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To: Executive Committee, Urantia Brotherhood

Subject: Report of Interview

Person Interviewed: Winston Ross, former secretary to the late Sir Hubert Wilkins, presently secretary to Lady Wilkins.

Date and Place: February 26, 1960, Commodore Hotel, New York City.

Mr. Ross telephoned requesting an interview after writer had been informed by Lady Wilkins over the telephone that he would do so.

We discussed the forthcoming book about Sir Hubert Wilkins which will be partly biographical, partly autobiographical. Its preparation is under the direction of Lowell Thomas with the actual writing being done by a young member of Lowell Thomas' staff and including chapters by Lowell Thomas, Lady Wilkins, and others who knew Sir Hubert very well. Writings by Sir Hubert will also be included.

Lowell Thomas has been given a copy of the Urantia Book which he has turned over to the staff writer. The latter's reaction is interesting in that he has inquired as to whether the book is of the nature of science-fiction.

The writer at this point told Mr. Ross that speaking for himself and believing that he would speak also for the Brotherhood that we would rather see no mention of the Urantia Book whatsoever in the forthcoming volume than to have it treated lightly. This statement was repeated twice during the balance of the interview. Each time Mr. Ross assured us that Lowell Thomas would not permit such a thing to happen.

Mr. Ross was also told that any further questions which he may have regarding the Urantia Book and its mention in the forthcoming book about Sir Hubert should be directed to Dr. William S. Sadler who is best qualified to answer them, both from the standpoint of personal experience with the material of the Urantia Book and also as representative of the group which owns the copyright. Mr. Ross assured me that this information would be passed along to Lowell Thomas and would also guide his own actions.

Mr. Ross is now engaged in his first reading of the Urantia Book and is quite seriously interested in the work. He obviously does not treat it lightly.

Mr. Ross is in possession of notebooks filled with notes made by Sir Hubert on the Urantia Book material. These and other papers referring to the Urantia Book he is planning on turning over to the Urantia Brotherhood for their files. Writer told him we would be very glad to receive this material.

An article about Sir Hubert is now in preparation by Lady Wilkins, Mr. Ross, and Lowell Thomas which will appear in the Sunday Magazine of the New York Times on March 13. Mr. Ross will forward a copy to the writer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Mills

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