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December 10, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fong
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Dear Nelson and Janeta:

I regretted to read the material regarding Hong Kong. It is obvious that the Brady congregation is in no spiritual condition to oversee and direct the work there. A friend of mine visited with those elders there last year in anticipation of going to Hong Kong and came away very disappointed. I'm sorry I didn't indicate that to you when I was there. I never did see how you would be able to work directly under the oversight of these elders.

The letter from the preacher was even worse than the Newsletter. I doubt that the elders ever saw your letter. This is another example of "pastor rule" that occurs in so many congregations.

If the Lord calls the two of you to Hong Kong, you will be able to find someone to support you. There are many places throughout the Chinese-speaking world where you will be able to work if you feel so called. I will be praying that these situations become very clear and the best possible relationship with some church is made obvious as the time ripens for this to happen, if this is God's will for you.

I do not remember the specific information I sent to you, Janeta, about femininity. If you need this material you might be more specific to me. I don't know of any addresses to give you at this point because of my failure to remember the nature of our conversation.

We all send you our love and regards and hope that you will have a pleasant holiday season.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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Dear John Allen,

We enjoyed so much having you in our home. I enjoyed so much being with you again -- and Nelson feels he has never before had such a wonderful experience. He enjoyed the discussions, visiting and spiritual and intellectual stimulation. It was a new experience for him and one we wish we could repeat much more often.

We were happy to hear that your schedule worked out on your return home. We know you were looking forward to getting back to your family.

You mentioned the return of brother Reeves from Hong Kong and the possibility there might be to work with the Brady congregation in Hong Kong. We thought you might be interested in the correspondence we have had since then. As you can tell they probably would not be interested in working with us. And because we would not want to be "parents disciplining the Chinese Christians" we no doubt would not find the relationship with the Brady congregation too conducive to a growing spiritual work in Hong Kong. (We wonder if the elders ever saw our letter?!)

Isn't it "strange" that the Baptists have found the work among the people in Hong Kong a rewarding and ripe field in so many ways. But the Church of Christ is still trying to get a small group to grow.