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Rabbi Norman Lamm,  
The Jewish Center,  
131 West 86th St.,  
New York 24, N.Y.

Dear Rabbi Lamm,

My sincere apologies for having delayed in replying to your letter of 9th January but I have been extremely busy and no definite agreement had, till recently, been arrived at.

After lengthy discussions a proposal has been put forward that the 2 rabbis, viz. Rabbi Gotthold and Rabbi Kushelevsky will come to Bombay under the patronage of the two Presidents of the leading Synagogue organisations, viz. United Synagogues of India and The Union of Orthodox Synagogues. They will not come as 'shelichim' of the Rabbinat in Israel nor under the auspices of the Jewish Agency. In this way we will negate to the utmost any opposition which is bound to arise. On this matter we have had the full cooperation of Mr. Penkar and Mr. Jhirad and, with the able leadership of Mr. Albert Menasseh, the above solution was arrived at. The President of the United Synagogues of India has accepted the proposal in principle but it is yet to be ratified by the Council.

I shall be leaving for Israel this week and will meet Dr. Warhaftig to discuss the matter.

Wishing you and your family a Pesach Kasher Samech.

Yours sincerely,

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