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Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger
President
URANTIA Brotherhood
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Dear Meredith:

Re: Further Registration of the marks URANTIA and
the Concentric-Circles Symbol

In our effort to preserve the unique meaning of URANTIA and the Concentric-Circles Symbol as representative of the goods and services of the official organizations of the URANTIA Movement, the Trustees have sought legal registration and protection of the two marks in the United States and elsewhere, in two categories: trademarks and service marks.

We are presently preparing for registration of the word URANTIA and the Concentric-Circles Symbol in a third category, that of membership marks. As with the other two categories, we must in many cases rely on prior use of both of the marks as Membership Marks in order to effect proper registration.

In a discussion with our attorneys, it was learned that although the Trustees have used the marks as Membership Marks, our use has not been as substantial as that made by URANTIA Brotherhood with the knowledge and permission of URANTIA Foundation, and therefore not as desirable as our reliance upon the use by URANTIA Brotherhood as the better legal basis for establishing as strong a basis as possible for registration.

In addition, URANTIA Brotherhood may well have acquired conflicting rights to the word URANTIA and the Concentric-Circles Symbol as membership marks in its own name--notwithstanding such use was made with the permission of URANTIA Foundation.

Our attorneys have therefore prepared two documents which will accomplish two things:

1. Any rights acquired by URANTIA Brotherhood will be assigned to URANTIA Foundation, and in return
2. URANTIA Brotherhood's nonexclusive and nontransferable right to use each mark as Membership Marks shall be confirmed by URANTIA Foundation.

Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger

October 21, 1976

With the execution of these two documents, URANTIA Foundation will proceed forthwith with the registration of the marks as Membership Marks.

We are enclosing the original documents in duplicate with this letter. A photocopy of each document is enclosed with the letter copy being sent to your home address.

Please let us have any questions and/or comments.

Once you are satisfied with the nature and import of these documents, we would appreciate your presenting them to the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood for their consideration and approval.

Cordially,


Thomas A. Kendall
President

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Encl. (Original documents in duplicate)

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