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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Pasadena! Hope you have received and enjoyed the recent "News Letter" we sent out. In it, I will be concentrating more on news -- with the whole Church Administration Department staff helping me collect and put together bits and pieces of info. on engagements, marriages, births and more "newsy" items that I might not normally take time to include in this general letter. However, I will certainly be giving you much information in this personal letter as well, so between these two types of letters, the Portfolio, the Mail Receiving Report, The GOOD NEWS and other sources of info. you should be pretty well kept up-to-date on what is happening at Headquarters and in the Work around the world!

We certainly did have a fine Conference recently here at Headquarters! Because of our meetings here at Headquarters before the regular Conference began, we were able to expound many of the points without a lot of interruption, discussion and debate over smaller technicalities and issues. Next year, we hope to be even better prepared and to have gotten the idea of the new "streamlined" Conference which Mr. Armstrong wants. During the Conference, a tremendous concert was put on at the San Gabriel Civic Auditorium for the area Church brethren, the ministers and their wives. First, a fine Chorale performance was conducted by Mr. Gary Prather along a lighter vein of really enjoyable type songs. Then, Joe Bauer -- this year's Student Body President -- led the Ambassador Big Band and a number of other specialty acts through a scintillating and laugh filled program. The Band certainly did sound professional in most respects and truly "Bigger" than most of you would imagine unless you have heard it before!

Another extracurricular highlight of the Conference was the Basketball Tournament which was won by the Big Sandy Varsity! The Texas kids were really happy to finally be awarded the Victor's Trophy in this Tournament. And everyone here was very happy for them, I am sure, as we know it meant more to them as the "new" College than it would if some other team had won it.

Also during the Conference, a fine Ministerial Ball was held, and you saw the picture of Leo the Lion who was here in person to greet the ministers as they came into the fabulous new Dining Hall for this dance and fine fellowship.

During the Conference, the decisions were made to perform ten more ordinations! Many of you have heard of these, but let me cite them for those who have not. First, Mr. Armstrong called for Mr. Etienne Bourdin from our Geneva Office to come forward and ordained him as a Local Elder in God's Church. Then it was announced that Mr. Don Hooser would also be ordained as a Local Elder back in the Akron area by Mr. David Antion soon after the Conference. Mr. Hooser is a graduate of Ambassador College in Big Sandy and now assisting Mr. Antion since last June.

Next Mr. Arthur Docken, Mr. Dale Schurter and Mr. Elmer McElroy were all ordained as Preaching Elders in God's Church. Mr. Docken, as you know, is Director of the office and Work in the Philippines. Mr. Schurter is on the Faculty at Big Sandy and has done an extremely fine job in the Farm Program there. Mr. McElroy has become a very effective assistant to Mr. Royer in the Personnel Department for the entire Work of God and is a very able and effective minister as well. Finally, Mr. Armstrong called for Mr. Paul Royer, Mr. Ben Chapman, Mr. Carl McNair and Mr. Leon Walker to come forward. These men were all elevated to the rank of Pastor in God's Church! And, at the same time, it was announced that Mr. Guy Engelbart, back in Baltimore, would be ordained by Mr. Raymond Cole as a Pastor as soon as Mr. Cole could make a visit to that area.

Continuing now, nearly a week later, let me say that the big news on all of our minds here at this moment is the CRITICAL condition of Mrs. Herbert Armstrong! Most of you scattered over the field now know that Mrs. Armstrong has had an intestinal blockage -- possibly in addition to appendicitis -- and she has been unable to hold down any food or eliminate anything for ten or twelve days! Hundreds of the brethren here have been praying and fasting that God would intervene. She did get some slight relief this past Sabbath -- but it was very slight indeed. Her condition, at this writing, still remains CRITICAL. So please take this to heart, fellows, as I think you all know what a tremendous part she plays in her husband's ministry and in the conduct of this entire Work! Nothing, it appears, but a miracle from God can relieve her condition and that is what we are asking for -- and asking that all of you join us!

God is blessing His Work, though -- as we know He will bless and deliver Mrs. Armstrong if we do our part. Recently, Mr. Armstrong announced that we have gone on WRVA -- the big 50,000 watt station emanating from Richmond, Virginia right across the board at a good time! Also, we are going on WBT -- another 50,000 watt station from Charlotte, North Carolina! And another 50,000 watter,