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# Correspondence between Chalk & James L. Lovell

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A memo from

F- Action

JAMES L. LOVELL

Dear Jac:

Congratulations! ! ! ! ! !

It must be kinder hard keeping your feet on the ground with that College burden off your shoulders.

Well, I just told Vivian if God has not certainly blessed many an old Tennessee country boy. My blessings in life have been 99 and 44/100 all my life and here you come along not only with the sweetest rose of Robinson County but some kind of a rare flower up in your office. That Helen must be priceless. If she looks as she writes, I just couldn't stand it and it would be a shame for my Christianity to break down about the time I'm ready to die. Old Satan would get in that 11th hour deal!

But life is good and I like to drink it up with love, happiness and laughter mixed in with all the grave, sad and seriousness of the soul. WE HAVE A JOB TO DO, son. I thank God for you and Sue and your children. I do love you all so very, very deeply and it would break my heart if your name ever left my list.

Note copy of letter to Brother Haddox. I would be glad to know your frank opinion of what I have written.

When low in spirit - if ever - come to me by phone or letter any hour of the day or night.

*James*

June 15, 1967

Mr. A. L. Haddock, elder  
Highland Church of Christ  
5th & Highland  
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Haddock:

You will never know the pressure upon us to supply our subscription list for the various campaigns among us. Most of our publications do not do this but I feel a deep obligation to show full cooperation in every effort that has to do with lifting man toward Christ. However, a number of our subscribers have complained and we had to take a new look.

Every move you make with Herald of Truth has my full approval. John Allen is, of course, part of my ACTION team and Batsell Barrett and Bob Holton have been precious friends for many years. It is a rare thing if any issue of ACTION is ever printed that does not some place carry the Herald of Truth name. In the Special issue coming in August, you will find it mentioned a number of times as we cover the work of the church all over the world in that issue.

Brother Haddock, I want to be quite frank as I know no other way to deal with men. Although I do not want to do my good works "to be seen of men" I do want men to see them and have the same kind feeling toward what we seek to do as we try to have with the good works of others. Highland is a great church and I just feel that it would be even greater were your members exposed to ACTION for a year. We are not slack in what we are doing. No publication ever had a finer staff and we have nothing for which to be ashamed. We teach quite frankly what we believe and cater no man or group of men and yet we know that with the usual points of views on matters of opinion, we are beyond any Scriptural criticism. We want ACTION to go to Highland members and it would be a token of love on the part of you elders for John Allen.

I have placed the order with my mailer to prepare our list for you and it <sup>will</sup> be coming soon. We will ask that you pay the cost of running it off.

If you will let me know how many members you have we will send a copy of the Special issue FREE and it is actually a historical item if I do say so.

God bless you great and good men. I am sincerely proud of you. Your vision has drawn many of us to higher ground. Use me freely while I live. Love,

  
James L. Lovell

CC: John Allen Chalk