their self-restraint.

I do regret that there were undercurrents of rumors of other kinds, but I would beg you not to be bitter about it. You lived up to your commitments, and I am sure that you will never have reason to regret it. I am pleased and proud at your conduct, and I am deeply grateful that you acceded to my request. Even though I was not successful in finding a compromise candidate, I do believe that the final results were better than they could have been without any intervention.

Do accept my very warmest good wishes for a healthful and happy new year, one in which you will achieve a great deal both personally and communally.

Now that you are in our area, I do hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you much more often. Warmest good wishes for a

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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