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GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahey, Mrs. Armstrong and I arrived in Sydney almost a week ago, Thursday evening, May 7th. We rested from the trip Friday. Sabbath, May 9th, I spoke to some 1300 brethren in Sydney. Sunday we flew north to Brisbane where I spoke to another 1300 brethren from that area. Tuesday we flew back up to our office at Burleigh Heads.

Seeing our office facility here was an inspiring experience for me. It is our own facility, with several executive and private offices, work rooms, an assembly room for the local church services, adequate storage rooms, reception, etc. It is a larger complex than I had expected. Based on various reports, I had doubts about leaving the office there and intended to consider the advisability of moving the office back to Sydney. But on considering all factors--transportation, communication, accessibility, along with other desirable features where it is--I could make no decision except to leave it where it is. It seems to be just as accessible for operation of the Work here where it is--and we do have a very splendid building complex there--with lower living costs for all the staff. Mr. Bob Morton, in charge of the Work here and Southeastern Asia, is fully in accord with that decision, as is Bob Fahey.

Today we have the first of a two-day minister's conference, with all the ministers of this continent and their wives in attendance--here in Sydney. I spoke to them at the morning session and Messrs. Fahey and Morton this afternoon. The Ministerial Conference will continue tomorrow.

There is a new invigorating and enthusiastic spirit among the ministry in Australia. The Work has been turned here. All signs here are "GO." The Work here has sprung to new life since the first of the year. Tomorrow evening, following the afternoon ministerial conference, we will fly on to Melbourne. I will speak to our brethren from that area on the Sabbath and then Saturday evening we fly on to Auckland, New Zealand.

We will have a visit to our office there in the morning, and speak to the brethren assembled in the afternoon with audio to Wellington and Christchurch. Monday, fly to Honolulu, Pasadena Tuesday.