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April 27, 1966

Dr. John Garwood
Dean of the Faculty
The Deanery
Campus

Dear John:

I have never quite forgiven the powers that be for failing to arrange for me to invoke on the occasion of Summer Commencement 1958. The fact that I was touring Europe at the time is irrelevant, impertinent and immaterial. It would seem that these powers were philosophically and theologically naive and assumed that The Deity was spatially localized withing hearing distance of the Lewis Field Stadium. Now I am willing to admit that there are some persons at Hays, Kansas who feel that they have a virtual monopoly on The Divine Person, but this hardly entails the proposition that He is localized in space as a Newtonian mass at rest, hovering over the platform party at the Fort Hays Commencement.

If the powers had simply notified me of the exact hour and minute when they desired me to invoke I could have made the proper calculations so as to synchronize times and I then could have invoked wherever I happend to be at the moment. It would have been very impressive, for example, should synchronization of times should have indicated that I should have arisen during the performance of MY Fair Lady at Drury Lane Theatre while Rex Harrison was trying to instruct Lisa Doolittle concerning "the rain in Spain" and have carried out my duties as an invocator, -- very, very, impressive, I'd say!

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Now that I have cleared up these matters of time, and space and Deity, it follows that I could just as well carry out my duties as Chief Invocator on the evening of May 31st next, from the comfort of my favorite easy chair at 511 West 12th Street. Hoping that my explanation is lucid and satisfactory, I rest confident in your concurrence in this arrangement.

Proantitransubstantiationally
Yours,

Sam
Sam

P.S.

If you remain uninstructed by the above, I shall be happy to be present at The Lewisfield Stadium on the evening of May 31, next, at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

Sam
Sam

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Dean of the Faculty



April 15, 1966

Dr. Samuel Hamilton
Campus

Dear Sam:

According to our present schedule, Commencement will be at 8:00 p.m, Tuesday, May 31 in Lewis Field.

I note that since 1956 to the present time with only one exception you have given the Invocation at our Commencement Exercises. In the summer of 1958, I noted that you did not give the Invocation. I believe that you were abroad that particular summer and it was decided not to ask you to come back to perform at our ritual. I am hopeful that we may again count on your support in this program.

I am hopeful that we may hold the Commencement in Lewis Field where a man may stand erect and breathe the cool night air.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John D. Garwood
Dean of the Faculty

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