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ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER MAY 1985

Dear Brethren:

Summer is fast approaching. Here in Oregon, most of the trees are fully leaved. Spring flowers have come and gone. The first appearances of continuously blooming flowers are in evidence. After a hard and uncharacteristic Winter, the Spring show of beauty has been much appreciated by all residents. I am sure you, regardless of location, have had similar experiences. This year has been different for most of us regardless of our particular geography. It makes one wonder just what we might anticipate for the upcoming months.

If we are sheltered and bolstered by faith and a close relationship with our Father, I am sure the unfolding of His great plan for our time will be an interesting one. However, if our eyes and hearts are yet too greatly conditioned for and enamored by the physical circumstances of this life, I am sure we will spend far too much time worrying about, and complaining due to, the adversities experienced. All of us need to read, comprehend, and accept the facts of our day. The only assurance and promise which God gave to us is that He would shield and protect us through these trying times. For that assurance we need to be most grateful -- expressing that fact frequently in our daily contact with our Father.

CURRENT EVENTS

Our present "colossus" or "peril" is not in some far-off place. It is to our South. Already there are threats along most of our southern border. For years we were an open country -- a country into which all legitimate peoples who were seeking to escape from turmoil and servitude could come. However, the present press on the southern border is not poised for that reason. These are peoples generally motivated by an ulterior concept. There is much documentation extant certifying this eventuality. For the present, we are simply calling

your attention to the threat. No specifics will be given. As has been explained in the past, we are waiting for specific information or action which will reveal intents, purposes, and extent of action determined. Our watching can be general only at the present time.

ARTICLES

Much interesting information is coming together on the subject of the Church and Israel. We are convinced you will find the subject informative and inspirational once it is received. For the present, we certainly will appreciate your continued prayers and patience.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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GENERAL REQUESTS

Please continue to remember the need for sermon outline preparation for the Nigerian brethren.

The need for good gainful employment, on the part of several, is still most urgent. Please be remembering the economic situation here and abroad.

We are still asking you to remember the final production of the Pentecost Cantata. The actual performance date is May 12.

Please continue to pray for those who are confused and troubled about events which have transpired within the "Body" of the last days.

BLESSINGS OF BRETHREN

[Omitted for confidentiality]

FEASTS: HOLY DAYS

From all the reports which we have received from areas around the world, the Passover and Unleavened Bread season was a glorious success. We are most happy for the powerful intervention of God in these times. Also, we are in deep appreciation for the manner in which you, as the called and chosen of God, responded to those duties incumbent upon you. By our attitudes we can either make or break any occasion. I am sure God was greatly pleased with the attitudes manifested.

We are now looking forward to Pentecost. On the basis of the schedules which were sent out, those who bear responsibility in given areas may proceed to make necessary arrangements for that feast.

I will be in the Knoxville, Tennessee, area for Pentecost. It will be nice to see all the brethren in that general area once again. It seems like a long time since I was last in the Knoxville/Maryville area.

From Knoxville I will journey on up to the New Jersey/New York/Eastern Pennsylvania area for the Sabbath following Pentecost. I am looking forward to seeing all the brethren in those areas, too.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Pertinent information will be given at a later date.

TRIPS

Mr. Bryce Clark's trip had to be rescheduled due to problems with aircraft. Now he will change his June trip from a Dallas/Pittsburgh run to a Nashville/Dallas run. With a tight schedule there is little else we can do without remaking the entire schedule. That action does not seem appropriate. Detailed information will be given in the June Announcement Letter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leeman will be leaving within the month for their Switzerland trip. Accompanying them will be Mr. Walter Stoudt. We pray for their success. Mr. Leeman will be conducting five services -- on the Sabbath, Sunday, and Monday -- Pentecost.

Visiting the Swiss brethren at the same time will be Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schaer. We do hope that all will enjoy their stay with our brothers and sisters of the common faith. Our prayers will be with all of them.

COMMENTS -- LETTERS

You have responded beautifully regarding the need for returned tapes. If you will keep this need in mind periodically, I am sure we will always have sufficient to handle the weekly demand. Again, we thank you very much for your kind thoughtfulness and needed response.

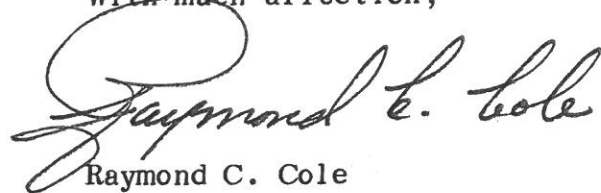
For all Board Members, please note: By resolution, Board Meeting of September 28, 1983, all Board Members should clean out their

notebooks yearly -- keeping only material for the last three years. The old material should be either carefully destroyed or mailed back to the office. Preferably, destroy it. But, you should be sure to destroy completely all of the material.

The new Pentecost Cantata tapes should be available about May 15. The Pentecost Cantata will be the "A" side of a ninety-minute tape. The new rendition of the Feast of Tabernacles Cantata will be on the "B" side of the same tape. We hope that you will greatly enjoy this new tape. It is made for you. You may begin to order -- free of cost -- this new tape. We will send to any and all who request it. We count it a privilege to serve you in this manner.

In conclusion, may we convey our deep love and affection once again. Our prayers are with you daily and we do hope that you will always remember us in your daily prayers.

With much affection,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond C. Cole". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'R'.

Raymond C. Cole

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bryce G. Clark". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'B'.

Bryce G. Clark