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Espanola, N.M.
January 5, 1970

Dear Joel Marangella:

We have received your letter addressed to "the faithful supporters of the Covenant of Baha'u'llah throughout the world", dated November 12, 1969.

It has brought us great joy and comfort and assurance. We would like to tell you at this time that we fully accept your appointment as Third Guardian of the Faith of Baha'u'llah. We understand the manner in which you were appointed and the manner in which that office was assumed by you. It is to our sorrow that we did not recognize your assumption of that office sooner.

As you have said, it has indeed been a heart-breaking and soul-trying time for us all. Our intelligence was faced with the inconsistencies and inaccuracies of Mason Remey's letters and directives, and our hearts with the question of how God could let this happen to his beloved Faith. We could only wait with sorrow and frustration for whatever God willed to be.

Now, so many things are explained and made clear that we can only wonder that we did not see it before. But we thank God that we did wait and did not lose faith or hope or belief in the ultimate victory of the Faith.

Now, we are able to turn to you as Third Guardian with a free and happy heart. We need not feel guilty about turning away from Mason Remey. He can and does now assume the station, to us and to the Faith, of an honored, loved and respected "elder statesman". While the Guardian must assume the position of the "sacred head", the past Guardian is then the "distinguished member for life", giving of his knowledge, experience and wisdom and yet, in no way, providing a dual authority. This is the way we understand it.

We have here in our center in Santa Fe County, all the NSA files, the archives entrusted to the NSA, the machinery, some literature and some books, in fact, most of the things pertinent to the ministry of the Second Guardian. We do not have the files on the legal case. We believe Mr. Petzoldt retained them in his care. Also, hoping for a future need, we have maintained the original Santa Fe address, P.O. Box 182.

Again let us express our happiness with your assumption of the office of the Third Guardian of the Faith. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know.

In the Service of Baha'u'llah

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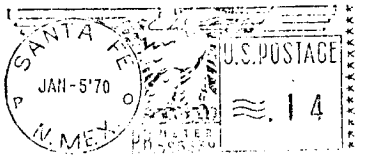

AIR MAIL

Mr. Joel Marangella
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AIR MAIL

Worms, Germany
January 13, 1970

James A. Meyer
Marilyn Meyer
Alfred Meyer
Irene Meyer

Dearly beloved friends and faithful supporters of the Covenant:

I was overjoyed to receive your letter of January 5th and to receive its warm assurances of support. I am grateful that your troubled hearts have at last been given tranquility and understanding and that your fidelity to the mighty Covenant of Baha'u'llah has been rewarded.

I count myself particularly fortunate to have you on the side of my guardianship because I know you to be diligent and untiring workers for the Faith.

I have noted your statements about your retention of the archives of the former NSA under the Guardianship and other material. What is the nature of the machinery that you mentioned and do you have an inventory of the publications that remain in your hands? that you could send me?

With respect to the Post Office Box you have retained in Santa Fe, it does not appear now that we shall have a use for this box. I understand that there is presently only one Baha'i who was formerly faithful to the Guardianship in that city and we do not as yet know her stand on the third Guardian.

A general letter which I have addressed to the American friends faithful to the third Guardian will soon be distributed of which you should receive a copy. This will indicate that I am thinking along different lines than the second Guardian when it comes to getting the Administration functioning in America again. I am not thinking in terms of the Catastrophe which motivated so many of the friends to resettle in the Rocky Mountain area as even Mason now considers this to be an event which shall not take place for a good many years. This is not to say that the great efforts of so many of you to fulfill the Guardian's wishes at the time should be discounted in any way. The propagation of the Faith in that area is most important as well as the retention of valuable and irreplaceable archives material and records for the future generations of Baha'is that come after us.

As the Las Vegas group was the first to recognize my guardian-

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ship and immediately offered to be of assistance in informing the other friends, I, of course, availed myself of their kind offer. Otherwise, I most certainly would have called upon your group for help as I recall how faithfully you served the second Guardian in this regard during the early years of his ministry.

