Dear Albert,

Just thought you might be interested to know that I decided not to go to Chicago.

Although I still have very mixed feelings, the determinative factor seemed to be that my work here seems to be developing quite well, and there is much yet needful to be accomplished in this setting.

Conversations with you on the phone and at Pittsburgh were most helpful and clarifying. I am very grateful for your interest and insight. One compensation for remaining in the southwest, however many limitations we may have here, is our proximity to you and your colleagues at Perkins, and we hope that our paths may cross often in the years ahead.

I will be at Jurisdictional Conference at the end of June in Dallas, and perhaps we can chat further.

I am sending you a copy of Radical Obedience, under separate cover, with grateful acknowledgment for the way in which your work has shaped both my analysis and critique.

Affectionately,

Thomas C. Oden

