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Dear Elder Froom:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of October 29. I do not know if another copy went to Brother Short. Indeed, I am not sure where to reach him now by post. I did not see him again after Sunday, as Brother Church and I left by previous arrangement early Monday morning. I am sorry I did not think to inform you of this plan. I looked for you Sunday but did not see you.

I have a couple of rather heavy term papers to do and school work to catch up, and cannot attempt a serious letter now in response to yours. Will try to reach Brother Short.

In the meantime, this is just to thank you for your letter and to let you know we will write later. As to my remark you refer to that "we both hold about the same viewpoint," as I recall, it was with reference to the overall evaluation of the reception of the LBC message that I spoke. We have always conceded that "some" accepted the message then; but the point we have tried to express is that the "loud cry" was resisted to the point of rejection on behalf of that generation. I said what I did because of your expression that the "fourth angel's" wings were "clipped" as it were. We have never felt that the doctrine of justification by faith as held by protestants through the centuries was rejected by the denomination. The "loud cry", or its initial manifestation, was rejected we understand, from the evidence.

I did not intend my remark that we have not changed our position to be a judgment on the material you presented, nor would I have presumed an opinion on behalf of us both. What I meant was that through the years we have not changed our basic position; this is known; and this is the difficult problem we have had to contend with in our refusal to approve of others' publishing our manuscript. I certainly did not intend to say that I was unwilling to give thoughtful consideration to any further light you or anyone else might present, nor that I was unwilling to change my position as evidence may require that I do so. And I am sure that Brother Short would agree.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

R. J. Wieland

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