

December 6, 1962

The Rev. Mr. Summerscales
United Presbyterian Board of Christian Education
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Bill,

First, I want to express my appreciation for being given the opportunity to share in the consultation on The Lay Apostolate. I found the consultation a significant one and some of the seeds planted there may bear fruit elsewhere. I have two specific things in mind. I have written Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, General Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, about this project and urged him to get in touch with you. Secondly, conversations with some local people involved in the Enid Council of Churches have encouraged us to think in terms of some similar Lay conversations, perhaps along vocational lines.

As I stand now at a few days distance from the consultation, a couple of critical responses might be useful. (1) It strikes me that the linguistic gap between the laity and its representative ministry is a more abismal one than we would like to imagine. Surely, contemporary art can help us focus on the human problem in a way which overleaps some of those linguistic problems, but we need to continue to try very earnestly to listen to each other and really hear what the other is saying. I am pleading for a more real sense of genuine dialogue than we were able to achieve at Dallas. (2) Fully appreciative of the problems we encountered in finding a good stage production at that particular time in Dallas and also appreciative of our conversation with the cast, it nevertheless seems to me that the contemporary theater is saying a great deal more about the human condition than we were able to hear last weekend.

I liked your approach of "not building bridges" between the Christian proclamation and contemporary society. Although we all showed ourselves to be self-assertive persons from time to time in the conversation, it strikes me now more sharply than when I was there that the point of the whole conversation was well-nigh unmistakable.

It was a pleasure to come to know you. I look forward to keeping in touch with you and please let me know if I can ever play a meaningful role in subsequent plans of this sort.

Yours cordially and sincerely,

Thomas C. Oden

c/jcl Dictated November 28, 1962

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January 6, 1952

The Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in response to your letter of January 4, 1952, regarding the matter of the "Confidential Bond" which you mentioned in your letter of December 15, 1951. I have been thinking about this matter for some time and I have been talking to several people who are familiar with the situation. I have also been looking at the "Confidential Bond" which you mentioned in your letter of December 15, 1951. I have found that the "Confidential Bond" is a very important document and it is very difficult to obtain. I have also found that the "Confidential Bond" is a very important document and it is very difficult to obtain. I have also found that the "Confidential Bond" is a very important document and it is very difficult to obtain.

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It was a pleasure to hear from you. I look forward to hearing from you again and please let me know if I can ever be of any help to you in any way.

Yours cordially and sincerely,

James C. [Name]

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