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April 13, 1967

Mr. William Martin
Dana Hall School
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

I had already replied to Brother Crews' kind letter regarding the New England Labor Day Lectureship when I received your letter. I felt no concern in any direction in advisability of coming to the Lectureship. In fact, I wanted very much to be a part of it, in view of remarks made about the Lectureship down through the years.

There just is no possible way for me to come this year. I would do less than my best. I would not contribute what the Lectureship demands and I would be placing myself under a more severe responsibility than I already have.

It was a real pleasure to read your letter and I appreciated your referring me to Brother Don Humphrey. He is in the process of preparing the necessary strategy to recover Boston for the "Old Paths." I certainly hope that none of my good friends in the area are "purged" in the effort.

Thanks for writing. I do deeply regret not being able to come.

Your friend and brother,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Speaker

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Dana Hall School
Wellesley, Mass.

March 21, 1967

Mr. John Allen Chalk,
The Herald of Truth.
c/o Highland Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Chalk:

I hope you will be able to see your way clear to bless us with your presence at our New England Labor Day Lectureship this year. In the past few years we have brought some reproach on ourselves for having radicals like Carl Spain, E. W. Macmillan, Marshall Keeble, Jim Bill McInteer, and Ira North. This year we hope to reverse that image by having a few safeties like you and Brother Malherbe, of our college.

In considering this invitation that has already been tendered, I know you have probably thought about what it would do to your reputation to preach in New England, which is reportedly infested by liberals and neo-orthodox and...worse. But these are merely rumors. If you have any questions or doubts, you may contact Brother Don Humphrey of the Exodus Burlington movement. He knows New England and its people well, having lived here a few months at one time.

Please try to be with us.

Your most humble and
obedient servant,

Bill Martin

William C. Martin

P.S. If you do come, plan to post a lot of scripture. We don't want to hear about Bonhoeffer and also Wallace.