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Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear Brother Chalk:

Your letter of December 19 was received and needless to say, we were somewhat disappointed, but this is part of life, and we live in hope, that perhaps something may change, within the next few weeks, which would make way for this change in 1962.

However, we do see the wisdom in the postponement of these discussions relative to this change, until sometime in the future. Further, we would not want an outright refusal, now or even 15 months from now, as I am sure that the good you could and would do, would more than compensate for your not being in a position to make complete arrangements at this time.

I feel, the rapid growth of this congregation will largely come from the minister, and I do not mean to take from this group, in any sense, as the talent and diligence is here, it just needs cultivated. We get good contacts every week, and it is white unto harvest now!

You may call me collect any evening. If I should be out, then leave your number and I shall return your call.

In all of your deliberations, keep close to the Master.

Yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Robert E. Hartmann

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