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Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings from Pasadena! I had a very wonderful visit with all of the men from the combined Akron-Chicago Districts in Chicago this year and then the men in the Kansas City District at the District Conference there as well. These recent District Conferences have certainly proved a boon to all of us and am sure are a wonderful thing. Mr. David Jon Hill and his wife are now flying back from the Atlanta District Conference, after having conducted the Nashville Conference with Mr. Bryce Clark the previous week.

The overall Work of God is being blessed in many ways, Mr. Herbert Armstrong is fine and the weather has been really beautiful here in Pasadena recently. We have had several rains to clear the air and it has really made things look fine.

I want to tell you more about Mrs. Herbert Armstrong later, but first some very sad news. I am here referring to the enclosed announcement which is to be made this Sabbath -- or as soon as possible if the letter arrives too late -- in all of God's Churches. Mr. Glover -- one of our College graduates and Local Elders -- has had a number of personal problems for many years. Mr. Armstrong and I -- plus several of the other leading ministers here -- knew about some of these several years ago. But the real knowledge of the extent and seriousness of this problem did not come to light until recently.

Years ago, Bill "invited himself" into a meeting Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and I were having with his parents in regard to their teen-age daughter who at that time was in a minor rebellion at Imperial School. Bill immediately took the side of the unconverted sister, accused Mr. Torrance and others of twisting facts -- and when refuted shook his fist in the faces of Mr. Armstrong and me and threatened violence! And any time he was corrected, it always appeared apparent that he was justifying self and upholding his own righteousness. So we had to let a few years pass before he was ordained a Local Elder -- seemingly having overcome these problems. But, a little over two years ago another type of problem manifested itself -- this one even more serious -- striking at the very root of his marriage and family relationship. When "exposed" through the confession of the other person concerned, he grudgingly "seemed" to repent. We positively knew that he did not have the heartfelt repentance that he should, but had to accept his word that he was repenting and wanted to repent. So he was kept in our employ in the Letter Answering Department, but removed from all counseling duties as an Elder.

Then, a few months later, it was found that he was cynical and insubordinate to his Department Head, Dr. Zimmerman. He continued to call and counsel various women which he had been forbidden to do -- even offering some of them rides home at night, etc. Again, we accepted his "halfway" repentance and allowed him to stay on in that department.

Then again, last fall, this crisis came to a head and it was found necessary to either fire Mr. Glover from God's Work and remove him publicly from his Elder-ship or ELSE remove him completely from all Elder's duties privately and simply give him a non-ministerial job in the Mail Receiving Department or some similar department here or elsewhere in God's Work. The latter course was chosen OUT OF MERCY to him, and especially to his wife and children so they not be harmed through lack of income. But this time, Mr. Glover himself made the decision to LEAVE God's Work after he was offered such a responsible, though non-ministerial job in one of the departments. He left for Oregon with his family and found employment there.

Then, about two weeks ago, revelations began to come forth regarding his character and conduct such that we have now had to mark him publicly in all the churches in Oregon and in both the Pasadena and Los Angeles Churches. This having been done, and now -- a few days later -- still seeing no signs of real repentance on Bill Glover's part we are instructing all of you ministers in the field to make the announcement xeroxed on the enclosed form. Read it, fellow ministers, just as it is -- adding only a very few comments if you feel it appropriate.

The main thing to realize is that Mr. Glover has been in a rotten sinful situation -- and has not repented. Now, instead of repenting, he has been trying to justify himself in various ways -- among them accusing Mr. Armstrong and I or being unfair and making other types of accusations against God's Ministers and His Work. Let's be sure that the brethren -- especially those in areas close to Mr. Glover realize this and know in advance that he is a proved LIAR so that he will not mislead anyone if he does turn completely sour.

Meanwhile, we certainly should pray for Esther and the children -- and also pray earnestly that God will WAKE HIM UP as soon as he, himself, is willing.

