

Admonition

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B.H. 17 Adar Rishon, 5744  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rabbi

To instruct my secretary  
not to answer

Greeting:

This After reading your letter of (Jan. 29), my first reaction was to ignore it. But then I remembered the exhortation of our Sages of the Mishnah to judge everyone "in the scale of merit"; though, frankly, I have difficulty in finding any merit in your letter - perhaps because I am not accustomed to receive letters of this kind of (pardon the vulgar expression) "name-calling." (read)

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if possible  
or a "slight"  
What would you think of a person (even not a Rabbi Emeritus) who had "just read a report" of something happening thousands of mile away, in a place and country equally far away in terms of the socio-spiritual climate and mores prevailing there, accepts the report on its face value, without taking the trouble to verify whether it is perhaps biased, slanted, or a distortion of the actual facts, and immediately jumps to the conclusion to condemn the alleged "culprits" and, by association, a host of other people, in a vehement and unrestrained manner, using expressions and epithets unworthy of any responsible person? such as in the above mentioned letter. Come!  
I did investigate what actually took place and the circumstances surrounding it, and it made me wonder how many hastily apologetic letters you would have to write to those whom you've so "misjudged," and considered in your "small" outburst. etc

In light of the above, I trust you will understand not feel offended by my not signing this letter personally, though I dictated and read it.

With due respect,

For the Lubavitcher Rebbe

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By  
Secretary

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