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Dear Stan:

Sorry I missed you on the telephone; I tried to call you at the Madison in Washington, D.C., and then again at the Hilton in Las Vegas at my father's request, following many lengthy telephone discussions with him over the last several days.

Stan, I think it is time you and I had a long, private talk, and came to a final understanding which can resolve many of the difficulties of the past months.

Let's call it a "hatchet-burying ceremony." For my part, I want to approach the current situation from an attitude of utter forgetfulness over all that is past; looking upon every problem of any sort involving personalities in the Work, decisions, or any emotional upsets of any kind as just so much water over the dam, under the bridge, and downstream--which, after all, is what it is!

For one, I am going to cling to the Scripture that says we should be "Forgetting those things which are behind..." and pressing forward toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus!

But for the PRESENT problems, and all future problems which may come along in the Work, I believe there is only one ultimate solution for the benefit and well-being of all.

From my own point of view, it seems I am forced to take enormous amounts of time and energy which would be far better spent doing the Work of broadcasting, television, writing, preaching and the like to defend various executive and administrative decisions I have to make when they are brought to my father in such a fashion that it causes apprehensions, and he feels he must override decisions I make.

Stan, for your own peace of mind and benefit, as well as for my father's and mine, and everyone else's in the Work, I hope you will give very serious thought to what I will now propose.

I am proposing to my father that you exercise at least whatever portion of your agreement you feel necessary; by stepping aside laterally to continue to serve my father in the capacity in which you have been serving for so long; namely that of close personal friend, confidant and advisor, his chief aide and assistant for his calling of going before kings, presidents, premiers and prime ministers overseas, and devoting your energies in this direction in serving and helping my father to fulfill the commission he has been given to the best of your special expertise and abilities.

The only way I can foresee a smoothly functioning and harmonious relationship throughout the church and the college is if I can be completely free to administer my father's policies and goals as President of Ambassador College and Executive Vice-President of the Worldwide Church of God in an attitude and a spirit of complete cooperation, harmony, mutual trust and confidence from all parties.

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Mr. Stanley R. Rader  
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I am not suggesting that you may necessarily want to exercise the full options of your signed agreement at this time, meaning reverting to the seven-year period you outlined, including all the stated details this would set in motion.

What I am strongly suggesting and urging my father to approve is that you step out of line function in the church, and continue in your responsibilities as my father's chief counselor and advisor as well as a personal aide for his overseas trips.

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I will propose to my father that Ray Wright be named Vice-President for Financial Affairs for the Church, and that he completely uphold my decision to once and for all comply with the accepted, standard procedures of college accounting systems which can assure Ambassador College of the accreditation recently denied.

Stan, if and when you will agree to do this, I will tell you from a personal point of view that I will give you my absolute written and sincerest guarantee that any and every upset, problem, or difficulty of the past is utterly and once and for all buried, and forgotten!

In return for this, I would want you to give me a memorandum to the same effect where you are concerned, and most especially your absolute promise on your honor and integrity that you will never, so long as you live, take any action which would be contrary to the best interests of the Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College, my father or me personally.

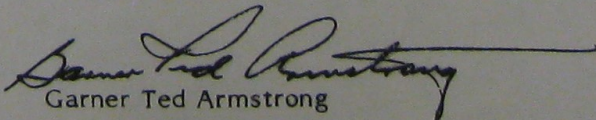
I realize that you have spent a great deal of time in striving to do what you felt was best for the Work. I impute no motives to you whatsoever except those, from your own point of view, which were in the best interests of the Work at all times.

I have had to defend you before others on various occasions, and I know you have performed the same service for me.

So I am saying that it is time for you to realize that you and I can lock arms in far closer cooperation, not only professionally and in a job-related basis, but even socially and on a personal level if you will simply separate yourself from the day-to-day administrative responsibilities in the Work, take up your duties at my father's side as his companion and personal aide and counselor, and let us have peace and harmony prevailing throughout the length and breadth of this Work.

I am looking forward to having personal talks with you as soon as I possibly can.

With love, in Jesus' name,

  
Garner Ted Armstrong

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