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Mr. John Allen Chalk
2001 Division Avenue
Dayton 14, Ohio

Dear Brother Chalk:

All of your orders for Revised Standard Version and American Standard Version Bibles have been ordered from the publishers. We are expecting them the first of next week (about May 25). Just as soon as they come in they will be shipped on out to you.

Brother Chalk, please believe me when I say that we desperately want to give good service. It is due to circumstances beyond our control that we have had these long delays. Those circumstances, of course, are financial in their nature.

Since our incorporation and placing our stock on sale things are clearing up very rapidly. The stock is having a very ready sale. Already we have been able to pay up a lot of our own overdue accounts and thus place orders for many books that we had gotten out of. We are hoping within a matter of a few more weeks to have everything on a current basis and to be able to keep stock on hand or at least to obtain stock with a very minimum delay for all orders received.

I am writing Mr. Callicoat a personal explanation and shall do my best to repair the damage that we have done in your relations with him.

Let me assure you again that we have every reason to believe that there will be extremely few repetitions of these delays in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Benjamin Lee Fudge
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