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Dear Bob,

After reading this note you are going to think this is an annual affair for me. I am again on the outlook for some position for which I might be qualified and in which I might be interested, and you can't hardly get them anymore.

I have had a rich experience teaching at Perkins this year. My teaching duties ranged widely, and I have loved it---theology, ethics, introduction to philosophy, pastoral counseling, homiletics and a practicum in Christian worship. My writing career also began this year. My first two articles appeared in print this winter. They are: "The Gospel Knows No Iron Curtain", in the Christian Advocate, Dec. 24, 1959, and "The Christology of T.S. Eliot" in Encounter, Vol. 21, 1960.

I'd like to check with you generally and specifically about job possibilities. Generally, first, do you know of anything showing in that area of the country which might be interesting. I have almost no communication with people on the West Coast except you, and so I have had no opportunity to hear of anything. There is one exception, however, and I wanted to see if you could dig up any information on this situation specifically, if it is convenient for you to do so. That is the undergraduate department at the University of Southern California. I heard that they lost a large portion of their faculty to the new theology school and consequently were in the re-building stage. If it seems to you that there is a possibility that they might need a man there, I would be very grateful, if the opportunity presents itself, for you to help me get in touch with the proper persons.

Thanks ever so much. I trust that your work is advancing as expected. Thanks also, for your note last year. The So. Cal. School of Theology did not pan out for me. I think they were looking for a more experienced man. I am becoming more and more interested in the college teaching of religion, anyway. My greetings to Fleur. If anything brings you east, stop by in Dallas. We'd love to see you and have you as our guests. By the way, don't let this inquiry be a bother to you. If I don't hear from you I'll assume that nothing was brewing.

Cordially,

