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Dear Brother Hyde:

Thank you for your letter of the 9th January received here today. May I refer to your last paragraph and state that you are correct in saying "Brother _____ is acting unilaterally." At this distance I have no idea what he may have quoted or his plans and intentions to use the compilation, "The Mystery of 1888."

Evidently Brother Wieland has seen the same material to which you make reference for on the 14th I received a copy of his letter to dated January 8th. In this he expresses his concern and points out that _____ has no right whatsoever nor permission to publish the document and requests him to cease and desist from such plans no matter how much he may believe the document should be published. Wieland has done this on my behalf assuming I know nothing of _____ plans and he is right. I shall write him myself confirming this request and trust he will listen.

As you are aware a large number of workers and laymen know of the meeting held in February 1975. The matter has appeared in committee minutes which have a wide circulation. After nearly a year, an increasing number are perplexed to know more of what happened and just why all this time needs to be taken to refine a statement or acknowledgment dealing with so important an era of our history. I hope the matter may soon be aired. There are but a few more years left in this century—and that brings us to the end of 6000 years. May the Lord lead!

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,

D. K. Short, General Manager

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