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Dear Clyde,

I trust that this letter finds you in good spirits and in good health.

I write this morning out of growing concern over the clearly worsening global geopolitical situation. It is sad but true that many top international journalists, statesmen and historians around the world are now pointing to gathering war clouds on the planetary horizon and are predicting stormy times ahead. A re-reading of portions of the Urmia lectures in The URANTIA Book (pages 1489-1491) and "Secular Totalitarianism" (pages 2081-2082) will substantiate the premise of such predictions.

I feel so strongly about this matter that I am actively making emergency/contingency plans for our own URANTIA Society and the Family of God Foundation. We are reviewing our local and national civil defense procedures, maintaining maps of escape routes, storing food and water, learning where fallout shelters are and studying techniques of surviving possible global conflict in order that we may safeguard our revelation and our leadership through any such catastrophes as may befall us.

I feel strongly led to write these words to you, a leader in the movement. But I caution you that we must not precipitate blind panic among our fellows. Feel free to discuss these matters with other readers who would be helped by such discussions, but let us avoid creating needless anxiety or mass hysteria over the subject, bearing well in mind the statement on page 556: "Unreasoned fear is a master intellectual fraud practiced upon the evolving mortal soul."

Let us be not anxious and fear not - but let us be prepared.

I warmly invite you to visit us at our new Institute; I would enjoy discussing these and other matters in greater depth with you in person. Since I prefer not to talk about these things over the telephone, I could best offer further clarification in a face-to-face meeting. Due to the accelerated pace of our own emergency planning, such a meeting would have to be held at our California headquarters.

Let us follow our common sense and guidance in all of this. God and the angels love us, and we must love one another as well. "We may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future."

May the love of God and humanity fill our souls and inspire our lives.

Yours in our Father's family,

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Peace, Love & Blessings!