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Dear Brethren and Co-Workers in Christ:

I am sending this letter to you along with the special semiannual letter to all PLAIN TRUTH subscribers. A revised copy of the book The United States and Britain in Prophecy has already been sent to you.

My wife and I, with Bob Fahey and his wife, are on the way home from a visit to Australia and New Zealand. It was a MOST successful visit. Less than a year ago, three or four Australian ministers were starting to lead their churches off, each in his own direction. At that time I appointed Mr. Fahey manager of the Australian Office and Work. We moved also Mr. Robert Morton down there from New Zealand, and I sent Mr. Gerald Waterhouse to speak at every local church in Australia. They, together with letters I sent to all brethren there, got the churches in Australia back on the track. I then transferred Mr. Fahey to head the work in Canada, and later called him to be my executive assistant.

Mr. Colin Adair, who had been several years over the churches in the Philippines, was switched to Canada, and Mr. Guy Ames was put in charge in Manila. Mr. Morton was left in supervision in Australia. Mr. Peter Nathan now supervises in New Zealand.

I have been extremely well impressed with the leadership of Mr. Morton in Australia and Mr. Nathan in New Zealand.

My visit to Australia was well-timed. Coming soon after the churches there had been set back on the track, I found the brethren full of zeal and interest in the Work. And I think my sermons there, beside two days' conference with all Australian elders and wives, were just what they needed at this time. Now we are all speaking the same thing, as commanded in I Corinthians 1:10. And that's the same that Christ, the first apostles and first generation of the Church all spoke!

You will notice, in the enclosed letter to PLAIN TRUTH subscribers, how God's Church today has the same teachings and doctrines and practices as the Church did when first founded. Again the truth comes from GOD, through Christ, then through His chosen apostle who received it direct from the Word of God in print, even as the first apostles did through the Word of God in Person. We must all speak the same thing Christ and God the Father speak. And we should realize how we are blest in that -- for the churches of God in many generations have not had that FULL TRUTH!

Plans were made both in Australia and New Zealand for a big step-up in newspaper and magazine advertising and both radio and TV, to get Christ's Message out to additional millions of people. Of course we are expanding the power of sending out the Gospel greatly also in the United States, Britain and all over the world.

The Work of God is truly now taking on NEW LIFE. Time is short, and this means we must all get behind the Work FULLY, sacrificing material desires to increase our free-will offerings in addition to paying God's honest tithe.

We will return to Pasadena tomorrow. I pray daily for all of you, and need your fervent prayers. Pray also for one another.

With much love, in Jesus' name,

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