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Announcement Letter May 1994

Dear Brethren,

Pentecost fast approaches. It is the month of May. With the advent of Pentecost, the holyday season is well under way. And with the passing of each year our ultimate redemption draws ever closer. We must not merely mark time. Overcoming requires every precious moment we are afforded by God. Let us all be successful.

Spiritual Principle:

Due to the length of the "Current Events" section this month this part will be very brief. However, the question I want to pose is of monumental significance. Please ponder carefully.

Are we preparing ourselves to endure to the end? When all things go well we feel that we could master any situation. Tragically, however, when adversity strikes human beings frequently lose confidence and grit. If we do not *know* whereof we both speak and stand we cannot endure. Compromises of one nature or another will become common. Human beings are not inclined to give up that which is sure—physical existence—for that which is only a hope. Christ did not merely consume space in His Olivet prophecy when He said: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt. 24:13). The question implied is probably, humanly, the most demanding of any which could be asked. Let us all, now, prepare to meet God.

Current Events:

Americans are facing a formidable health plan. Is the very idea a good concept? Are there both spiritual and physical negatives?

As man's Creator, God is distinctly involved in what health is and is not. In this context, man needs to understand God's instruction. Disease is the consequence of sin and wrong living. Therefore, as we are emphatically told: Healing is the result of forgiveness—forgiveness which follows repentance.

Can man forgive sins? Then, how is it possible to develop a health plan which will be to the benefit of mankind? Obviously from a spiritual perspective, the whole concept is flawed and useless.

Laying the above aside let us take careful note of several far-reaching and troubling statements made by astute and unbiased analysts. Their comments and warnings are both revealing and troubling. There is no particular order established for the following excerpts. They were selected at random.

1. Elizabeth McCaughey (*The New Republic*: Feb. 7, 1994, p. 21) says its (the health plan) network of "alliances" will restrict consumer choice.
2. George F. Will (*Newsweek*, Feb. 21, p. 74) said the Congressional Budget Office ruled the health care plan would be considered a tax.
3. Gary Stix (*Scientific American*, Feb. 1994, p. 108) says: The Clinton Administration's healthcare reform plan, without adequate safeguards, could provide the government with the intimate details of virtually every American's life. The plan's electronic health information network would make patient data widely available.
4. Senator Moynihan of New York has said, a federally managed health care system will mean higher premiums and less service; and as usual, the middle class will bear the brunt of the burden.
5. House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich (GA) said: The Clinton plan is geared not for good health care, but to seize control of the health system and centralize power in Washington.
6. President Hans J. Kugler, Ph. D, National Health Federation, said: Will we be herded like cattle with identifying cards and told what doctor, what HMO, what hospital, and what drugs we must take? Will we be used as human experimental labs? Abuses of freedom are too easy when population control is centered.
7. Paul G. Merski (*Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 9, 1994) said Mr. Robert Reischauer and his Congressional Budget Office confirmed through its math that Mr. Clinton's proposed health plan is the largest entitlement program ever—25% larger than the current Social Security

system. By the year 2004, the President's health reform will cost 100 billion more than social security will cost in that year.

8. Both the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers have labeled the plan deficient in numerous significant areas.

9. A significant and troubling question asked: Does the insurance industry have anything to do with the creation of and the present advocacy of its acceptability?

10. In a recent issue of *Safe Money Report* the following comment was made: The Clinton Administration's health reform is a recipe for disaster.

11. MacAlvany, of the *MacAlvany Intelligence Advisor*, said: The Clinton socialized medicine program will push tens of thousands of small businesses out of business, and it will greatly accelerate America's already rising unemployment. He further states: Small businesses are being targeted.

12. Finally, scholar Elizabeth McCaughey writing in the *New Republic* magazine concluded: The Clintons claim to be offering health security and fiscal integrity when in truth, they are really engaged in the greatest aggrandizement of government power and intrusiveness since the New Deal.

If we are aware of prophecy in a general way, we should be preparing both mentally and emotionally for the ultimate. We know what is destined to come.

Prayer Requests

[Omitted for confidentiality]

General Requests

Mrs. Mayse Dilworth: Mrs. Dilworth wishes to thank all the brethren for their love, flowers, cards, food, and the many acts of kindness shown toward her following the recent death of her husband. She also wants to thank those who continually prayed for Bert during his long illness.

Office

Two hymn tapes have been made up for Sabbath services, which will be sent to any requesting them. Those who have received them have written they have been pleased with the content.

Recently, some restructuring was done in the office. Organization is imperative to maximize accomplishments and keep personnel as limited as possible.

Creative work requires clear and unencumbered time. Certain areas of responsibility need that clear time. It is the only way by which the office staff can effectively serve the ministry and in turn all unitedly serve you.

With the exception of emergencies, is it possible to refrain from calling during the morning hours of 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon Pacific Time? Those who have creative responsibilities will very greatly appreciate this consideration. And they all thank you. Again, remember, emergency calls will be taken at any time.

Also, if the call is general, seeking information, etc., you may call at any time. A receptionist-secretary is always available.

Though there appear to be difficulties in effecting the following request, we will try the program and see if an acceptable resolution is possible. Too frequently, calls for me are made, or people come by the office and I am on another call, involved in a meeting, gone on a trip, under last minute pressure to write, or any number of other situations making it impossible to give my attention to the incoming call or personal appearance. Therefore, as much as is possible, contacts should be made through my secretary, Betty Hugill. She will be scheduling my time.

Coupling these two requests I should be able to much more effectively serve you all. For your help I do heartily thank you.

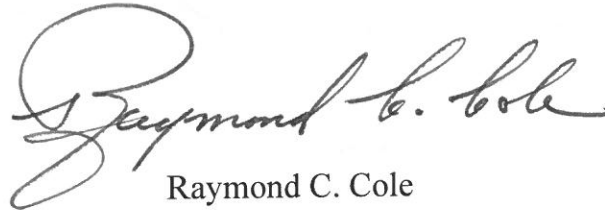
Trip Schedule

May 7	R.C. Cole	Florida
May 21, 23, 28	R.C. Cole	Switzerland
June 11	R.C. Cole	Canada

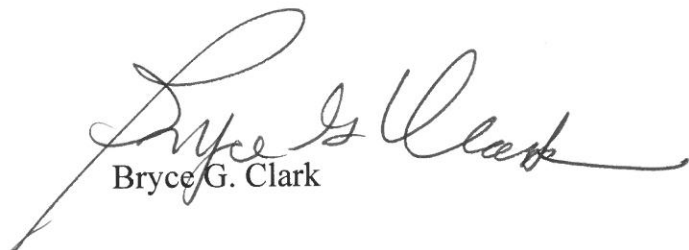
Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	For	Title/tape #
WSE-BC 138-55	03/09	05/07	Paul's Epistles #55
WSE-RC 60	03/09	05/14	Does Love Condone Sin?
WSE-BC 138-56	03/23	05/21	Paul's Epistles #56
Pentecost	04/29	05/23	A.M. & P.M. services
WSE-RC 59-9	03/23	05/28	Despair or Glory, Which? #9
WSE-BC 138-57	04/06	06/04	Paul's Epistles #57
WSE-RC 59-10	04/06	06/11	Despair or Glory, Which? #10
WSE-BC 138-58	05/04	06/18	Paul's Epistles #58
WSE-RC 62-1	05/04	06/25	Do We Really Believe? #1

In the love of Christ,



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