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To: Elders in Texas City, TX

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September 30, 1966

The Elders
Church of Christ
P. O. Box 348
Texas City, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Someone in the congregation there has recently sent me copies of all our correspondence relative to our 1966 meeting and our proposed 1967 meeting. It is obvious that I had made a mistake in thinking that no such meeting was scheduled for 1967.

However, I must request that I be released from this commitment if at all possible. First, I have extremely heavy personal and family obligations to which I have not given sufficient attention in the last several years. I feel it imperative that within the next several months I spend more time with my family. Second, my responsibilities with Herald of Truth as radio speaker have been much heavier than I anticipated. The necessary time for preparation and the extremely unusual demands for the right kind of radio sermons require that I spend more time studying. Third, my meeting schedule for 1967 under normal circumstances would have been much too heavy.

I remember with great pleasure our visit together during the first part of this year. It was a pleasure to work with the Texas City congregation, and I will long remember our associations. However, in view of the three reasons noted above, I must respectfully request that you release me from the commitment for 1967. Please be assured that I will abide by whatever decision you make, even if it means coming for the meeting; but I did want you to prayerfully consider the circumstances mentioned above in making your decision. I send you and the entire congregation my best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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