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Dear Rabbi Apple:

My wife and I have finally returned home, after a long flight from New Zealand. Thank heavens we are all well and, if somewhat fatigued, exhilarated by our unusual experiences in your part of the world. I must tell you that ~~on~~^{we} have the most memorable aspects in our visit to Sydney was the opportunity for us to make the acquaintance of you and your good wife in what, hopefully, will be the beginning of a long friendship. I am impressed by the dedication and the sure touch that you bring to your work and I know that you will exploit all the opportunities open to you in a manner that will bring glory to Torah and a well deserved reputation to yourself.

We were truly touched by the gift you gave us upon our departure and we shall always treasure it as a memento of our visit.

After leaving Sydney we spend about a week with [redacted] of Auckland. Frankly, it was a terrific letdown after Melbourne and Sydney. [redacted] is a competent and extremely devoted man, but his community is apparently unresponsive to his ministrations and uncooperative with him. I feel that the sacrifices that he is making in the education and happiness of his family are simply not worth the trivial results that his congregation can possibly afford him. I counselled him to get out as soon as he can, both for his family's sake and for his professional status and personal growth.

Apparently, his wife has her heart set on Sydney and I wonder if you can be of any assistance to them. Naturally, it is of the utmost urgency that all this be kept in utter confidence.

Do keep in touch, and please accept on behalf of my wife and myself to your wife and your children as well as your mother-in-law our warmest good wishes for a happy, healthful and creative New Year