

12/19/62

To Leo Pfeffer

Rabbi Dr. J. B. Soloveitchik has read and approved  
of the text of the enclosed statement and will  
gladly confirm it to you if you so wish.

Kindly let us have back the enclosed copy of the  
statement with your signature for our files.

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I have now been authoritatively informed that the visit was of a purely private nature (following prior consultations with national Jewish communal and rabbinic authorities), and that the facts were not as reported. In the conversations, there was not the slightest attempt made to decry or apologize for any Jewish organizations or attitudes. There was no mention whatever made of the Lord's Prayer or any other religious exercises in the public schools, and no promise was requested or given to issue any statement or pursue any policy with regard to public issues, as alleged in my article.

In view of the above, I readily withdraw my erroneous statement, and express my deep regret for any distress or misunderstanding caused as a result of this report.



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I regret any distress which may have been caused to the Rabbis in question as a result of this report.

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