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Dear Brother Bietz,

I thank you for your letter of Oct. 11, though I am sorely dissapointed in its content.

When some weeks ago you brought me a message from Eld. Figuhr and an unsigned piece of paper, offering what I thought was an acceptable solution to our difficulty; I expressed my self that this looked like a fair proposition: I was to cease my agitation and in return the suspension would be lifted. But in reading the unsigned note again, I found it said no such thing. I was to cease my agitation, but there was no promise of the suspension being lifted. It was the same kind of letter I had received from Elder Figuhr when he wanted me to believe that I would get a trial with a tape recording, when he had no such thing in mind. He did his best to so word his letter that I would be deceived, and at last lied deliberately. And so in this matter. AT NO TIME HAS HE STATED THAT I WILL GET MY MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS RETURNED IF I CEASE MY ACTIVITY. Had he said so, I would have accepted the proposition. As it is, he wants me to promise - and would doubtless hold me to it. While at the same time he can claim that he has never made such a promise. I shall not be caught this way. The situation is the same as it has been all along the way.

You, the same as he, altogether fail to mention that the great crime in this matter is a trial and condemnation of a defendant in his absence. That is the crime and sin, and which Eld. Figuhr would fain have me forget. But I don't forget Gladly, upon repentance would I forgive him. But as long as he avoids the real issue, I have no other in which the matter can be settled.

I regret as much as any one that Elder Figuhr refuses to repent of his wrong, which cries to high heaven. But our people must know what kind of men some of our leaders are. Elder Figuhr has never offered to restore my credentials upon my promise to cease my agitation. As noted above, it is the same kind of promise as the one about my getting a copy of the trial, which he never intended to give. He was deceiving all the time. "And I regarded them not", says God. I stand with God.

"Did, or did not, Eld. Figuhr sin grievously in having a "trial" without the defendant? Did, or did not, Eld. Figuhr err seriously when he said I was the one who suggested no record of any kind"? It is not I that is on trial for lying, but Eld. Figuhr. And if he prefers to stand in trial before the world as well as the church, I will give my testimony. It will be a dreadful thing for the four men involved, it will be a dreadful thing for the church to learn the truth, but El. Figuhr is forcing the issue. So be it. Even at this late hour I would consider an honest offer.

I shall not write more between now and Christmas. By then I will have my document ready, they will be copyrighted, and I shall not spare. As a campaign for the coming session, it will have effect. I would advise Eld Figuhr to read and ponder Luke 12:58. "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

I hope sanity will return to Eld. Figuhr,

Sincerely,

M. I. Anderson