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Dear Mr. Snider,

Thank you very much for your very kind letter of April 14th and the enclosed "Constitution". I am herewith answering it, before I had a chance to read the Constitution, simply because there are some glad tidings I want to tell you about which happened this past week.

I was in Hamburg, Germany on a business-trip and I got a chance to extend the trip to the Western tip of Holland, where Henry Bageman lives and I had a delightful afternoon with him. This was my very first personal contact with a Urantian who is associated with the main body of Urantia administration of Chicago and our talk was more than just "constructive". It was definitely fruitful and enlightening and it gave me the line of thought that I have always wanted to happen as far as the Urantia administration is concerned, or rather my personal participation therein. So there IS organisation and there ARE definite plans and these plans are in accordance with the desires of the original revelators and their purposeful mandates. I am herewith satisfied that everything is being done to promote Urantia in accordance with those mandates and desires. Consequently my previous misgivings were not the manifestation of a lack of administrative happenings, but my lack of information on the subject.

I am now "informed" and shall pool ALL my efforts with yours and I am looking to DO this the best and most constructive way and the time-table doesn't seem to matter anymore. From what I now know, I would like to apply for membership in the U. B'-hood, as a member at large, with possibly eventual sights on becoming a field-representative for this Geographical area and I am already beginning with helping Henry Bagemann in everything I can possibly do so in executing his job as Field-Rep., I will also organise the existing Scandinavian members into the existing "Study-Group" idea, though that creates problems, but problems are only existent in order to surmount them anyway, but the main problems are that in my immediate (Stockholm) area there are only 6 Books that are being actively studied to my immediate knowledge and they are all busy people and it has thus far been impossible to get them together together in a group, though we see them individually often, but this is something I shall have to organise into a coherent "Study-Group" in the very near future. There are also 3 Books on order here that I know of and I know of 2 Books lying on the shelves, which I should like to try to do something about. The rest of the Books in Scandinavia that I know of are spread out over a practically uncanvassable area, some in the North of the Country, 500 miles and up away, some around Gothenburg, some near Malmo and Copenhagen (Denmark) and I even have a couple of students in Hamburg (Germany) and one Gentleman who ordered the Book as a result of a long talk with me this past week. I also have at least one customer for the Finish translation, as soon as it's available.


I was exceedingly glad to hear of a Urantia conference being planned for Europe and I can assure you, as I have assured Henry Bagemann, of my utmost cooperation and organisational assistance in the matter. I guess we must now patiently await the result of the of the contacting of other members who have enquired about Urantian organisation in Europe so that we can effectively have an idea of how other growing branches of the tree of Urantia students are doing, those branches which other than the efforts of Henry Bagemann and I are responsible for the growth of. I now, allthemore, realise the importance of PERSONAL contact with other Urantians since my meeting with Henry Bagemann, which in our rather short (6 hours) meeting clarified so much of my previous thoughts, contentions and even suspected misgivings. I was especially elated by his report of the "feeling" of his conversation with Christy, to illustrate how even a second-hand contact with a member of the original revelatory workers is inspiring. I would naturally love to talk to her myself, but until that's possible this will more than suffice.

I have glanced through the French translation (5-10 minutes or so) and even though my command of the French language is limited, I do know the language well enough to ascertain that the title-page is already if not misleading, is already rather an interpretation of a third person, but no more so than for example the title page (or other comments) of the "Concordex", or the periodical I got a copy of from Julia Fenderson (The "Agondonter"), but I think that short of celestial help everything will thus be attenuated in the hand of finite humans like ourselves. I myself rather probably attenuate in trying to promote the message in the light that I might think that a perspective Brother may the easier recognise and will consequently deviate and use my own arguments rather than letting the Book do the work it would obviously do much better than I, but the Book is 6-12 weeks away and I am right there. I guess we all must feel this way at one point or another. Through tis I NOW also realise your overemphasis of "Copyright" matters, and realising that we're in a legal situation with the French translation, I can the easier see your point, but I also sympathise with Mr. Weiss's haste and porbably unintentional misinterpretations, however numerous. If you need any help with the "CASE" itself, I will be more than happy to help. May I again remind you that I am a Copyright expert and "Internationally" so, so much so that I have advised legal experts on matters of International Copyright actions in the past and my experience is yours for the asking, free of charge. I can not close this paragraph without suggesting what I know that you must have thought of before yourself, that of trying to get Mr. Weiss to do a new translation, this time maybe thinking less of having his name on the front page and a little more (much more) concentrating in the correct translation of the spirit as well as of the words of the revelation itself.

As I have already mentioned above, I have been in touch with Julia Fenderson, rather she was in touch with me, she wrote to me directly after you sent her a copy of your letter to her, which I have answered, but I have not, to date, received a reply from her tereto, but I realise that she must have been very busy with FUSLA these past weeks. I shall write to her again shortly. Other than Henry Bagemann I have not contacted the other Gentlemen as yet, but I will do so as things are clarifying themselves day by day.

In the foregoing I am mostly speaking in the first person, but everything I so say naturally includes my loving wife and I should rather have used "we", but have omitted it, though we do do most everything together, except I was to Henry Bagemann alone, that is to say with only my 5 year old Son accompanying me.

I shall close now, hoping to hear from you as soon as your time allows, with loving Brotherly regards and good wishes



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PS: My friends call me "Sandy", I hope you'll make use of it.