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For technical reasons the letter has been delayed. In the meantime your letter was received which confirmed receipt of my letter of 27th Nissan

With reference to the information which you received from your friend's teacher and her interpretation of my suggestion to inquire of a Rav. that it meant "NO", I cannot understand her logic for if I meant to say no I would have said so. It further surprises me in the light of your describing your friend's teacher as a frum girl (a) on what basis does she usurp the authority of a Rav where there are scores of Rabbonim on hand. Surely she ought to know the Issur of teaching a Din in the presence of one's teacher (Rav) even when one knows the Din without a doubt. (b) what is worse is- if your description of the friend and of the conditions is right- that the Din is clear in the Shulchan Aruch in the affirmative-Yes. This shows first of all that she does not know the Din and worse still- she has misled her friend. All this is based of course on the assumption that your description of your friend's character and the pertinent conditions is correct.