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BIBLE DEPARTMENT

July 5, 1968

Mr. John Allen Chalk
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Dear John:

I want you to understand that I love and appreciate you so much. I think you are probably one of the most devoted men I know. I esteemed you highly for your worksake.

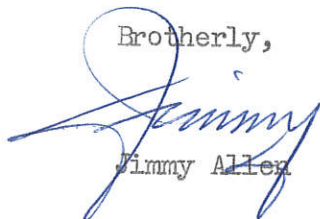
After having said that John, I want to give you a lick. I suppose it is not the first one you received; it likely will not be the last. I felt that your remarks to Brother Jim Bill McInteer were completely out of place. Personally, I resented them. I intended to talk with you before the two of us left Atlanta, but both of us got tied up and therefore I was unable to talk with you. I called Jim Bill later in the evening and told him how badly I felt about your remarks. Jim made a tremendous sacrifice to be at that meeting. Furthermore, I did not consider his remarks inflammatory unless the men to whom he wrote made inflammatory statements.

John, if you can in good conscience, I surely would like to see you apologize to Jim Bill. Although he has taken the whole thing beautifully, I think he was hurt. I feel if you understood what a job he had in getting to the Atlanta meeting at all, your attitude toward him would be somewhat different.

Again, let me say that I love and appreciate you. I do not like to be cast in a role of hurting you or anyone else, but I felt that something ought to be said.

If you are ever in this part of the country, lets get together.

Brotherly,


Jimmy Allen