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

Dear Elder Figuhr:

We are in receipt of your letter of May 17, 1961, and note with some concern its tone of urgency. Although you do not mention in particular what new problem you face there it would seem that some individuals are endeavouring to play upon sentiment to gain their ends by using the fact that we happen to be serving in the Lord's work in the mission field. We deplore this. Such a course can never enhance truth.

It is not clear to us just what we might do at this distance if you brethren upon the scene are not able to provide a solution and give the needed answers to the questions of the field. However, we pray daily that the Lord may direct you. Trusting that a statement from us of recent date may be of assistance, we reiterate what we have given to you before and present herewith the following:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, the undersigned, as authors of the manuscript, "1888 Re-examined" wish to state that the publication of our manuscript, and agitation of it, is not of our choice or consent. Although as authors of this document we believe its basic thesis to be true and we have not retracted our positions, yet it must be clearly understood that we consider that the form of its presentation not suitable for general publication nor was it written for publication in the first instance. We cannot judge nor condemn any loyal Seventh-day Adventist for following his own conscience, but we wish to state that we have nothing to do with the publication of this document which we have consistently left to the disposition of Providence, through the regular channels of the organized church, to be dealt with as an overruling Providence shall direct. Further, we re-affirm our confidence in the triumph of the corporate, denominated Seventh-day Adventist church in the fulfillment of its divinely appointed task, and our loyalty to the organization of the church.

Respectfully yours,

R. J. Wieland

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