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Dear Lew:

Thanks for your letter of February 21st.

Your proposal to have Urantia groups exchange quarterly reports is worthy of general adoption. With over 72 years of active participation in many organizations I have faith that right will prevail with open discussion of differences and grievances.

Sending copies of your letter to me, in which you stated exactly where you stand and why, to the various presidents of Urantia Societies was a good move. So I will state in this letter, exactly where I stand, and why, and send copies of it to the various Societies, as you did.

Your giving your group a chance to discuss the "proposed resolutions" and express their opinions as a guide for you as their delegate to the Tri-annual meeting was proper. I have heard of no other group that was given the privilege you gave your group. But did your group intend to direct that you as their delegate should prevent the proposed resolutions from being presented to the General Council so that it could enjoy the same privilege your group was given, to discuss and express their wishes by a majority vote?

The proposed resolutions were sent to all seven Urantia Societies in June so that their delegates could be guided by their members opinions as you were.

In anticipation of the resolutions being presented to the General Council, the Foundation prepared their statements about the functions of the Foundation and the Urantia Brotherhood, to justify their claims of exclusive authority for their autocratic monopoly, supervision, and control of everything relating to the publication, translation, and dissemination of the Urantia revelation. ~~They/also~~ These statements and their 1969 annual financial report, (their only financial report since their organization in 1950 to date) were available at 533 Diversey Headquarters at the opening of the Triannual Meeting.

The seven delegates were appointed as the ^{ee}Committee on Resolutions. In the committee meeting, the two delegates, who were also members of the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood, rudely prevented consideration and discussion of the proposed resolutions by ^{ee}the committee, thus preventing their reaching the General Council for its consideration and action.

WRONG

To properly judge an issue it is important that both sides be heard. So now ^{you} are entitled to learn the background for the efforts to get the resolutions to the General Council for its consideration and action.

Most of my life I have been an active member of three successful, growing, harmonious, fraternal organizations, two national and one international, besides the Urantia Brotherhood.

Internal harmony is ~~the~~ essential for the support and strength of any organization, particularly in a fraternal organization where brotherly love should prevail and no brother be permitted to go away dissatisfied.

I have always endeavored to work for progress within any organization in which I am a member. Since the Sunday afternoon at 533 Diversey Parkway when I listened as Dr. Sadler read the first and only Urantia Paper in existence,

the Urantia Revelation has been the dominant factor in my life.

It was a great privilege to attend the Sadler Forum, as a guest of Dr. Sadler and Dr. Lana Kellog Sadler, while the Papers were being received and later when we were studying the Papers and waiting for the time when the Urantia Book could be published.

In anticipation of the future printing of the Urantia Book, we members of the Forum began making contributions of money to be used, when needed, for the costs of printing.

In 1950, five members of the Forum organized, with a Declaration of Trust, The Urantia Foundation to act in behalf of us Forum contributors and donors in having the Urantia Book printed and for the dissemination of its teaching among all the people of this world.

In 1955 the Forum ^{members} organized themselves as members of the Urantia Brotherhood, a self governing, autonomous, representative democracy.

The Urantia Book was published that fall and we were elated to be the pioneers in "the adventure of building a new and transformed human society by means of the spiritual rebirth of Jesus' brotherhood of the kingdom." Pag 2084:6.

Several years ago I wrote and distributed 100 copies of an appeal for contributions, bequests to the Foundation, and for sponsors for making of foreign translations. I entitled the appeal, "YOU CAN BE SURE you are a faithful steward."

In doing that, in the West Coast, in Oklahoma City, and in Chicago, I ran into questions and criticisms of the administrations, of the Foundation and of the Urantia Brotherhood. I reported these to Christy and to the Foundation.

The next winter in California it was suggested that I prepare resolutions for the delegates to the Triannual Conference to present to the General Council for its consideration and action. Everyone would have been satisfied if that had been done and a majority vote by the G.C. would have settled the matter.

The General Council represents all the members of the Brotherhood, most of whom are contributors to the Foundation. All are pledged to support the same purposes. It is therefore proper for the G.C. to urge the Foundation to improve its administration and to be responsive to the wishes of its contributors in whose behalf it functions.

Wrong! There is nothing in the Declaration of Trust, that organized the Foundation, that releases it from its inherent duty to render annual reports of its receipts and disbursements to its contributors or from consulting them and being reasonably responsive to their wishes as to how they would like to have their money spent in their behalf. After all, pleasing the sources of their money is necessary to the getting of more money.

Its demand for 30 years' Triannual Reports Reasonable
Bill Sadler, in his Presidential Report to the 1st Triannual Conference, anticipated the present administrations efforts to suppress opposition, discourage criticism. He said in effect: that it would be hard for the leaders to make the transition from autocratic control of the group to stepping aside and letting the new Brotherhood function as a selfgoverning society.

Years of close association has made me consider that Chicago Urantia group as my dearest friends. I know that they are sincere in defending their way of doing things and resisting suggestions for change. But believing, as I do, that change is always needed for progress, I have confidence that good will overcome evil and that brotherly love will prevail as a result of our frank exchange of viewpoints.

Very truly for diligence in sharing the Urantia Revelation with the people of all nations