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From/To: Mrs. John A. Mitchell (Chalk's reply filed first)

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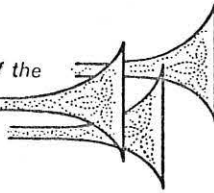
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April 1, 1969

Mrs. John A. Mitchell
c/o Jack Sells
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear sister Mitchell:

The thought about the picture was a kind one. Thank you so much for desiring one. I don't know how I missed getting one prepared for the Judge before leaving Cookeville. It certainly doesn't in any way reflect the kind of esteem Sue and I have for you and your lovely family. Judge Mitchell has been one of the greatest encouragements in my life as a gospel preacher and a Christian. I am thrilled to be able to share this day with him.

I regret that I didn't get to bring this to Cookeville personally. My time was simply too limited to get by with it. I have sent it to Jack Sells for him to hand deliver because I didn't want to raise the Judge's suspicions before you could get it framed for him. I hope the one I sent is acceptable. Unfortunately, I do not have many such pictures available.

Sue and I send you and the Judge our deepest love and respect. We hope that Bill Goodwin is going to come to Cookeville as the preacher for Broad Street. I believe him to be well qualified for the job. We are praying for God to give both you and the Judge special strength and direction for your responsibilities at the Broad Street church.

Fraternally,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Evangelist

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Enclosure

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March 4, 1969

dearest Brother Chalk:

Recently, we had dinner at the
mission's when the Education Committee
which John is the Chairman, met,
and on one of their walls, I saw
a picture of you, inscribed and the
thought occurred to me, that it would
make "the Judge" very happy to have one
and I'd like to have it for his birthday
in June 7th.

That seems a long time off but one
never knows what is going to happen
and we are all so involved that time
literally flies and if you will bring
one, I will have it framed and
displayed in a prominent spot on
our wall. Jack Selts tells me that

ew will be coming to Cookeville in
March and we will keep our secret
I want to surprise John with it
He were with Sara, Cliett and Mrs. Draught
the bells and Sara and I sat together
See and I, often had when we were in
crowd - I enjoyed it so much and I
ld them when I left that I felt as if
had had a visit with See, who is so
near to me -

John was not able to go - he was in for
week trying to get rid of a cold, which
is getting very stubborn - He went to
Miss on Wednesday and he said his
art and cholesterol tests were all right
He has his class again yesterday and
attended all the services and today he
began his week's court hearings in
almshouse - so I hope he will be all
right now, for a time, at least - I guess
we are just getting old and falling apart
He are always interested in hearing
from you and of you and yours -
Sincerely,
Matalee Barnes Mitchell