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From/To: Randall Yearwood (Chalk's reply filed first)

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December 5, 1967

Mr. Randall Yearwood
911 17th Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee 37212

Dear Randall:

Thank you for taking the time to write such a meaningful letter to me on November 28. It was a personal joy to visit with you and Joan in your home following the service at Harding Place.

I feel very strongly about the potential at Harding Place and would like nothing better than to be a part of Harding Place's renaissance. However, I must be faithful as a steward to my present challenge. Therefore, the real decision at this moment is whether I can actually make the move in the best interest of the Herald of Truth radio ministry.

You have given me greater encouragement regarding the move to Harding Place than anyone with whom I have talked. Your dad and I would certainly be able to work together, I have no question about that. The matter, however, is one of that intensely demanding task of deciding where my peculiar talents can be best employed. Please pray that I will make the right decision.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Speaker

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NOVEMBER 28, 1967

MR. JOHN ALLAN CHALK
HIGHLAND AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
ABALINE, TEXAS

DEAR JOHN:

THANK YOU FOR VISITING WITH JOAN AND MYSELF LAST SUNDAY NIGHT. WE ARE STILL GETTING MANY COMPLIMENTS ON THE CONTENT OF YOUR SERMON. IT WAS THE BEST, MOST PRACTICAL, MOST MEANINGFUL THAT I HAVE EVER HEARD.

JOHN, HARDING PLACE, NASHVILLE, AND THIS ENTIRE PART OF THE COUNTRY NEEDS YOU. YOU ARE DOING A FINE JOB WHERE YOU ARE, BUT YOU CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE WORKING WITH A DEFINITE GROUP OF PEOPLE. WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA ARE STARVED FOR YOUR KIND OF TALENTS. YOU CAN GIVE MEANING TO THE WORD "CHRISTIANITY".

I TALKED WITH DADDY YESTERDAY AT LENGTH ABOUT YOU. YOU CAN COUNT ON HIS SUPPORT ALL THE WAY. HE WILL NOT BE A "YES" MAN TO YOU, BUT HE DOES NOT EXPECT YOU TO BE A "YES" MAN TO HIM EITHER. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD RESPECT EACH OTHER NOR WANT TO WORK TOGETHER IF EITHER OF YOU WERE "YES" MEN.

FOR THE GOOD OF THIS AREA, AND FOR THE SAKE OF MYSELF, I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL COME. JOAN AND I NEED FRIENDS LIKE YOU AND SUE. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD STUDY TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER, AND BE VERY CLOSE FRIENDS.

YOURS TRULY,

RANDALL NILE YEARWOOD

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