

December 6, 1966

Dear Christy:

We received the money in good order, And I immediately wrote in confirmation, but perhaps my letter was bogged down. Our great thanks to those concerned.

We had an excellent week end in Los Angeles, marred only by the sad news of Mr. Bucklin's death. As soon as we arrived back in the Bay Area I telephoned Mrs. Bucklin, And we will attend the services on Sunday.

After each of the two times I spoke in Los Angeles, I was greatly heartened by several young persons who confided that they desired to orient their lifework toward the Urantia movement and things spiritual, And I believe they will.

Bill and Julia Fenderson are the very salt of the earth in L.A., and are engaging with spiritual vigor in what must be a sometimes trying situation. The cultistic atmosphere of Southern California has led some Urantians down there to be quite impatient with the slow, evolutionary, and unadvertised spread of the book.... but this weekend we made a plea for patience. There are enough of us in California in complete accord with your thinking along these lines in Chicago to be able, I believe, to keep the situation in hand if we work at it.

I was startled and dismayed, however, to observe how this sort of impatience has given way to outright rancor among a very, very

Sew in Los Angeles. However, we all intend to love them 'till their Adjusters get the better of them.

The VAST MAJORITY of those in L.A., though, are seeking unity and brotherhood..... And with such people as the Fendersons to arbitrate difficulties, I predict a gradual "phasing out" of the sorts of disharmony which have in the past plagued L.A. The more fully we all learn to live the teachings of the book, the less gossip and animosity there will be..... of this I am certain!

By the way, -Mr. Squires wants me to give him a list of all those who have written to "The Family of God" broadcast so that he can go out and contact them all, give them Urantia Books, and organize

study groups. Although I deeply appreciate the spiritual motive of this offer, my personal reaction to it is not positive. What is your thinking?

It seems to me that we might lose some of the potential effectiveness of the broadcast if we prematurely identified it with any group through public organization ..... people might tend to dismiss it without serious consideration if they came to feel that "The Family of God" is only a gimmick to get names and addresses of people to organize into clubs... But what do you think?

This was a hasty note, but I hope a few things came through. Our love to you all and to Dr. Sadler! We pray for you.  
Love, Vera