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My dear Brother Short:

It has recently come to our attention that Friend _____ is quoting items from your manuscript "The Mystery of 1888" and is also trying to prompt the readers of his mimeographed paper to ask that they might receive the whole of the document and that they would send financial contributions to make this possible.

Now it just seemed to us, in the light of conversations we have had together over the last two or three years, that we had a gentleman's agreement that as we studied these matters together Elder Wieland and yourself would use your good offices to place a restraint of an appropriate kind upon one or two individuals who had informed you of their intention to broadcast documents of yours relating to MOVEMENT OF DESTINY, for example, and other publications which you had not found helpful in certain ways.

You will recall also that we had an understanding of restraint on our papers to the committees and the General Conference as study proceeded, and until that agreement is modified, we hope that we can hold to it.

We believe that Brother _____ is acting unilaterally in offering your document to a wider readership, and we are not presuming as to the nature of advice or restraint that you would be able to bring to bear in the situation. Feeling, however, that no lasting good could come from such a distribution of your paper that was prepared for a regularly appointed committee within the General Conference, we would like to ask you to consider very earnestly and prayerfully how you might best relate to this situation. We do not feel that your own goals would be well served by a distribution of your materials by our friend Grotheer.

Wishing you the Lord's richest blessing in this new and difficult year, and with warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Gordon M. Hyde, Director
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