

Box 111, College Station
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Elder L. E. Froom
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Dear Elder Froom:

Brother Short and I both will be at the Autumn Council, and I look forward to the opportunity of visiting with you then, when you will be able to share with us some of the further light regarding the 1883 crisis and its aftermath, that you have found in your research.

About the comments you make regarding our manuscript being advertised by the Brinsmeads and other anti-organization journals. I was not aware that any anti-organization journals at the present time are advertising it. However, I took the opportunity last week when Robert Brinsmead and Thomas Durst were in Berrien Springs to visit with them, and told them that we believe that the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist church is ordained of God, and that the denominated church will triumph according to our understanding. We have no sympathy with any movement that would create an offshoot; they deny that they have any desire to create one, or that they are themselves anti-organization. However, I told them that we could not identify ourselves with them and asked them to publish a statement to that effect, which they said they would gladly do. I am very clear that we should not be identified with these people; but with my present understanding, I have not been able to bring myself in conscience to condemn them as agents of the devil, as it seems so many are ready to do. If they were teaching that the church is Babylon and were calling people to come out of it, I would feel clear; but until I am able to understand better, Phil. 1:18 and Rom. 8:28 influence my thinking.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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