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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

9:30 AM

Dr. Paul D. Opsahl, Presiding

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Charles I. Schottland President, Brandeis University

"THE DOCTRINE OF THE TWO KINGDOMS IN EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN EXPERIENCE"

Dr. William Lazareth
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Dr. Theodore G. Tappert Professor of Church History Lutheran Theological Seminary Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Response By

Dr. Uriel Tal
Professor of Modern Jewish History
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11:00 AM-

GENERAL DISCUSSION PERIOD

12:30 PM

LUNCHEON

2:00 PM

Rabbi A. James Rudin, Presiding

"RELIGION, STATE AND SOCIETY IN ISRAEL AND AMERICA"

Dr. Benjamin Halpern Professor of Near Eastern Studies Brandeis University Waltham, Massachusetts

Response

Dr. Franklin Sherman PFofessor of Christian Ethics Lutheran School of Theology Chicago, Illinois 3:15 PM

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION PERIOD

6:00 PM

DINNER

8:00 PM

Dr. William D. Rusch, Presiding

PANEL DISCUSSION

"THE CONCEPT OF RELIGION AND STATE IN THE CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE"

Dr. Harold Ditmanson
Dr. Daniel Elazar
Dr. Leonard Fein
Dr. David Hardy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

9:30 AM

DIALOGUE GROUPS

12:30 PM

LUNCHEON

2:00 PM

Dr. Leon Jick, Presiding

"THE NEW ECUMENISM AND PLURALISM"

Dr. Krister Stendahl
Dean of Harvard Divinity School
Cambridge, Massachusetts
and
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

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#### THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

date April 9, 1971

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

from Rabbi A. James Rudin

subject Proposed AJC/Lutheran Council Conference

November 17-18, 1971 at Brandeis University

I met with Fred Meuser and Paul Opsahl at their offices on April 1st. I reported about my contacts with Jewish camps in North Carolina, but both of them are closed in the winter because of climate. Both Fred and Paul 1ean toward Boston as a site for our conference, feeling that transportation costs could be kept at a minimum. We also felt that a tightly constructed two day conference would be desired, similar to the May '70 Concordia Seminary meeting. As you remember, the participants arrived the evening before and remained for the next two days. Here is our proposed schedule:

Tuesday, November 16th - participants arrive at Brandeis University.

Wednesday morning, November 17th - 9:30-12 noon - "The Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms in European and American Experience" (a Lutheran presentation followed by a Jewish response).

Wednesday afternoon - 2:00-5:00 - "Religion, State and Society in Israel and America" (a Jewish presentation followed by a Lutheran response).

Wednesday evening - 8:00 PM - a panel to discuss the overall theme "The State and the Religious Community."

Thursday, November 18th - 9:30 to noon - four discussion groups

Thursday afternoon - 2-5:00 PM - a singular joint presentation on the subject "The New Pluralism or The New Ecumenism and Pluralism" (both Fred and Paul evinced great interest in your article on Ecumenism and feel that it deserves a "full dress" discussion. We agreed that we needed a strong program for the last session of the conference to hold the participants.

In addition, we felt that such Lutheran scholars as Pelikan and Stendahl should somehow be involved in the conference and the Lutherans hope that Rabbi Heschel could be present. The discussion groups would tackle some contemporary issues and the panel could discuss the implications of the religion and state papers for emerging world society.

I would appreciate your comments on the proposed program at your earliest convenience so that we may move the plans along.

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November 1, 1971

TO ALL JEWISH PARTICIPANTS IN THE LUTHERAN COUNCIL OF AMERICA-AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE COLLOQUIUM AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS - NOVEMBER 17-18, 1971

We are looking forward to your participation in the forthcoming conference at Brandeis. It promises to be an important meeting and we feel the theme is a vital and timely one.

- The conference will open on Wednesday morning, November 17th at 9:30 AM at the Usdan Student Union on the Brandeis campus. All sessions will take place at this location. There will be a Wednesday afternoon and a Wednesday evening session followed by two sessions on Thursday and we expect to conclude in late afternoon on the 18th.
- All out of town participants will be housed at the Holiday Inn in private rooms (455 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02154 - telephone number 617 890-3000.) Automobile transportation will be provided to Brandeis.
- The colloquium participants will take lunches and suppers together at the Sherman Dining Hall, a kosher eating facility.
- 4. Boston is served by many airlines and we suggest that you take a cab directly from Logan Airport to the Holiday Inn on Tuesday evening, November 16th. We need to know your estimated arrival times.
- Please keep an accurate record of your expenses and send them to us at the conclusion of the conference.

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6. Participants are expected to remain for the entire conference.
Please complete the attached form and return it to me as soon as possible in the enclosed envelope.
Thank you so much for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you at Brandeis.
Cordially, amer Ruder
Rabbi A. James Rudin Assistant Director Interreligious Affairs Department
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P.S. I am enclosing some material that will be of help to you during the conference. Programs are currently being printed and as soon as they are available we will send you a copy prior to the conference.
Date and Time of Arrival
Signature

(PLEASE PRINT)