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February 28, 1958

Dr. Meredith Sprunger  
Culver, Indiana

Dear Mert:

I received the enclosed folder and color chart from my brother-in-law, Harry DeCourcy, whom you met at Lake Winslow last summer. He says he can furnish the paint @ \$4.90 per gallon and that it will be in one-gallon cans with the same run number. He says that colors look a little different after they are on. If you are interested you may contact him by writing: Mr. Harry DeCourcy, 499 S. Jackson St., Franklin, Indiana.

I was interested in your correspondence relative to the other matter. Sometime ago one of the Denominational leaders had questioned me what I knew about you and your orthodoxy, and I assured him that you were on the beam.

Quite interested in seeing the accounts of "mis-administration" (?) at Lakeland. Different floor show--same old crowd!

Sincerely yours,

*Harry*

Harry W. Bredeweg

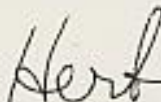
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Encl. Folder and chart  
cc: Mr. Harry DeCourcy

A discussion and investigation of some of the concepts of the Urantia Book will be held on Monday, March 3, at 10:00 CST.

We will meet at the Congregational Church in Roseland, Indiana, just a few miles north of South Bend on US 31. Turn East on Cleveland Road at toll road underpass.

If you have the book, read critically paper 141. Extra books will be available at the meeting.

We will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Herb', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Herb Meussling

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY**

Tiffin, Ohio  
February 28, 1958

SUBJECT

Rev. Meredith Sprunger  
215 N. Slate  
Culver, Indiana

Dear Dr. Sprunger;

We recieved a copy of your letter today that you had sent out to the Urantia Study group. It certainly is disappointing to think that a person in the group that you would naturally think of as a friend would throw in a sneak punch like one of the elders did.

We were very sorry to hear that this thing happened and I know that it is discouraging to you. It seems a shame that there has to be a few narrow minded individuals around that are always trying to stir up something that wouldn't effect them at all except at their own election. In a way I feel sorry for them, but, you like myself are, in effect a salesman and you sure have a selling job to do. All this is a challenge and I'm sure time will heal any wounds that have been opened.

Keep up the wonderful job that you are doing.

Very truly yours,  
Bob Wilkins

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NATIONAL-STANDARD COMPANY  
NILES, MICH.

February 26, 1958

Rev. H. A. Meussling  
609 Sycamore St.  
Niles, Michigan

Dear Mr. Meussling:

Thank you so much for your most kind letter, and I was glad to order these specially bound books for you, for the big book is so very inconvenient and tiresome to handle.

There is one special point that troubles me, and that is the absolute prohibiting of the giving of much needed information as to just how these papers came through. Of course fortunately I did have some contact about 25 years ago when there was not so much restriction. I mean I was in touch with those who had the direct contact with the individual involved. Of course I can see how logically he would not want to appear in the picture at all, but if there were not so many restrictions, at least more clear and understandable information could be given to honest seekers after truth.

Personally I just am not able, within the limits of my mentality, to comprehend how a book like this could have been written by any one or even several human individuals, and as my good friend, Mr. Burns (attorney), said shortly before his death, "There is just one point that absolutely has me stopped, and that is the completion of this very great piece of work and the publication of the book, yet with not a dollar of profit desired or anticipated anywhere along the line." If someone was making a financial gain from this book, you and I probably wouldn't give it much, if any, attention. It seems to me, and it may possibly to you, that the vocabulary and the phraseology is indeed unique and quite removed from our usual experience with reading matter.

I have always been given to understand that there is no thought or intention of trying to build up a new religion based on these so-called revelations. If they were endeavoring to work definitely along that line, again I am sure their probability of success would be greatly reduced.

There are, as I understand it, a few groups in various parts of the country, as far away as California, of individuals who have at some time or other had contact with the Forum meetings in Chicago, and who have been anxious to continue their study of this matter, but that is, as I understand it, the nearest that has so far developed, working toward systematic research or study activity.

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Taking it as a whole, as far as I have been able to comprehend it, the book is principally of a very broad historical and informative nature, giving further enlightenment in regard to many matters and more details than we get from the Bible.

I assure you that if I ever receive any further helpful and enlightening information, I shall be glad indeed to communicate with you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

WPH:AW

W. F. Harrah

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February 25, 1958

Mr. W.F. Harrah  
Harrah Road  
Niles, Michigan

Dear Mr. Harrah,

Please accept my sincere thanks for the specially bound set of Urantia papers. It was very kind of you and but confirms the high regard which those members of this church who are associated with you at National Standard have for your generous nature.

This book is still a great mystery to me. However, I cannot deny that it makes sense in so many ways. It is fair to everyone. Its source of information is certainly in advance of our present age. The scope of it is so tremendous that it requires an elastic mind to approach it. I envy you your close experience with this phenomena.

✓ Because of the many checks within the book itself, there is small possibility of a new religion growing out of this. I would rather believe that its expression (purpose?) will come through individuals in expanding numbers who will bring its concepts to bear upon all phases of man's development. ✓ Should the book prove to be only a human concoction, it still must be admitted that there is more intelligence here than can be honestly ignored.

✓ It will be a pleasure to continue a study of these papers now that I have the convenience and comfort of the four volumes. May I again express my appreciation for this generous gift. If I can be of service to you in any manner, please call upon me.

May you receive, daily, God's blessing.

Sincerely,

*Herb Meussling*  
H.A. Meussling