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Dear Brethren:

I have received recently your letter of June 16 with enclosed copy of yours of the 14th, in reply to my recent communication. Let me say that I appreciate hearing from you and I can well understand the unavoidable delay on your part in replying to my letter. It takes time as one returns from his furlough to get settled again.

I had hoped, dear brethren, for a clear-cut statement from you to the effect that you had left the matter of your manuscript in the hands of the General Conference brethren, and that you were trusting in the Lord to work things out as He deems best. Such an attitude would be a manifestation of deep faith in God and sincere confidence in your brethren. It would also be following the procedure outlined in such cases as this by the Spirit of prophecy. But to leave the matter in the condition that your letter indicates you have, so that men whose sole purpose is directed towards seizing upon every pretext to break down confidence in the leadership of the denomination, hardly seems to us the wise or constructive thing to do. Please understand me--I would not intimate that either of you brethren would knowingly do anything of this nature but, as things work out, this is what is resulting.

Actually there was little point in turning over your manuscript to the brethren of the General Conference, it seems to me, while at the same time allowing others who have copies of the manuscript to use it freely and circulate it. The evident purpose of some of the men who have it is clearly to gather accusations, criticisms and misstatements from any possible source, to create confusion in our ranks. I had expected that you would manifest faith in the Lord's guidance and confidence in your brethren by placing the matter in the hands of the General Conference brethren solely to be guided by their counsel.

I have reread my letter to you of May 1 and do not find in it, as I read it, any suggestion that conveys the impression that you have, in principle, retracted your convictions. I did not have that impression when I wrote to you and, as far as I can see in my letter of May 1, I do not find this suggestion in what I have written.

I do not believe it is correct, brethren, to say that your material has not been given careful consideration. Many hours have been spent upon it by delegated and careful men. Manifestly, a large group could not all devote themselves to a meticulous study of what you have written for you have written much, but a selected group has

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carefully gone over it at great expense of effort and time. I myself have spent considerable time going over a portion of it and have carefully discussed with others who have gone over the whole matter the remainder. The matter has not been lightly treated.

May the good Lord bless you in your service and keep you in good health as you labor on in the mission field.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely your brother,

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