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March 17, 1971

Dr. Jennings Davis
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Dear Jennings:

Sue has talked with Don Finto in Nashville and I have talked with Bob Mason in recent days and learned more about the situation with Don. He has already resigned at UNA and evidently is under a lot of fire at Lipscomb. It doesn't look like he will be coming to ACC unless things get just unbearable in Nashville. Don was the last man I thought would stand up to the Nashville establishment but it looks like the Lord finally gave him the strength to do so. Martha is still having quite a time with it. Please pray specifically for Martha that God will give her new freedom and surrender. The most beautiful person through all of this is Mamie Mason. Evidently God is at work in a powerful way in her life. She is the most confident, radiant, peaceful person I have seen in the whole city.

My direction in the future is still up for grabs. I could go to Law School at Vanderbilt or Texas. I could go to work for Ralph Sweet or Bill Wilson in Nashville. Right now it looks like Bill might finance my legal education at Vanderbilt, with an understanding that I would become his corporate counsel at the end of my training. This means that we may be moving back to Nashville sometime this summer. Things still aren't settled yet, but at this point I see no way I can continue working here with any kind of personal, inner peace.

The changes at Pepperdine look good. I do believe that you will be able to work with Jack Scott. I don't know what the move to the Vermont campus means as far as Bill is concerned. It may simply be a way to increase his image of a successful administrator. I'm sure a lot of good is being done with the money Bill is raising, so I'm going to reserve judgment on all the motives and other matters.

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I hope that Vera is still feeling well. Please tell her of our continued concern. We pray for her and for the new baby that things will be well.

It was great being with you last month. I regret not getting to see Prentice but I can understand the way his whole life was reversed and his situation changed for several weeks after the earthquake. Thanks for the encouraging time I had with you and Vera. It was beautiful visiting with you. May God continue to richly bless and strengthen you as you continue to give your life to Jesus every day. There must be some powerful ministry going on as a result of committed lives on the Pepperdine campus that you and I will never know of this side of heaven.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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March 11, 1971

Dear Brother:

I hope things are going along well with you and yours. I just wanted to alert you that Don Finto is under fire at Lipscomb and at Una and that John Stevens has made a personal appeal for him to come to Abilene. He is much torn by this feeling that a move to Abilene, at least at the present time, not an adequate solution. The young people at Lipscomb and in the Nashville area need the spirit of the Lord as only Don is able to communicate that and feels that to leave Nashville is a cop-out. On the other hand, the things they are asking him to do at Lipscomb and Una represent compromises and he is simply waiting for some leading from the Lord.

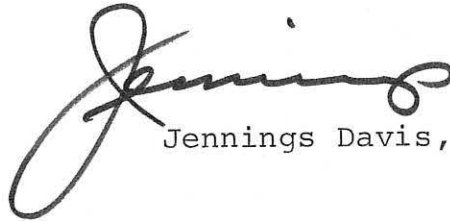
I am sure my motivation is lousy but somehow I think that every now and then all of us ought to converge back at Nashville and really put on a ministry back there that will glorify the Lord. I am sure there are some underlying motivations as I say behind that notion that probably can't go down as having any influence in glorifying the Lord.

You have no doubt heard about the "administrative realignments" here at Pepperdine. Dr. Young is now the Chancellor and Chairman of the Board (out of the day-to-day management of the institution) and Banowsky is now the President. Plans call for him to move on campus in the President's Home. The Youngs will move out to Malibu. You may have gotten all of that information while you were here, you rascal, but if not it's official. The best part is that Jack Scott has been made the executive head of the Los Angeles campus, and I consider him to have the sensitivity to deal with this situation. I think I would have chosen Don Sime if I had been making the choice from within our

institution, but I think Jack has enough sense to get good people around him and turn them loose on the problems.

To say the least, I have a new boss and there is some glimmer of hope on the horizon.

Keep in touch, old buddy, and keep us in your prayers. Vera continues to do well and we are looking forward to D-Day. Give our love to Sue, the children and to Helen all of whom we love dearly. Thanks be to God and to His son Jesus Christ in whom I am your brother.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennings".

Jennings Davis, Jr.