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November 12, 1969

Mr. Walter E. Burch
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Dear Walter:

I appreciated the material you sent. Enclosed you will find it all returned. I did make copies of it and found it extremely valuable.

We have had our first meeting of the Governor's Committee on Human Relations. We met in Austin two weeks ago for organizational purposes. The subcommittees into which the 50 members are to be divided have not yet been arranged. I have already made some good inroads with the Secretary of State, Martin Dies, Jr, who is chairman of the Committee, and with Mr. James Ray, who is the Executive Director of the Committee. I am sending on to Mr. Ray some of the material you sent me. I am not sure at this time how valuable or effective the Committee will be but I am looking forward to trying to help make it an effective instrument for social change in our state.

I had looked forward to attending your workshop in Houston. I do hope that your efforts in this area continue and are encouraged by the response of business and industry.

The work here at Highland is of a very confusing nature. My decision not to go on to school was probably the most excruciating decision I have ever made. I am working with the situation here solely on a day-to-day basis. I can see no other way to approach a matter that is as confused and diseased as is this one. I find it very difficult not to begin seriously looking for some other role in which I can make a meaningful contribution as a Christian, but not be on the "dole" of the institutional church. Keep me in mind if something stimulating and comparable with my talents comes along.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending the material.

Faternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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November 3, 1969

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Dear John Allen:

I was pleased to learn of your appointment to the Governor's commission. It so happens we have been involved recently in a Delaware study, and I met one of the members of a similar commission in that state. I am sending you seven enclosures that might interest you. Make your own copies and return all to me but the Smyrna Report (I have kept extra of it).

Sorry I didn't respond to your appeal for funds to help Ron Wright. I hope you raised enough to pay off OCC.

We recently doubled the membership at Malverne by merging with an all-black church that met in nearby Westbury. Things are progressing quite well. The merger became effective September 7th after we held an August workshop (see enclosure).

Man, I thought you were going to Atlanta -- or Los Angeles -- only to learn you are committed to Highland congregation. How I would like to talk to you about the brotherhood, "Herald of Truth," agency activities, etc.

My business is getting to be more "up" than "down." We cancelled the Los Angeles and Houston workshops, but spinoff from the New York meeting is promising.

In addition to the community assessment for a New York conglomerate, we have been asked by another leading corporation to organize and price an in-plant management seminar for them to evaluate. We're trying to make a ripple, my brother. Come to see us.

Affectionately,


Walter E. Burch

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Enclosures

P.S. Two years ago a top scientist made a very inspirational address which I heard. He has an interesting point of view and I thought you might like a copy of it.