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TO: John Hales, Marian Rowley, Gloriann Harris, et al
FROM: Carolyn Kendall
SUBJECT: Notes on phone conversation from Larry Bowman about Santa Barbara Conference, August 19-21, 1983
DATE: August 29, 1983

Attendance - 240. Larry didn't feel usual spiritual "high" as at other conferences. Program too long; too much crowded into too little time. Dick Johnson, similar view.

Best: Stephen Zendt's presentation; Mo's keynote address on transforming power of trusting Michael; Marve Gawryn's presentation. Vern always good, though did same speech.

Other good Presentations: Samsara Duex' workshop, and Seklemian's presentation.

Entertainment: Too long; too much: skits silly; Music: Joel Andrews' harp accompaniment to Vince Ventola's paintings - endless.

Recordings made of speeches only, not workshops.

Chicago absent. Several wondered why no one was present to represent Brotherhood and Foundation from Chicago, although they were advised Duane Faw had been delegated by U.Bro.

Issues. Several newer readers wondered why the book isn't being advertised. Larry felt the question was never sufficiently addressed by anyone to the larger group.

During Vern's talk, he mentioned F.O.G.'s new property, and kept referring to it as "your" property, or that it was purchased for the benefit of everyone in the movement. Several seemed confused, wondering why the Foundation had bought the property with F.O.G. It was not clarified.

PEOPLE PRESENT

13 people came from Phoenix area.
Van Sants, Oklahoma
Everett Sloffers, Ft. Wayne
Sandy Garrick (whom Larry had never met: "unusually colorful").
Marjorie Leary
David Evans (Luther Evans' nephew; Luther was Florence Bedell's brother)
All known living Bedells
Sue Smith, Hawaii
Marian Hughes (Salmo?), Hawaii
Ruth Ann Cooper (who told Larry that Clyde would not be coming to Wisconsin to General Conference because he wouldn't be welcomed by Brotherhood or Foundation.)
An unnamed woman from S. Calif. stated belief that there were 2 original MSS stored for safekeeping in secret spots in San Francisco and New York City. When challenged, she went to the "horse's mouth" for verification (Clyde), who told her it wasn't true.
A man from the east coast stood up and said he'd learned that the Lucifer Rebellion had been adjudicated. Gabriel had dropped the case, and Gabriel and Lucifer were now trinitized sons. Vince was ready to put the hook on him. Comments

overheard were most uncomplimentary. No one believed it. Obviously Scalzo origination.

Ted Lanier. Some clever soul (probably Barrie Bedell) placed him in same room with Larry. No discussion of Austin project ensued, however.

Hal Bynam - Nashville, country/western songwriter ("You Picked a Fine Time to Leave Me, Lucille"). Ted Lanier tried to enlist him in support of Austin's advertising program. According to Ted, Hal said, "No way, Pal." Lee Rector told me Hal has had tremendous success introducing book personally to c/w musicians who DO NOT want book publicized in their fundamentalist region.

Seklemian. His room was across hall from Larry's and observed him spending a lot of time resting after each portion of program. (He died 2 days after conference ended.) Marvin had talked with Sek re advertising at Atlanta. Sek, at that time, said he wanted to see more progress during the remainder of his lifetime. Marve reminded him of Serepatatia's desire for the same thing. Sek said, "I'm going to have to think more about that." At the Santa Barbara meeting, Sek told Marvin he had changed his mind about the advertising question, and was now opposed to publicizing the book. On Monday, the day after the conference, Sek reportedly had a serious disagreement with his old friend, Clyde Bedell on the issue of advertising. Sek died Tuesday.

NOTES ON PHONE CALL FROM MARVIN GAWRYN ON SANTA BARBARA CONFERENCE, 8/30/83

A few old brochures displaying ellipses were lying around, but nearly every piece of material bore the new designs.

Skits were heavy-footed, written by Sandy Garrick. Poked fun at Foundation, Brotherhood and F.O.G.. Sandy dressed as Samari deli owner swinging a sword, chopping at things. "That was the high point."

Mo was best speaker.

Will Synergy continue without Sek? Yes, but the spirit has gone out of their plans. They will regroup and figure out projects according to Barrie.

Except for VanSants, no one attended from Oklahoma.