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February 27, 1981

Mr. Thomas Kendall, President
URANTIA Foundation
533 Diversey Pkwy.
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Tom:

On November 6, 1980, I wrote you concerning your request for the Brotherhood to make a determination as to which contending group of officers represents the authorized First URANTIA Society of Houston.

In keeping with a motion passed at the regular meeting of the Executive Committee November 1, 1980, the Judicial Committee of the Brotherhood held a hearing in Houston, Texas, on December 12 and 13, 1980. As the supreme arbitrating body of URANTIA Brotherhood, the Committee had been asked to "make a full, fair, and complete investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the schism in the First URANTIA Society of Houston, and determine which of the contending groups is the authorized Houston Society."

At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee on February 7, 1981, the Chairman of the Judicial Committee presented the "Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations" of the Houston hearing. A motion was passed accepting the report of the Judicial Committee. I am enclosing an authentic copy of this report for the Foundation.

I am pleased that the Brotherhood has through its constitutionally established procedures been able to make a final determination as to what group of officers it recognizes as representing the First URANTIA Society of Houston. I hope we can now aid in a healing process, to the extent possible, so that all members of the Houston Society might put their differences behind them and work cooperatively in their future activities.

Sincerely,

John W. Hales, President
URANTIA Brotherhood

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Encl.

cc: Duane Faw, Chairman ~~JWH~~
Judicial Committee

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November 6, 1980

Mr. Thomas A. Kendall, President
URANTIA Foundation
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Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Tom:

RE: URANTIA Foundation v.
First URANTIA Society of Houston, Inc., et al.

I wish to acknowledge receiving your letter of November 1, 1980 concerning the above matter. I read this letter to the Executive Committee members at their regular meeting November 1. After discussing your request there was unanimous agreement that the Brotherhood should take action. The minutes of the meeting state:

"A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Judicial Committee, in its capacity as the supreme arbitrating body of URANTIA Brotherhood, make a full, fair, and complete investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the schism in the First URANTIA Society of Houston, and determine which of the contending groups is the authorized Houston Society. This determination should be made without regard to any prior determination of this matter which may have been made by the officers of the Brotherhood.

"Once it has been determined as to which of the contending groups is the authorized Houston Society, the Judicial Committee shall further determine whether a Licensing Agreement purporting to have been executed by the Houston Society was, in fact, properly executed by such society.

"If it is determined that the Licensing Agreement has not been properly executed by the Houston Society, the petition of the Charter Committee to revoke the Houston charter is considered to be in effect, and the Judicial Committee is requested to re-open the question of revoking the charter of the First URANTIA Society of Houston for contravention of the spirit and purpose of URANTIA Brotherhood by virtue of its failure to execute the Licensing Agreement, and to proceed in accordance with Section 5.6 of the constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood."

Mr. Thomas A. Kendall

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I speak for the Executive Committee in conveying to you and the Foundation trustees our wholehearted desire to cooperate fully with URANTIA Foundation in its task of protecting its registered marks as well as in its other activities involving The URANTIA Book.

Sincerely,

John W. Hales, President
URANTIA Brotherhood

JWH/sk

cc: Mr. James J. Hill
Emrich, Root, Leo, Brown & Hill