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To: Henry B. Davenport

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January 14, 1971

Mr. Henry B. Davenport  
Huntington Highway  
Lexington, Tennessee

Dear Henry:

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Enclosed you will find the Civil Rights Act of 1964, to which I referred in our recent telephone conversation. At the back of the material I've sent to you, in the part that is paper clipped, you will find a "summary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" which was prepared by the staff of the Lubbock Texas Children's Home and at the conclusion of that material is the one-page statement of voluntary compliance with the Act that was only recently signed by the Lubbock Children's Home, in fact, on December 7, 1970. As far as I know they are the only children's home in our brotherhood that has signed such a voluntary compliance statement. I can find absolutely no reason why this should have not been done six years earlier by every one of our homes, if we are in fact the people who believe in "law and order" and if we are a people who get very excited when black people and other ~~minority~~ minority groups revolt and riot. Why shouldn't we also be concerned about the subtle kind of rebellion expressed by our own "Christian" institutions that refuse to obey the law of the land.

My suggestion would be that you familiarize yourself with this summary statement and share any part you feel is pertinent with your fellow-elders. I would further suggest that you might even use the statement on the last page of this material in another letter to both Tennessee Orphan Home and the Jackson Children's Home, taking off the names of the Lubbock Children's Home so that we do not put any undue pressure on them and suggest that these two home you have been supporting make this very same statement to the Federal Government. It would be my feelings both on Biblical and lawful basis, that any Christian institution that refuses to comply with the law of the land, much less honor the clear teachings of the Bible to hold no respect of persons should not be supported by the church. If there is anything else I can do to help please let me know.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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