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Mr. Thomas A. Kendall
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Dear Tom:

John and I had a good visit with the Oklahoma people. The meeting was very frank and open. They expressed their unhappiness in being branded as a rebellious society when all that they have done is to ask some questions which have gone unanswered for two years.

We attempted to refute their concept that "Chicago" viewed them as a group of "rebels" and pointed out that the Executive Committee was composed of a diverse group of people who did not "think alike" on issues discussed but that we did operate with unity once a decision was made.

We further attempted to emphasize that the problem of the Confirmatory Agreement must be settled in an atmosphere of trust and brotherhood and not on an adversary or political level.

They would like the Foundation to give them answers to the following questions:

1. A legal opinion from your attorney as to just how the Confirmatory Agreement would help the Foundation. (I think a general answer to these questions from you would be adequate.)
2. Would it be possible to date the Agreement as of the date signed rather than November 23, 1957?
3. Would you consider putting in the Agreement only the pertinent things and leaving out all the extraneous (redundant or overly detailed) requirements?

They say that even if they disagree with the answers, at least they will feel they have not been ignored. I think your answers can be in generalizations of a nonlegal nature. It may seem that they are demanding answers to questions already answered but I think the psychology of giving them some kind of response to these questions is very important and will put them in a position of at least attempting to cooperate in working out a Confirmatory Agreement.

In my estimation time is quite important. We have some momentum going and I hope a reasonably prompt general answer to these questions on your part would stimulate them into giving us some specifics which may help in composing a revised Confirmatory Agreement.

Sincerely,

Meredith J. Sprunger

cc - Martin & Christy