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By the Grace of G-d
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Greeting and Blessing:

I duly received your letter in connection with the
"Evening with Chasidism" which was arranged by the Friends
of Merkos in the Twin Cities.

Although the letter reached me with some delay, after
I had already received reports on the success of the affair
and the warm response that it had evoked, I was very pleased
to receive your letter and to note your personal interest
and leading participation in the activities of the Friends
of Merkos. However, this acknowledgment is intended to be
more than a matter of protocol, for the important thing is
that the affair should have continuity, since the response
was primarily in the form of aroused interest and by way of
introduction to practical things to follow. And although
you and your friends are surely doing everything possible
in this direction, I trust that these lines will add some
stimulation, in accordance with the saying of our Sages,
"Encourage the energetic." An important outcome of this
and similar affairs is the raising of funds for physical
facilities to carry on important youth activities and func-
tions. All the more so that soon vacation time will be with
us, and it will be necessary to intensify these activities,
for which suitable premises are, of course, a first prere-
quisite.

I am confident that your personal efforts, as well as
the concerted efforts of all the Friends of Merkos in the
Twin Cities, will meet with the deserved success, especial-
ly as we have the promise, "He who is determined to purify
himself - and others (according to the emphasis of the Alter
Rebbe, founder of Chabad) - receives help from On High."
Considering the vital cause, the help from On High should be
very considerable.

I take this opportunity to express my gratification al-
so at your reporting on Rabbi Feller's inspiring leadership,
and of the growing number of fellow Jews who take advantage
of the educational activities of Lubavitch. No doubt your
good self and other faculty members set a fine example to
others.

Prof. Chaim Meir Alter, M.D., Ph.D.

May you all go from strength to strength in this
direction.

With blessing, *M. Schwartz*