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Fred Backhaus
Dallas, Texas

Dear Fred,

How does this winter find the Backhaus family? We would certainly be delighted to see you should you have any opportunity to come our way this spring or summer.

The big news here is a recent acceptance I received from The Westminster Press on a revised portion of my dissertation. It will be about 180 pages from the section of my dissertation on Bultmann, tentatively entitled Radical Obedience: A Study of the Ethics of Rudolf Bultmann. I am very pleased. Another astonishing aspect is that they did not ask for any revisions.

Do you recall the long letter I received from Bultmann as a critique of my dissertation? We read it together when you were here in Enid. Westminster has requested that this letter appear in English translation in an appendix to the book.

I have just completed writing out my translation. I thought if you could do it I would like for you to check it over for accuracy and style. There may be places where I did not get the meaning quite exact. I am enclosing copies of both the English and German in hopes that you would have a chance to give it a once over.

How is your import business? I hope things are going well. Also I hope this address reaches you. We look forward to our next occasion to see you.

Affectionately,

Thomas C. Oden

