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Dear Moe:

I know no more about the enclosed than you do. I am awaiting the text of the Chief Rabbi's decision before I can appreciate all the nuances and subtleties of the situation.

However, superficially it seems that Rabbi Nissim struck a compromise. He allows inter-marriage with the Bene-Israel, but only after a thorough search of the geneology of the Bene-Israel applicant. The Rabbis of the right object to the dispensation altogether, and the Bene-Israel activists in Israel object to the special condition. Poor Rabbi Nissim is right in the middle.

Which is where we are too.

Cordially yours,

RABBI NORMAN LAMM

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