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DEAR J.A.,

It was truly great to talk to you on the phone yesterday. Hearing about the Decatur elders was exciting, and I look forward to seeing and talking with them next week.

I wanted to write for two reasons. First, I wanted to express ^{again} my real appreciation of the decision you have to make, I understand it and empathize. If I were in your place and I had an open choice, I believe I know what I would do. So I understand, I pray that the Lord will guide you and us as you work things out. I, from a selfish point of view, want very much for you to be in Atlanta, but it is selfish. I also know that you would be a great blessing to the work in Atlanta, but that's

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where He has to come in and guide us. Anyway, all things work for good... I can foresee your not being in Atlanta being a blessing to us guys, even though I don't much like it. It could be that the Lord wants to change us by putting us into a situation bigger than us, and where we don't have Pappa to run to. Anyway, that's my rambling way of saying - Christ be with all of us in your decision - I believe He will.

Second, I write asking that you get off letters to two congregations telling them about the program, my part in it, and the need for support. I have become more and more conscious

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of how valuable time is going to be, especially since talking to you by phone yesterday, I don't want to be put in the situation of having to spend every afternoon selling success so that Phyl and I can succeed in living. So I'm going every direction I can to raise money and depend on Him to work out the jags along the way. Write these ~~two~~² groups of elders.

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Emphasize the direction of the
Decatur elders and the great possibilities,
I really appreciate it.

I Love you & pray for you,
Ronnie