I realize that frictions have built up between many of the Baha'is in the Rocky Mountain area over the past years. It is my earnest hope and prayer that all of these frictions and divisions will be wiped away and that the small band of champions of the Covenant will join together in the common battle against the forces of darkness and the enemies of the Covenant. If we but stand together our ultimate victory is assured.

Any efforts which you may make towards the goal of the unity of the faithful friends as well as for the enlargement of the circle of supporters of the third Guardian will be most deeply appreciated.

May the Beloved aid and guide you in winning victories for His Cause and the Covenant.

With loving Baha'i greetings and best wishes.

Faithfully, your brother in El Abha

To: Mr James A. Meyer

Worms, Germany
8 February 1970

Dear Baha'i sister,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 22nd with its several enclosures which were most welcome. I noted with great interest the inventory list of the publications which remain in your stock for which I feel certain there will be some demand as time goes on! Also I was glad to peruse again the enclosure showing the scope of your activities there which have been so meritorious in the past and for which the faithful friends owe you a great debt of gratitude. While for the moment these activities have been suspended you should regard this as only a temporary condition made necessary by the present state of affairs in our beloved Faith.

I read with great interest the enclosure entitled "A Message of vital importance to all believers in the US . . ." concerning the injunction. The important thing which this brings out is that the injunction was taken out against "The National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States Under the Hereditary Guardianship" as the counter-defendant. It therefore has no applicability to the faithful friends who are no longer under the jurisdiction of this administrative body which has ceased to exist. The activities of the friends in America under my guardianship are being taken on an individual basis. In the October 1966 issue of the Glad Tidings which you so kindly called to my attention I note that under the article entitled "NSA Accepts Terms" there is the statement that "Privately we may call ourselves Baha'is as the Conclusions of Law states that the Wilmette NSA does not presume to infringe on our right to religious liberty to organize and worship according to our dictates. One might add that they cannot under the constitutional guarantees of this same religious liberty prevent ~~ourselves~~ us from announcing to anyone whom we choose our convictions of faith. Such an infringement is preposterous and can never be accepted. How many of those heroes of God in the days of the Dawnbreakers suffered death rather than recant publicly their faith? The same principle is involved now.

Thank you so much for your kind offer of help. As time goes on I am sure that your assistance will be required either directly or indirectly.

You have by this time received my general letter dated 8 January and will have noted that for the time being at least I am planning to shift the administrative the focal point of our activities in the United States to the East. This seems to have advantages for the time being for several reasons not the least important of which is that it may contribute to a lessening of the frictions that have existed for all too long a period between the friends in the Rocky mountain area.

Your continued support of the guardianship is greatly treasured and I pray that Baha'u'llah may open the way for your future services to His Cause and on behalf of the Covenant.

With warmest Baha'i greetings to you and all of the Meyers.

Faithfully, your brother in El Abha

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January 22, 1970
Espanola, N.M.

Dear Joel Marangella:

We have received your letter of January 13, 1970. Thank you for your warm welcome.

Enclosed are several tiems you may find informative. One paper explains the position of the believers after the injunction was accepted by the NSA, but while the NSA was still a functioning body. After that, of course, the NSA was ordered dissolved by Mason Remey and his wishes were obeyed. This left the believers in a "every man for himself" position, a position which we still occupy individually.

One of the enclosed Glad Tidings has an article which explains the function of the Distribution and Reproduction Committee which we manned, and what we are able to do here.

Enclosed also is a literature list of supplies on hand. The friends received most of this when it was first printed, hence there were not too many calls for the remainder. The quantities made at the time were, in most cases, far in excess of the need. Any future printings should be limited to the actual need. We have retained the original mimeo stencils of the work we have done here, and were this to be continued, it would assure that new quantities of any given article could be made at any time. Some of this literature is quite obsolete but some of it will remain pertinent always.

In addition to the literature and archives, we have the large mimeograph and an addressograph machine. Many of the addresses are now incorrect but we have a good supply of blanks so new ones can be cut if we can ascertain and correlate addresses.
The typewriters are our own. We are short of supplies at the moment, but there remains a fund of about $30.00 with which to replenish.

We offer these things and ourselves for whatever use you may wish to employ them.

