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June 2, 1970

Dr. William S. Banowsky
Chancellor, Pepperdine College at Malibu
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Dear Bill:

Thank you so much for your kind letter regarding our decision not to come to Pepperdine at this time. Needless to say, Sue and I have been through some inner turmoil regarding this decision.

I personally like the challenge of starting from the foundation with the Law School. I also like the idea of working with a man like Ron Phillips. I am seeing more and more the personal need to find another role of service.

Sue and the children were very definitely ready to move to California. I have never contemplated a move that had Sue's complete approval as did this one.

When the whole matter is boiled down to a few basic reasons, they sound like this: (1) I could not feel that my job at Highland is finished; (2) I found myself in the middle of developing some basic concepts that I need more time to make clear; (3) I realized that the Highland elders understood my commitment to them to be for two years. These, and other reasons, finally caused me to decide to stay at Highland, and to make a commitment to the Highland elders for the next twelve months. I made the decision not to come to California because I could not leave Highland, in the final analysis.

My conversation with Dr. Young about this matter was very helpful. I feel that I understand and more deeply appreciate what both of you are doing at Pepperdine. I do hope the future will hold an opportunity for mutual and fulfilling service.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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CELLOR

May 22, 1970

Dear John and Sue:

Dr. Young has shared with me the reasons behind your decision not to join us at this time at Pepperdine. Gay and I just wanted you to know that we think we have a special perspective from which to be thoroughly sympathetic with you and to appreciate the decision which you have reached.

Knowing that you have spent much time in prayer and deliberation, we are certain that, for the present, it must be the right choice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William S. Banowsky

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