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Mr. Donald E. Mote
3210 Prospect Avenue
Riverside, Calif.

Dear Brother Mote,

Your letter of surprise and encouragement arrived today, and so I'll answer promptly to attend to some important matters you mentioned.

I have been thinking quite a bit about you folks recently and was contemplating a trip out that way before too long. Now I shall have all the more reason to come and will do so very soon. I would appreciate hearing from you as to what time in the week is best for me to come. As soon as your answer arrives, I'll plan definitely to come as soon as possible, which should be no longer than a week from thence. I would prefer to become acquainted with the people who are interested in baptism before any arrangements are made, and it would be well if you would be available to make some of these visits with me (if you do not mind). This could all be taken care of, including the baptism within a month, I suspect. Is that soon enough?

There is little doubt but what the Carlins would be ready to fellowship on profession of faith. They are actually not new to the church. The family has been known by some members for several years. It would be much preferred of Brother Carlin would be able to see the doctrinal point you mentioned as we do, but we actually do not require that we all see eye to eye on all doctrines, as long as there is not much chance of offence over it. If he has strong feelings about the Church's being wrong in their view of it, it may be best for him to study a bit more prior to accepting membership. However, we cannot reach a decision on this by letter, but we can after visiting and talking over the situation.

The street address of the headquarters in Denver is 1510 Cook Street, Denver, Colorado. It is good to hear that you brethren are going right ahead with the work there, and we wish God's richest blessings upon you. We are in tremendous need of an addition to the church here, and we are praying that God will provide very soon.

Waiting to hear from you soon and then hoping to see you shortly after.

In His service,

Ray L. Straub

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