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WHEREAS, no final official action has been taken by the Official Board, the Congregation, or the Quarterly Conference on the findings of this Committee, and

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WHEREAS, the same Committee no longer exists in fact, and

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