

May 9, 1963

Mr. Moe Feurstein
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New York City

Dear Moe:

The tendency expressed in the enclosed release is known to me for some time now.

There is nothing you or I can or should do about it. My own feeling is that this would consolidate the conservative movement and create an irrevocable break with Orthodoxy.

If anyone from the Press should ever ask you what you think of it, especially in light of the lay involvement by The United Synagogue, I strongly urge you to say that it is a completely internal affair and that while you have your opinions you do not feel it appropriate to make any public statement, except for the fact that you do not understand how "Halakhah" can be decided by non-experts, such as lay leaders of The United Synagogue.

Sincerely,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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