In regard to Box 182, Santa Fe, this was used firstly as a permanent address ~~for the~~ Faith Under the Hereditary Guardianship, The only legal address for the NSA, a permanent address of continuity no matter who the members of the NSA. It was further used as a clearing house for inter-F ith mail for all members of the Faith. It was an entirely impersonal address, having no direct connection with the friends in Santa Fe, accessible only to members of the NSA and the D & R committee. It was with the idea of keeping this well-known address as a point of continuity that it has been kept open.

You also mentioned in your letter the only faithful Baha'i left in Santa Fe. She is Mrs. Helen Pettit, 73 years old and partially blind. She loves the Faith but is very confused due to the sometimes conflicting letters she received over the past several years. I am sure that time and patient explanation will enable her to accept the third Guardian.

We look forward to receiving your general letter which you also mentioned.

Baha'i Regards,

Mrs James A. Meyer

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Worms, Germany
5 April 1990

Dear Carole and Frank,

This will acknowledge both of your kind letters dated March 9. I was very glad to have your letter, Carole, confirming your acceptance of my guardianship and I appreciate your warm sentiments.

Both of you are youthful and active people who are coming in contact with a lot of people. It is my hope that you may find some of these people receptive to the Faith and that they may eventually be led to embrace the Faith. The wider our circle of contacts the better it is because the law of averages alone assures us that ultimately we are going to meet some who will be thinking along Baha'i lines.

What you wrote, Frank, about the news columns written by a sans-Guardian Baha'i which had the flavor of a religious zealot was interesting. There is no question that this has often been our problem in the past in trying to "make" Baha'is. Actually, we can't make Baha'is. They have to make themselves, that is; their consciousness has to evolve to the point where they perceive the realities of the Faith for themselves. Of course, the spiritual energies released in the world by the appearance of Baha'u'llah have quickened all things and for this reason humanity is moving towards the verities of the Faith, however unbeknownst to itself. Certainly, we see more people today who, although they have never heard of the Faith, are thinking like Baha'is, than was the case when I was a boy.

I regret to learn that you have become estranged, Frank, from your brother but, alas, the last few years has found this situation very prevalent. I, too, have suffered from this as my twin sister became a sans-Guardian Baha'i immediately after the Proclamation of the second Guardian, not to mention my mother and father. This came as a shock to me particularly because they had always championed the institution of the Guardianship.

You have by this time received news of the formation of the National Bureau in the City of the Covenant. This Bureau will remain in existence, at least until the formation of our first Baha'i administrative body in the United States. Would you, Frank, turn over to the Bureau any secretarial records that you may have pertaining to the former NSA under the second Guardian. The Bureau will then pass them on to the first administrative body that exercises national jurisdiction in that country.

Irene joins in sending our loving greetings and best wishes for the success of your devoted labors for His Cause and the triumph of the Covenant of Baha'u'llah.

Faithfully, your brother in El Abha,

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Bureau Minutes, Feb. 25, 1973

Marian Rhodes sent the Meyers an extensive paper of quotes from the Writings concerning her position on the Guardianship in light of recent events. She wished to have it distributed to all believers and offered to cover the cost (this was before the Bureau was re-activated). It was decided to send the paper to the Guardian and ask his approval to send it to all believers, including everyone on the mailing list, perhaps giving some younger, inexperienced Baha'is a second chance. The Guardian could also delete or correct anything in the paper if he wished.

The editorial staff for the Newsletter was agreed upon: Jim and Marilyn Meyer and George and Eunice Hanawalt. The Myers recently reconstituted their memeograph and the Newsletter can be duplicated with their equipment. News will be sent to P. O. Box 2101, Albuquerque, and relayed to the editors. The treasurer will send money to the editors, a running total kept, and more funds sent upon need. The first Newsletter will be published and mailed out before Naw Ruz. The DeHainauts will send copies of correspondence from the Guardian concerning the Newsletter as guidance for the new editors.

Long distance calls concerning bureau business can be paid for by Bureau funds. The next meeting will be held when needed.

LaVonne DeHainaut
Secretary