\* Mrs. Herbert Armstrong is still about the same as we have described before, only a little weaker. She is able to take tiny amounts of grape juice, carrot juice and beef broth to keep up her strength. But the intestinal blockage has NOT been broken. So be sure to have the members pray fervently on her behalf and review with them, if need be, Mr. Armstrong's letter on the tremendously important part she plays in God's Work. I hope we all realize that deeply and can sincerely put our hearts into this for the sake of the entire Church of God. I just called the Jackson home in Chicago and -- with Mr. Jackson out -- talked directly to Mrs. Jackson! She did say that she was feeling better, and that the swelling in her legs had gone down considerably (she has edema in connection with a leaky heart valve). However, her

midsection is still swelled up considerably with this watery fluid and her condition is still serious and could be fatal if God does not intervene. Meanwhile, reports indicate that Mrs. Glen White is still about the same which means that she is able to go about her daily work most of the time, but has a great deal of suffering along with her condition and needs a divine miracle to heal her of this cancerous colon. So remember these ladies in your prayers!

Also, I should tell you that Mrs. Jim Lichtenstein called me -- tearful and somewhat distraught -- a couple of nights ago to tell me about their newest son. Their first son, as most of you know, was born with parts of hands and feet missing. Now this son has begun to show the definite symptoms of a hydro-cephalic condition -- the swelling up of the head with a watery fluid which nearly always leads to death within six to nine months. Mr. Lichtenstein was on a tour of eastern Oregon and could not be contacted until the next day. I am sure that he is back by now. But this condition is most serious -- and I am sure all of you want to fervently remember little David Lichtenstein in your prayers!

Fellow ministers, Jesus Christ is allowing some of these things to happen -- and to continue -- until His Church is thoroughly purged of all the lethargy, complacency and worldliness into which many of us have fallen! We desperately NEED the "spiritual awakening" which Mr. Armstrong now feels is the greatest single lesson and thing we can learn from these sicknesses of the wives and children of high-ranking servants of God including Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong. So let us take this as from God and urgently help the entire Church to be AWAKENED to the need for much more fervent prayer, Bible study -- often on our knees -- and fasting! As Mr. Armstrong has mentioned, he has gathered several mornings, including this morning, with the Evangelists and other high-ranking ministers for sessions of prayer and discussion about this spiritual "blockage" in God's Church. Because of this -- and much personal prayer and study besides -- we know that we are coming to see God's answer. We know that we are getting closer to God than many of us have ever been! And we know that we are getting back -- in some cases -- to more the type of "first love" that some used to have, but with deeper spiritual understanding and maturity to go with it.

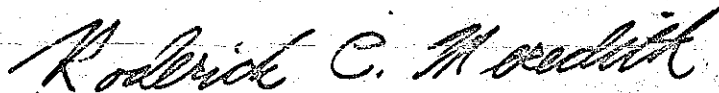
So let's REJOICE in these trials, and in the deep spiritual lessons God is teaching us! And I sincerely and earnestly hope that all of you scattered ministers worldwide can get the feel of what we are going through and try earnestly in your own life to learn these same lessons.

One happy note in closing -- and there are many others coming along, of course -- Mr. Apartian just mentioned at lunch that an absolutely beautiful site in Southern France has been selected and signed up for the French Feast of Tabernacles this fall! He showed some of us pictures of it. It is an entire resort area including beautiful chalets, dining hall and other facilities with gorgeous snowcapped mountains nearby! Meanwhile, as you may have read, the contract has been signed for Radio Jerusalem and God is beginning to BLESS His Work as never before and will continue

IF we are willing to learn these wonderful spiritual lessons that He is trying to teach us at this time.

I am making this letter most brief so we can get it to most of you before the weekend. I will try very hard to get out another letter -- or at least one of the "News Letters" early next week with much more news. Meanwhile remember to pray fervently about the above mentioned conditions, but have confidence that God WILL ANSWER and that we are going to get more of the power of His Spirit and the spiritual gifts in this ministry than we have ever had as the end approaches!

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roderick C. Meredith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Roderick C. Meredith

P.S. Because of the rush to get this to some of you before the Sabbath we are having this letter Xeroxed instead of printing it. You will notice it does not look so nice as the printed ones!