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Mr. Robert Stott

Beloved Brother:

This is sent with a desire to make clear facts as to the recent events involving the assembly here.

On August 22nd James Taylor Jr. was withdrawn from, the Lord having mercifully opened the eyes of many remaining in ignorance as to the facts of evil in our midst. It was established that Mr. Taylor's scandalous conduct had been purposely made public to the press. Unseemly conduct (1 Cor. 7:1) toward sisters invited to his home was established in the mouth of witnesses. Attempts to destroy the testimony since have failed.

As to ministry, his blasphemy and filthy speaking were named as defiling and dishonoring to the holiness of God's house. Witness from Aberdeen as to this was fully accepted, also.

The spirit of lying has marked our brother's evil conduct. The statement at the August 1st care meeting was deliberately phrased: "There is a tape of filthy conversation which is not my voice. It's a fake." But the original tape of the Aberdeen meetings, now in Mr. Parker's possession is Mr. Taylor's voice without any doubt. There is no evidence that any false tape exists. Further, when charged at the care meeting with using the expression S.O.B. (spelled out), he shouted, "You're a liar!". Witness then established that he had admitted doing so. The tape shows he used the term no less than three times. His claims "I'm a pure man", and "The Lord told me to do it", are part of a story which has been unquestioningly accepted by many responsible persons. The spirit of lying was named by Mr. James Taylor Senior over thirty years ago in precisely the same context in this city. Lying and purity are not compatible.

The collective sin in preventing testimony from being presented on August 1st was also owned. The travesty in the withdrawal from Messrs. Parker, Hoyte, and Pfingst was confessed.

The brethren continue to break bread counting on the Lord to support the determination to remain free of any evil, and we have happily resumed fellowship with those wrongfully withdrawn from on August 1st. A full schedule of meetings is being followed in houses, the Supper commencing at 6 A.M.

Our earnest hope is that our brother Mr. Taylor may be granted repentance and also the many who have been darkened, and who may remain in a measure of ignorance as to the current evil so sorrowfully widespread.

Faithfully yours,  
in our Lord Jesus,

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