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Dr. Charles M. Clarke
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Dr. William Slack, Sr.
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Dear Dr. Clarke,

While Dr. Slack was visiting in Dallas last week for Minister's Week I had the pleasure of talking with him again about the Ecumenical Bible Chair project at Denton. He was kind to call my attention again to the experimental character of the project and the great hope that all you who are planning it have for it.

I would like to indicate continued and increased interest in the project.

I do not know what steps you have taken since we last talked together, but I got the impression from Dr. Slack that the committee would look favorably upon the re-consideration of my name for candidacy for the position. If so, I would be pleased for us to talk further about it, and perhaps share some of our concerns and ideas about the interpretation of the nature and task of the Ecumenical Bible Chair.

I can well remember the difficult decision I made last summer. I need not conceal the fact that I came within a hairsbreadth of accepting your invitation. My situation at Perkins has developed in such a way that I now feel much more free to consider other options, and do not feel obliged to stay here further. So it might be to our mutual interest to resume our conversation where we left it off last summer.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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