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Dear Brethren:

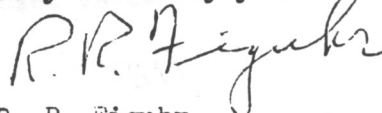
This letter is being written to you jointly, with copy mailed to you separately. It is with reference to the manuscript that you have prepared and submitted to the General Conference. A small group, with Brother Beach as chairman, had a consultation with you before the way was cleared for you to return to the mission field. The report of the committee was that you reacted very favorably and cooperatively and have left the matter of your manuscript and its future in the hands of the General Conference brethren. We understand your attitude is that you will not promote any of the matters you have put forward there, nor circulate your manuscript. In taking the position that you have, it seems to us that you have endeavored to act in harmony with counsel given us by the Spirit of prophecy, and we appreciate this on your part.

There is one question, however, that has arisen since this conversation which leads to this letter to you brethren. It seems that copy of your manuscript is in the hands of a number of persons who are endeavoring to create issues with the manuscript and who seem to feel free to quote from it and to circulate the manuscript, in part or in its entirety. It would seem to me, brethren, that in harmony with the position you have taken, you should give definite instruction that you do not authorize any one to circulate the manuscript or quote from it, and that you have left the matter in the hands of the General Conference brethren. Such a letter from you to us stated plainly and clearly, would seem to be the proper course to follow, and would be further evidence of your good faith. We shall be looking forward to some word from you in the immediate future.

May the good Lord bless and guide you in your service and make your labors for Him fruitful.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely your brother,



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