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April 27, 1971

Dr. Jennings Davis  
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Dear Jennings:

By now you should have received the xeroxed report I sent to a number of my very close friends regarding my move. I am at great peace about it and am convinced that the Lord will bless us in this period of transition. It looks like the best thing for all four of us and that, as you know, has been a paramount concern of mine.

The change at this point is very peaceful and there seems to be no "bad blood" among us here at Highland. For that I am thankful to the Lord. I hope that by now the baby has come. Please let us know as soon as it arrives. Tell Vera of our personal prayers between Sue and me for her and for a safe delivery and a healthy baby. We are praying that both of you will find this new adventure one in which you can depend on the Lord and know great love and fulfillment.

I have absolutely no plans beyond our time in Austin. We could stay in Austin, we could move to Nashville and we could go almost anywhere in the world. Pray for us that we will be open to what God wants and that we will successfully resist selling out to any "establishment." We continue daily to depend on the Lord and keep looking at what are the significant elements in a radical relationship with Him.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:lc

P. S. I am sorry I missed Lucille. Please tell her how much it distressed me. I just simply couldn't make the time to fit her time.

PEPPERDINE COLLEGE

VERMONT AVENUE AT 79<sup>TH</sup> STREET

LOS ANGELES

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

April 20, 1971

Dear John Allen:

I appreciated your letter. Recently I heard you are just about to finalize things to go to Austin, Texas, and work on that law degree. I am sure that must have been one among many possibilities and I am wondering if anything has been finalized yet. Why don't you keep me informed, buddy.

Tim Tucker was through recently on his way to Columbia Christian to talk about a job up there. I really don't think it's going to be the place he ought to go but I am glad he checked it out. I haven't heard what he's decided. I have an idea he would be in quick conflict with the powers that be there over their emphasis on good old right-wing Americanism, particularly since his field is history and political science. I guess Don Finto is pretty much at peace about the move to Belmont though the changes in his life came pretty quickly and no doubt there will be agonizing adjustments to make. I believe the Lord is filling him with His spirit and His strength.

*He's going!*

I guess you know by now that Prentice is going to Seattle to teach at the University of Washington. He had a great opportunity open up there and as you know things at the University of California system have been in turmoil over budget matters, etc. The tenure thing was never settled and they are even debating about whether to have a speech department at UCLA or not. It will be a good move but of course as you well know I will miss him very much.

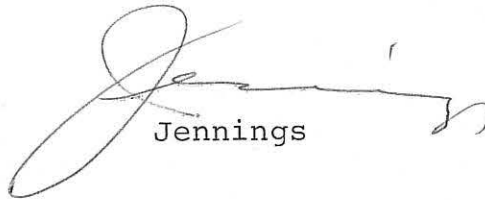
Vera is getting along fine. We are expecting the baby any minute and of course so far as she is concerned she wishes she would go ahead and be put in the hospital and get this thing over with. The doctor has suggested the possibility of a Caesarean section but there's still a possibility that the baby will turn around and get in position but so far as we are concerned "it" had better hurry up. We are excited

about it and are getting prepared for the traumatic change in our routine that this is going to create.

Keep me in your prayers and I will be praying for you. Tell Sue we love her and I pray that the Lord will bring you to a place of settled involvement soon.

You may see Lucile. She is in the process of moving her parents to Abilene to be near her brother who lives there. You might make contact with her this week by calling 677-1367 in Abilene. She would love to hear from you.

I miss you and hope you will be back out this way sometime. I see no prospects for my going anywhere for a while. I love you, brother.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jennings', with a large loop at the beginning and a flourish at the end.

Jennings