

Copy of this letter sent to Big Sandy, addressed to you.

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Dear G.T.,

I am sure Mr. Rader expressed my appreciation for your letter, although it was very saddening, which along with other events of the past few weeks have been quite shattering, resulting in many sleepless nights, cancelled classes, etc. For obvious reasons, I am only going to deal with one aspect which I feel, for the sake of Mr. McCullough and Mr. Kelly, should, if you deem it wise, be passed on to them.

It is obvious from things that have been told you possibly from many sources, a web of circumstantial evidence has been built up relative to my own activities which will probably continue on until the Millenium in one aspect or another, but I would like to make just a few following observations before the Conference relative to Big Sandy.

At a meeting held during your absence for the purpose of discussing the academic differences between the Colleges immediately after the Feast, an untimely matter was injected relative to the difference in morals or rules between the three Campuses. I did not bring that matter up at the meeting. When the meeting broke up at noon, your father, Mr. Rader and I went to The Stuff Shirt for lunch. I had hoped above all things that the matter would not be re-opened and, as I am sure Mr. Rader will remember, I urged Mr. Armstrong merely to make a statement and to clarify what rules should exist that

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that all three Campuses might be acting with one accord.

During the afternoon session, when the matter was again brought to an open forum, after Mr. Armstrong had read a dating memo which I had thought was still in vogue, the memo was given to Mr. Portune who was to discuss it in a committee for subsequent examination by the Deputy Chancellors of both Colleges, before final submission to your father. During that time, the matter of problems at the "Dig" was subsequently brought up which, if Mr. McCullough and Mr. Kelly will recall, I stated that if there were any real problems at the "Dig", the chances are it was because of a letting down on the part of the student in the absence of Mr. McCullough and Mr. Kelly as the stabilising factors. I had not been involved in any of the problems at the "Dig" except my own son. I was never included in any subsequent reports or investigations which were conducted.

When the meeting broke up in Pasadena, as far as I was concerned the matters were closed, both as to the establishment of business courses and the other differences which were to be resolved between the Colleges.

I was totally unaware of a subsequent report which Mr. Armstrong was given and I saw it at his home in Bricket Wood for the first time after it was submitted to him. This was a report relative to the "Dig", travel problems, clothing, side-burns, moustaches, etc.

In regard to clothing styles, we have had a number of Ministers here before and after the Feast - mostly younger men - who have appeared in speaking situations which I felt their clothing might be subject to question, and causing them to look like circus clowns (an overstatement). I did ask Mr. Armstrong after the Feast if he felt flashy red, orange and flowery shirts that were being worn were what he wanted. I also suggested that he write /

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write a memo to the Ministers as to what he considered would be the proper dress under those circumstances. I was told at a later date that Mr. Kelly had appeared at the Feast of Tabernacles in Squaw Valley, where an Evangelist had questioned him as to whether or not he was going to wear a suit before an audience which the Evangelist considered to be questionable. This information got back to Mr. Armstrong but not by me. I have never seen either Mr. McCullough or Mr. Kelly, in the infrequent times which I have been in their company, in anything that I considered to be poor taste. Approximately two and half years, almost three years ago now, I had noted and had mentioned to Mr. McCullough that he might consider that the dress of some of the younger men in Big Sandy could be misunderstood by visitors from other parts of the world who would not be used to the same dress as Texans wear. I merely suggested, and you can check this with him, that on those occasions where foreign or older visitors would be there, that he might consider the possibility of more subdued clothing for his men.

Believe me, Sir, I have ritually and sincerely every year told every incoming class that, if I had my choice of Colleges, I would prefer being in Big Sandy. After my return from Big Sandy, when I was exchanged with Ron Kelly, I immediately began to work on, what I thought, were some of my weaknesses and short-comings in my own way of conduct. I began to wear a sports shirt up in the Faculty dining room on Sundays in order to provide a more relaxed atmosphere. I have tried very hard to be a part of, and given sermons on, and tried to in every way emulate the warm family atmosphere of Big Sandy Campus. I have tried to instil into the Advance Speech class the basic principles of a warm family atmosphere. I started to ask others than Ministers to open with prayer in the Faculty dining room /

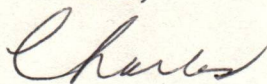
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room - just as I had seen you do in Big Sandy. We have brought the Basketball teams after games into the Faculty Changing Room for a beer just as I heard you say you did in Big Sandy. Sir, the spontaneous applause you received when you appeared the last time before a forum of Ambassador College students in Bricket Wood was not staged; it represented the feelings of everyone of us here. We have deeply missed you and feel that the College is worse for your absence.

Oh, yes, one other thing - I did not know what the reference was to using the pulpit for left-handed swipes at dress. If you are referring to the time when I appeared with you at a Bible Study in Pasadena, that reference happened to be directed at those I had observed who were in positions of responsibility but who seemed to feel that shabby clothing was the better way to represent the College. I never even had the remotest idea or have I ever had any feeling of criticism toward you or your dress. I am indeed sorry that I have not had a greater opportunity of discussing completely the other side of the story with you of all the points you made in your letter, which I am sure you want to hear. For obvious reasons, other points brought up in your letter cannot be discussed now but I wanted to get this off to you in the hopes that it would express my sincere sorrow for any of the problems which Mr. McCullough and Mr. Kelly have as a result of recent events.

In love,



P.S. I do not claim to have an 100% accurate memory but know this consideration will not be important if the general message of the letter is clear.