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Didn't talk to Irene at all - but thank her for the note ~~about~~
and to both for explaining about not pledging.

About the history. *Called - things I didn't want to put on paper*
It's very well done - but hope you haven't given
out any copies and that you won't.

About 1 1/2 yrs. ago - Doctor's history. Think you have a copy.
Overwhelmingly opposed by Exec. Com. - Doc's hurt and disappointed.
Yours doesn't give quite as many details, but it does emphasize
things that we do not want to talk about.

Example - personal names. Sir Hubert, Howard Thurston, but most of
all Dr. Sadler.

Years ago Dr. was most insistent that his name should not be connected
with this movement. That's why he was not made a trustee and I under-
stand it was his own decision. Neither did he have a high office in
Brotherhood, just committee Chairman. He felt it was most important,
and we all agreed that it was better not to tie him in. However, now
that his age has crept up on him, he has changed. Apparently, he
yearns ~~for~~ a little for personal mention, and he is forgetful of some
of the things we all promised not to talk about. ~~ix~~ He is doing some
rationalizing, but the rest of us recognize it as such.

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Not to be repeated - but his age is showing. I'm editing his latest
textbook on books of the Bible and I see the change. Of course Christy
does too. More talkative - about things that shouldn't be talked about.
More forgetful.

So - Dr. Sadler is a personal name - which should not be officially con-
nected. Even he is playing down the reference in "The Mind at Mischief."
Out of print. Got an inquiry recently asking him to comment. He said,
"No further comment."

We do not want to emphasize this - and the book will soon be forgotten,
we hope. *Out of print now. Second-hand stores & a few libraries*

Do you have Declaration of Trust of Foundation? Send you one. Wording.

We have been told "do not discuss the origin of the book. You will make
more trouble for yourselves if you do. Be determined to know only the
teachings of the book." And those of us who are responsible for the or-
ganization are trying to do just that. I phoned Warren to ask if you
had given him a copy of this and he said no. But he told me to tell you
that he is in complete agreement with my feelings and is very much op-
posed to any written ~~history~~ or ~~spoken~~ verbal history that goes back
much before the founding of the Foundation.

He has given out several, but won't give any more until he hears from us.

I don't think it's wise to say only 57 papers to start - and questions brought the rest. We have agreed that we would not even admit that we asked questions and got revisions. Yes, I know Doctor talks about it, but we agreed we wouldn't.

On this basis, I'd say the first 2½ pages should be destroyed. If you must have a history, it should start with the Foundation in 1950. For anything before that time, you can say flatly, "I'm sorry, before that time there is nothing more I can tell you." And if they insist, refer them to headquarters.

He says he can't do this.

Used to worry about this. Now it comes easy. Since the papers are dated 1934 and 1935, I do admit that the book was in manuscript form for over 20 years and a small group was able to study it. But more than that I will not say. If I'm pushed very hard, I'll say, "Look, those of us who know anything ~~about~~ at all about how this came about (and most of us know darn little) -- we all made a promise not to talk about this - and we're keeping that promise. The book must stand on its own feet." And that stops most everyone. The ones who cannot accept this statement will reject the book - and that's their privilege. No one has to believe it.

"It's natural to wonder about it, but after a while it doesn't matter."

If you must have a written history I'd start about the middle of p. 3. "To prepare for the publication of the Urantia Book the U.F. ---" might throw in the bit about the anonymous contributors.

Could insert the paragraph just above, leaving out the bit about secrecy being relaxed.

Did you give Doctor and Christy a copy?

He didn't. I was the only one who got a copy.

Haven't discussed this with ~~Backus~~ them. I did call Warren.

We hope very much that you won't use it.