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CLARIFICATION OF AMBIGUITIES IN A RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT

It has come to my attention since my return to Pasadena that there have been some latent ambiguities in the article Clearing The Air On A Serious Rumor.

The problems were uncovered during an audit conducted in the ordinary course of their engagement by the outside certified public accounting firm of Rader, Cornwall, Kessler and Palazzo. With the assistance and cooperation of the internal accounting and auditing department under the overall supervision of Mr. Jack Bicket, all of the final details were disclosed late this past summer. Lest there be any further concern about our outside auditors, please be advised, that Messrs. Rader and Cornwall have no connection whatsoever with the firm of Rader, Cornwall, Kessler and Palazzo.

With respect to Robert Kuhn, Mr. Helge and I felt that it was essential that we reveal his fifty percent ownership of the Texas corporation, although we have no reason to believe that he was in any way privy to the transfer of funds from the Work to the Texas corporation.

--Stanley R. Rader

MINISTERIAL SERVICES UPDATE

Office Personnel Changes: Because we have recently had a significant turnover in employees and have also reassigned some responsibilities among other employees in the department, I felt it would be good to introduce our new people and let you know who is doing what. In this way you will know who to contact with specific problems or questions.

Our new receptionist, who is responsible for answering the phone and sorting the mail is Ellen Escat. My new secretary who will be helping me to keep up on the multitude of administrative details is Susan Zimmerman. A third new person is Gloria Stumpf who will be assisting Glen Nice with the Church Assistance Program. Glenn has taken over the responsibility for Church Assistance and supervision of the secretarial staff from John Anderson in order to free up John to spend more time in the planning and budget areas. Jennifer Hanway, in addition to her previous responsibility coordinating ministerial transfers, will be handling ministerial and hall rental expense questions and monitoring the Central Clearing Account. Our fourth new employee, Georgia Zick, will be handling Ministerial and Church Address information as well as maintaining the church maps. Two other employees in the department who will be continuing with their past responsibilities are Dick Burky who works in the area of policy development, and Susan Smith who produces the Church and Manpower Reports.

If you don't know who to contact with a specific subject, just tell the receptionist the subject matter and she will direct your call to the appropriate person.

The Ministerial Services office has recently been moved to the second floor of the Hall of Administration. I want to extend an invitation to all of you who will be attending the upcoming conference to come in and meet everyone in the office.

Telephone--WATS lines: Since we have moved, we are no longer able to have the Mail Processing Center WATS lines directly connected to our office. The people in the WATS area are able to patch calls on the first three lines of their WATS system to the campus telephone system; however, this results in lower volume and quality of transmission. Depending on the degree of problems with this approach, it may have to be dropped altogether.

Another alternative available to you if you need to contact us is to use the inbound WATS line that is answered by the college switchboard. The number for this line is (800) 423-4464. If you use this number, the switchboard operator will take down your name, telephone number, and who you want to contact, and notify our office to call you. If you use this system, we will do our utmost to return your call as soon as possible.

Ministerial Conference Update: In the November 17th memo concerning the conference it was mentioned that each person would receive \$25 for meals at restaurants. We have been given the okay to increase the meal allotment to \$50 per person. As explained in the earlier memo, meals will also be prepared at the Student Center for all who attend.

For the ladies, the Women's Alliance has asked us to announce that they are planning a "Special Tea" to renew old acquaintances and form new friendships. They are hoping you will set aside some time between 2 and 5 P.M. on Wednesday, January 17th for this event. A written invitation will be included in your registration packet.

The students are planning a dinner-dance for one of the evenings during the conference. The dress will be semi-formal. We also plan to have hors d'oeuvres each evening to provide a congenial atmosphere for socializing.

In order to help everyone to plan what type of clothing to bring we want to remind you that winter is the rainy season in Southern California. You may want to bring moderately warm clothing because the temperature has been getting down to the 30s and 40s at night with the day time highs in the 50s and 60s.

Notice: If anyone has any questions concerning a Mrs. Okey Gray, please contact Ministerial Services or Mr. Dean Blackwell.

--Ted Herlofson, Ministerial Services

PUBLISHING SERVICES UPDATE

(Dateline: Radlett, St. Albans, England)

This report comes to you from our press in England where I'm having discussions with Frank Brown, David Gunn, Gordon Graham, the Press Manager, and his team.

Periodic visits to our press are a must, just as with our printers in the United States where we find it necessary to visit many times a year

to keep things to our liking. Some people are surprised to learn that we have several full-time coordinators who work with our printers. Their job is to make sure our publications are printed correctly, to specifications and on time. We deal with over 20 different printers in the United States alone. With a yearly budget of over \$5 million dollars that's a lot of paper and ink!

This trip was long overdue; my first in nearly a year and a half. Much of our U.S. printing requirements are produced here in England, then shipped to New York for distribution, so a very close working relationship is vital.

--Roger Lippross, Publishing Services

ON THE WORLD SCENE: THE ACTIVIST POPE

In his inaugural address last fall, Pope John Paul II said that "we /the Papal plural/ have no intention of political interference, nor of participation in the working out of temporal affairs."

Something has obviously happened since those words were uttered. According to a Reuter's dispatch of December 24, "the Pope has strengthened in the past few days the impression that during his reign the church will be at the center of international affairs."

There are several reasons for this new assessment of the likely impact that the 58-year old pontiff will have on world affairs. For one, Pope John Paul on Christmas Day at St. Peter's read Christmas greetings to "each and every human being" in 24 languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and, of course, English.

A few days earlier the Pope confirmed that he would travel to Mexico next month to attend a conference of Latin American bishops. Some experts feel that the Pope may try to defuse the overtly Marxist "theology of liberation" espoused by many in the Latin American clergy. He may use his experience -- that of one who has lived and labored under Communism -- to at least warn of the danger of collaborating with Marxist movements. It is not felt however, that John Paul II will risk an open confrontation with the "liberationist" priests.

The most interesting example of the Vatican's new activism in world affairs, however, concerns the naming of a papal envoy to help mediate a border dispute between Chile and Argentina. It is the first time in nearly a century that a pope has attempted to settle an international dispute. Pope Leo XIII adjudicated a Spanish-Portuguese dispute over the Caroline Islands in the Pacific in 1885.

Regarding Chile and Argentina, the two Latin (and heavily Catholic) neighbors have been threatening to go to war over the control of a group of three tiny islands in the Beagle Channel at the tip of the South American continent. Last year Argentina rejected an International Court ruling that awarded the islands to Chile. The islands are virtually useless of themselves but have strategic and commercial importance, since the nation that controls them will claim large and rich fishing grounds in the South Atlantic.

Both the disputing countries have accepted Pope John Paul's offer to help settle the dispute which dates back about 100 years. Cardinal Antonio Samore, age 73, has already left the Vatican for Argentina on the first leg of a diplomatic "shuttle" that could carry him back and forth several times between Buenos Aires and Santiago, the Chilean capital.

Now, what ever happened to that earlier profession that "we have no intention....of participation in the working out of temporal affairs?" Today Latin America, tomorrow...?

--Gene Hogberg, News Bureau