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To: T.E. Mayer

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As difficult as it is for me to request this release, I must under the circumstances ask the brethren at Hickory Flat to consider this request. If a possibility of hard feelings arise, I could under personal hardships come but would appreciate the brethren understanding the extra burdens that have been placed on me for this year. I would recommend Brother Leon Johnson, Oklahoma Christian College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who held a tent meeting and helped many of your members to leave the Christian church. Brother Johnson will be in the Alabama and Mississippi area in August and he has assured me he would be happy to accept an invitation from you if such was the desire of the brethren. I can recommend Brother Johnson without reservation.
Your attention to this matter and disposition of this request will be appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

March 6, 1964

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cc: Miss Annie Laws, Hickory Flat, Mississippi

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