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October 3, 1968

Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear John Allen:

Ruth and I think of you a lot, and continue to remember you and your family in our prayers. We believe strongly in the efficacy of prayer.

I just wanted you to know Dwain Evans shared some correspondence he had with you regarding Bill Young's article he had in the Broadway Bulletin that was published in Action. It is beyond me why brethren don't see the implicit condescension and moral superiority that is so clearly conveyed in these kinds of activities that "we" benevolently carry out in our brotherhood.

Someone has said that the racial problem of the white liberal is that he often gets involved only deep enough to lessen or temporarily remove his guilt -- instead of pursuing the cause until the evil and injustice is removed.

Perhaps you have seen a copy of Cled Wimbish's excellent letter to James Bales regarding Bales' book on Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. But in case you have not seen his letter, I am asking Cled to send you six copies for distribution with your own covering notes to some friends who might well be in need of such viewpoints as Cled presents. I love Marv Steffins for his zeal and godly life, but I think he is fundamentally mistaken through his abiding and pervasive anti-communistic zeal. No doubt you have shared the Wimbish letter with Steffins if indeed you have seen it. You might consider mailing one to Batsell Barrett Baxter, Dan Harless, and even your eldership at Highland. I am sure Cled won't mind your making copies as long as you keep the thing in context.

All of us on Long Island thought Bob Scott's tract on the issue was masterfully done. The Highland Church is certainly moving in the direction clearly set forth by Jesus in the long ago, and it is our prayer that she will not retreat.

With respect to fund-raising, last year I persuaded the church in Malverne to put the Herald of Truth in the budget for \$50 a month, and recently on September 15, we took up a special

collection as requested. I am not sure whether that has been sent in, but it will be shortly.

I enjoyed an extended visit with James Nichols in Manhattan yesterday. I was surprised to learn that David Fry has moved into the agency; it looks as if the operation is being tightened up.

Why don't you write me and give me a resume of your fall and winter schedule so I might, in the course of my travels, visit you somewhere along the way? Did you hear about the flaming liberal that has been chosen to preach for what Dwain tells me is the largest church in Fort Worth (Richland Hills) in their fall meeting, November 17-24? That's right, WEB, a former member of the establishment, in the minds of some still quite active in the establishment in his own view. How do you stand, Brother?

Affectionately yours,

*Walter E. Burch*  
Walter E. Burch

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Enclosure

*P.S. I note you & Athens Clay Pullies are on LCC lectures. I hope you follow him to counter some of his extremism on race, which he will convey through the guise of civil disobedience. I trust you have read Sat Review of Sept. 28 carry Joseph Sax's article on this topic? Have you read Roy Osborne's article on "For the Love of Ignorance"? It's good!*