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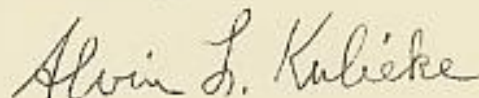
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March 18, 1972

To the Members of Urantia Brotherhood:

I am writing this to all members of Urantia Brotherhood so that you may know of our concern about the financial status of our organization. I realize that a few of you have been contributing to Urantia Brotherhood and Urantia Foundation, but I feel this should go to all Brotherhood members, though it is directed to those who have not contributed.

As you all know, the activities of the Urantia movement have been increasing quite rapidly. More and more visitors come to headquarters and call by phone and the number of letters received and answered keeps growing. The Advisory Committee that the General Council voted to set up over a year and a half ago has recommended that we initiate a number of projects, most of which would increase our expenditures. The cost of conducting the activities of the Brotherhood has increased and will continue to increase if any reasonable efforts are put forth to keep abreast of our needs as we work to disseminate the teachings of the Urantia Book.

Over the years since the Brotherhood was formed, it has been our practice to send out a letter annually soliciting financial support for the Brotherhood and Foundation. The tithes received from the societies have produced only a very small percentage (little over 1%) of the Brotherhood income.

A large part of the funds needed for carrying on the Brotherhood activities has come from contributions of individuals, many of whom are not even Urantia Brotherhood members. What concerns us most is that only a very small percentage of the members of the various Urantia Societies contribute to the support of the Brotherhood or Foundation.

The officers and committee chairmen of Urantia Brotherhood put in many hours each week in conducting the work of headquarters, but receive no pay for this. None of them would think of receiving compensation for the time and work, but I am merely pointing out that our expenses would be much greater if there were compensation as there is in other comparable organizations. One of the officers is employed full time as a secretary and her salary is paid by the Brotherhood and Foundation, but this salary is very small. She is essentially donating to the Brotherhood and Foundation half of what would be a reasonable salary. Much of her time is devoted to completing the index.

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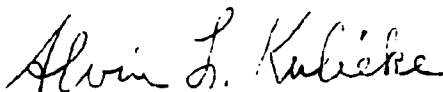
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