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Dr. William M. Arnett
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Dear Dr. Arnett:

Thank you for your letter of April 23.

Dr. Richard S. Taylor called me early in April and told me that he was going to have to turn over all of the affairs of W.T.S. to you. I am not clear as to whether or not he intends to be away more than the summer. If so, then we do have a real problem concerning the presidency of W.T.S. Inasmuch as he did not raise this matter with you, I am assuming that he expects to be back in Kansas City in time for the 1966 academic year. This would then mean that your main concern is the planning of the fall program.

Dr. Taylor had to raise the question of an Executive Committee meeting, but I told him on the phone that I did not see the need of it since the only business now before us is the planning of the fall conference. This is the responsibility of the Program Committee. Therefore, the only meeting that I could see that would be necessary would be the meeting of the Program Committee.

We have prepared a list of members to W.T.S. and that list is enclosed for your convenience.

I have given some thought to the theme which you have suggested for the program. I like the general theme "Some Contemporary Theological Issues in the Light of the Enduring Word." I also like your idea of a panel with both positions being presented. As to the specific focus, I admit that I think that all of your suggestions would be very useful. I presume because of my interest in the social sciences, "The New Morality" especially appeals to me. I am certain that there are serious implications both to the theologian and social scientist in this particular area. If we were to take this topic, it might give us an opportunity to invite participants who would not be able to participate if the topic were strictly theological in its orientation.

I was under the impression that we were pretty well committed to Asbury Theological Seminary for the next meeting. I notice in my letter dated March 11 I did state that the decision would have to be confirmed by the Executive Committee. We were not able to meet in Dallas, and it seems to me that all we would have to do is to secure Ralph Thompson's agreement and plan accordingly. Since you are President-Elect, I imagine it would

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be appropriate for you to write to Dr. Thompson with reference to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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