

December 10, 1959

Elder A. R. Figuhr, President
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Washington 12, D.C.

Dear Elder Figuhr:

Enclosed you will find a copy of some recent correspondence we have had in connection with disloyal agitation in Australia relative to our manuscript "1888 Re-examined." We are sending this to you inasmuch as we have been informed by Elder L. N. Murray that Elder F. C. Clifford has written you about the matter, and that the problem has been discussed in recent officers' meetings at the General Conference.

With the exception of Elder F. C. Clifford, we do not know anyone in Australia. We have never at any time sent a copy of our manuscript to Australia, and we do not know how or by whom a copy was sent there. We do not know who is agitating the matter there. If it would be any help, we would be glad to write to the individuals as we have in the past written to others in the States, denying our permission to re-duplicate and circulate it. In such past instances, our letters stating our position firmly have convinced disloyal detractors of true brethren that they can find no support for their activities from us or from our manuscript.

We believe that similar results could obtain in Australia. Elder Clifford has written us complaining that inexperienced new believers there have been shaken in their faith by the activities of agitators who, though disloyal previous to obtaining our manuscript, are now using it wrongly. This we deplore. For the sake of the new believers who are being misled, we would be glad to make a statement to them setting forth our loyalty to the church and to the General Conference. We enclose herewith a statement for your consideration which we suggest could be published in Australia. If this should be agreeable to you we shall be glad to hear from you further.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. Dickland

J. N. Short

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely your brother,

R. R. Figuhr

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A STATEMENT

During recent years a document entitled "1888 Re-examined," has been circulated in Australia, sometimes by individuals who engage in activities opposed to the organized Seventh-day Adventist church. The authors of this document wish to state that their manuscript was never written for publication, and that they have never given permission for its re-duplication and general circulation. The authors have no sympathy with the work of disloyal critics of the organized church and its leadership. They have complete confidence in the divine leadership of the organized, corporate Seventh-day Adventist church, and its final triumph.

December 18, 1959

D. N. Short

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