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Dear John Allen,

Since our last telephone conversation there have been some developments here that would encourage my coming to Cookeville; if, of course, things can be worked out there to the satisfaction of the elders, membership, you and Roger, and myself. And I thought that it might be wise to write letting you know that I definitely feel that I could accomplish more for the Lord someplace other than where I am.

One thing that has come to light is the feeling of Markie and Faye relative to our leaving Henderson. In a conversation with Shirley they both manifested a rather strong sentiment in favor of our moving. This they had never revealed to me. But they definitely feel the stigma of being "adopted" children; and, of course, along with that comes the constant association (in the minds of the high school people & the church people) of them and their family background. I had felt this but was not aware that they too felt it.

After my telephone conversation with you Susan was quite frank in her expression of disappointment. This came as a surprise since she is so well "berthed" here.

Then there is the inevitable limitations with which we are bound in the work at Estes—below average in education on the part of so very many makes for only one result...low aspirations and extremely limited vision. However, I am confident that, with patience and a few years, this may be overcome; but I'm thinking of what I could be getting done during that time someplace else.

So, if there can be some reconciliation of conflicting philosophies, etc., I still feel that all of us could enjoy a great and richly rewarding work there at Broadstreet.

In Chin,  

Brad