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April 15, 1969
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Dear John Allen:

Thank you for your letter of concern, dated April 9th. Please do not worry or concern yourself about the finances of our recent trip. Our expenses were more than covered at each stop that we made, by the sale of records. We deeply appreciate your concern in this matter and only wish that more brethren recognized the cost of maintaining such a group.

In every respect this tour thru Texas and New Mexico was the greatest thing that we as a quartet have ever done. The people responded to our singing like we had never seen before. As a result of this response we sold more records than we have ever sold on any previous trip. For this we thank God. Due to this tremendous response not only in record sales but in the interest shown by the brethren everywhere we sang, we feel that we are nearer the day when we can devote our full time to singing the Gospel of Christ. This is truly our dream. We feel also that if God desires us to do this, that He will provide a way thru which it will be possible.

We have no regrets whatsoever concerning the attendance during our program in Abilene. We have learned to expect this whenever we are in a new area for the first time. However from our conversation with Bro. Stanley Shipp, this will not be the case when and if we should return to Abilene. We learned to love Bro. Shipp during the short time that we were with him. We were disappointed that we didn’t get to see you while in Abilene, but consider the acquaintance with Stanley worth the whole day spent in Abilene.

God gave us a very safe trip, for this we are very thankful. We also thank him for men like yourself who are willing to sacrifice time and effort in our behalf. We wish you the best of luck in your move to the Atlanta area, and are praying that God will watch over you. If we can ever be of help to you after you are settled in Georgia, please let us know. We would love to make a trip into the deep South and sing for the church and anyone else who will listen.

Please give our warmest regards to Brother Shipp and also your wonderful secretary, Helen McLeod. She is a fine Christian woman. Until we meet again, we remain,

Your brethren in Christ,

The Melody Boys Quartet

Dennis E. Piety
Secretary