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Dear Rabbi Lamm:

Before getting down to the major subject of this letter, I think you will be pleased to know that the recent seminar in Finland has been paying dividends. Firstly, our local student group is even more active now than previously in political and cultural activities. Best of all is the interest for Jewish studies. I have organized a course with some 20 participants in Jewish Law. We are using Louis Jacob's relatively simple text prepared for teen agers because Hebrew would be an insurmountable obstacle. They have, until now, showed much concern for the topic and have actively participated in the discussions.

In addition to the above course (and several others in Jewish customs and laws, Zionism and soviet Jewry) there is a heightened commitment to Aliyah. Quite a few of our best kids are seriously planning to go and many have made definite arrangements for trial years and for continued studies.

It is in regard to the last point that I write to you. A young, serious, orthodox 19 year older (finishing gymnasium in June) is looking for a school where he can study Talmud, Bible, Ivrit and related subjects at least for a year before returning here for college work. (American and Israeli university credits are not acceptable here). He had originally spoken to me about an Israeli Yeshiva, but I think that Y.U.'s approach (as best reflected in your own attitudes and views) will be more in keeping with the tenor of his life and attitudes.

I suggested that I write to you to inquire whether a summer preparatory course is available at YU and whether a special course of studies consisting only of Jewish subjects can be arranged for 1970-1971. Although not unable to bear a reasonable financial burden, his family may need some form of scholarship. They are themselves orthodox and Jörgen served as Chazzan (Baal Shacharit) in one of the major Minyanim for Rosh Hahshanah and Yom Kippur. He also has participated in a local weekly Talmud Shiur. His Yiddish is also not too bad- both parents speak it well.

If you think that something can be done, please have those responsible write directly ---

Many thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,