

Coltowan, Tennessee
October 2, 1950

Elder J. I. Robison
General Conference of S.S.A.
Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Dear Elder Robison:

Thank you for your letter of September 29th which has been received here today.

Regarding the booking to Mombasa for October 27, I surmise that the Wielands are also cleared to go forward at this time. You did not state in your letter as to whether you expected to see us again personally. We had rather expected another interview. Since we are cleared to return I must conclude that the Wielands are likewise cleared to return.

If the brethren are prepared to have us go forward we are ready to accept the booking for October 27 though it will be very difficult to complete all our arrangements by that time. I think that you will understand that with the uncertainty that has surrounded our future we have not proceeded to make all the final arrangements that one would normally make. Therefore if a booking could be arranged for about the middle of November it would greatly relieve the situation. However if this cannot be done we are prepared to go forward on the suggested date.

I had written earlier to Brother Slate about possible bookings and suggested that our children would disembark at Cape Town in order to attend the school there. If we leave on October 27 it means that they will have about a two month stay at the school before it opens in the early part of February. It also means that our freight allowance will be cut in half from the Cape to East Africa. I would appreciate counsel as to the course to follow and you will at the same time advise Brother Slate exactly what booking arrangements to make.

It has been very hard to decide to leave my mother to live here alone but I shall make financial arrangements with the Treasury Department regarding her. We are looking forward to returning to the work in East Africa though we know there are many heartaches awaiting us there as so often is the case for those returning from furlough.

I shall look forward to definite word from you regarding a further interview, the definite sailing date and plans for our children.

With Christian greetings, I am,

Yours sincerely,