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Dear Brother Richard,

Lou Carol and I have just returned from visiting in the Fort-Worth Dallas area over a three week period. During this time we've spent time with Mozell and a short visit with Milton and Linda. They told us about what is going on in your life and your effort to get your children back and expose what is going on in the assembly. May you be used to this end.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to the Fort Worth Star Telegram News Service. I heard nothing back from them. I believe they put such material in file.

I have your cell phone number so one of these days we can talk.

May the Lord bless your endeavor.

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Dear Sirs,

While visiting in Dallas recently, I read two of your newspaper articles dated 5-1-97 and 5-3-97, concerning Modesto Rodriguez, a first grade school teacher accused of molesting one of his students.

I'm sure your readers would like a "human interest" story on the religious group Modesto married into and therefore rallied to his support.

This group is one of several close-nit assemblies from Virginia to California who believe they are a "more viable" part of the Body of Christ and will not associate with other Christians who do not believe as they do.

In the mid-eighties, several dis-satisfied families returned to their previous fellowship in a Baptist church which resulted in the withdrawal of fellowship from them and all who openly disagreed with this type of treatment. Several hundred of us were put out or just left this group. From that time on, family members in the group were threatened with expulsion if family or friends were visited outside the group. This type of treatment is supposed to make us want to return to their fellowship. Needless to say, I know of no one who has returned or stayed. One young man outside the group had to promise not to see his parents after the wedding in order to marry a girl within the group.

I am giving you this information to help you "find the facts" on your own, if you wish to interview Jeff Grove. His address is: 9001 County Rd. 1019 Burleson, Texas. Telephone (817) 297-9629. Jeff's father, Robert Grove of Fredericksburg, Va., spear-headed this division in order to be a ruler and not just a shepherd in the group.

Some unwritten rules are: Don't listen to other radio preachers; obey those that have the rule over you, even if you believe they are wrong; all must speak the same thing; don't allow your children to play in sports; don't eat turkey on Thanksgiving day; etc, etc.

I do not wish to jeopardize Modesto's chance of a fair trial by giving you this information. I wish to remain anonymous as information giver because my wife and I still have family members in the group.

As a whole these Christians are God-fearing people who are being misled by the mis-use of Old Testament scriptures for today's living.

Sincerely,

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