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By the Grace of G-d
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Mr. [redacted]
c/o Agudas Israel
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Greeting and Blessing:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of the 14th and 18th of Sept., with the enclosures.

To begin with a Brocho, I extend to you and all yours prayerful wishes for a Chasimo u'Gmar Chasimo Tovo, and the fulfillment of your heart's desires for good in all the matters about which you wrote, both general and personal.

There is no need to emphasize the importance of the efforts to help our brethren behind the Iron Curtain, as well as those who have been released from there, as you surely know the declaration of the Mishna that even "one person is like a whole world," and, indeed, as Adam Horishon was one in the whole world.

You do not mention anything about your personal health, which I assume has fully improved since your writing to me about it some time ago. I have had this also confirmed by mutual friends, of whom I inquire about you from time to time.

I take this opportunity to enclose copies of the general letters in connection with Rosh Hashono.

With reference to your asking why I have not commented on certain topics of your previous correspondence, you can surmise it from my reference to your suggestion about a revival of the "World Joint Orthodox Jewish Committee." With all due respect, I do not see that such an organization at this time would serve a practical purpose, considering the situation in various circles. However, I do not want to dwell on this subject, especially as we are now in the middle of the Ten Days of Teshuvo, when one should be particularly careful not to say anything disparaging about another Jew. If you think that you can succeed in reviving such an organization, Lubavitch will, of course, participate, provided that it will truly reflect the name in regard to "world," "joint," as well as "Orthodox."

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As a matter of fact, if only everyone, as an individual leader, or layman, would do his share even without a concerted effort, to act in the real spirit of the Torah, without an admixture of irrelevant aspects, this would be the most practical way to improve the present Jewish situation everywhere, and in the greatest measure. And though at this time, in the Ten Days of Teshuvo, "Your people are all righteous," there is surely room for further improvement, since there is no limit to all that is good and holy. This would also be a very good preparation for an eventual establishment of a "World Joint Orthodox Jewish Committee" - should there still be a need for it.

The above subject is partly alluded to in the enclosed general letters, although necessarily briefly, within the limits of a letter.

In conclusion, as in the opening - may HaShem grant that the Chasimo u'Gmar Chasimo Tovo that HaShem gives each and all of us in the midst of our people, should be included also the above, namely that everyone should utilize in the fullest measure all one's capacities and opportunities to spread and strengthen Yiddishkeit, Torah and Mitzvoth, with joy and gladness of heart.

With esteem and
blessing,

P.S. With reference to your mentioning about an inscription, etc. - generally I am careful, as much as possible, not to change any of the customs and traditions of Beis HaRav. During all the years, I have not seen that my father-in-law of saintly memory has acceded to any such request. On the other hand, by way of a special recognition, I will change that inscription to an inscription in a Sefer Tanya, since I have seen this done by my father-in-law of saintly memory. The essential thing is, that it will, hopefully, encourage you to increase your Shiurim in the Tanya, and this will be my reward.