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Dear Gerald,

I just got a renewal notice for Occasional Bulletin and that jogged my mind regarding the deliberations concerning the merger of this Bulletin with Missiology.

Is there to be a merger? Are they going ahead collecting subscriptions for the coming year. I don't see any problem unless coordination at some point would be helpful.

We'll have to work out a financial settlement inevitably as we did with P.A.

Possibly they intend to start in 1974. Is that a possibility?

Tippett says that the third issue will be ready any time now. I haven't seen it yet. The crushing news is that the shortages that have bedeviled our whole economy have invaded the printing industry as well and Edwards Bros. who have always been the most disciplined faithful people are now running two and a half months instead of one month on jobs of the sort we're giving them. This means instead of getting our stuff back at the end of September, we're getting the second issue on the 13th of November they now inform us. This is so absolutely shocking that I can hardly believe this will be the same for the third issue. But it will likely be somewhere in between the one month which they have always done before and the two and a half months of this special period of problems. I don't know exactly how to react to this except that I simply do not know what I can do about it. I really think the quality of our product is going to have to outlast the inconveniences and bruised expectations of the present hour. I do think however we can at least try to explain what the trouble is.

This brings me to the matter of sending out a special newsletter just to the charter members. We decided in our June meeting that news items could be contained in the Journal itself. But one little problem we overlooked was the fact that many of our charter members have not somehow gotten the right cues in regard to subscribing to the Journal and thus will not be getting any further news, and we are getting perhaps a dozen letters in the last two months asking what's happened since the \$10 was sent in. It seems to me it would be easier to write a letter of cheerful character to our whole CM list urging them to send in their \$8 so as to get on the bandwagon with the Journal if they have not already done so, clarifying I hope for the last time that there is no connection between the \$10 and the \$8. This will at the same time give us an occasion to explain to the more serious and concerned among us why the desperate delays in printing are occurring.

Now let me conclude by saying that if you have an agenda or any specific input for this letter which I have just mentioned to our CM list, by all means feel free to suggest what you would like. Incidentally, we have received so far as I know no news at all from our Newsletter editors who were supposed to be putting stuff into the Journal. Part of the problem was that our editor was not there when this commitment was made and I do not believe he has caught on to the fact that they're supposed to be putting something in and thus has not been jogging their memories. We might simply ask in the proposed letter to the CM list that CMs send in news directly to the editor or to the Newsletter editors.

Enough for now.

Most cordially yours,

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