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Dear Father-

Every once in a while I get ambitious enough to write a letter or two, which should explain this sudden impulse.

Actually, I have a little story to unfold ~~at~~ which may be of interest to you. Last Tuesday a man came in the office and introduced himself as a Mr. Carter. He said Bud Keyser had asked him to drop in and see me, that he (Carter) had installed a "pressing plant" for Keyser in Salt Lake, and that he was interested in looking at some of the old equipment which ERPI is not using any more. I took him around and showed him the stuff and he put in some bids for some of the equipment. As he left he said he was leaving town early Tuesday morning for Mexico, and asked that any answers to his bids be sent to his home address at St. Louis, Mo.

Wednesday I received a phone call from a transcription outfit in town asking me if I knew a man by the name of Carter, that he had approached them Tuesday with a proposition whereby he and (quote) "a Mr. Cannon who worked in the studios and who is the son of a prominent official of the Mormon Church" would like to install a processing plant similar to one we (Carter and I) had installed for Keyser in Salt Lake, which, incidentally, is being backed by the Mormon Church according to Carter. Further inquiry indicates that Carter had left town temporarily.

At any rate, I'm in the disc processing

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business without knowing it, and without getting any remuneration for it! The thing which bothered me most about the whole business was that this transcription company is a customer of American Record Corp. for their processing and pressing and it looks as though I am trying to "double cross" American Record after they offered me a job last November.

Now if you are wondering why I'm writing all this to you, here are the reasons. First, I don't want anyone to get the idea I'm trying to use your name or the Church through you, to swing some phony deal with someone I don't even know. Second, I'm wondering what kind of a fellow this Carter is, and if Keyser and the Church Program Committee know anything about him. And third, is the Church getting tied up with Keyser, or anyone else, in a business that can possibly cost them plenty of money and a lot of headaches, which is exactly what the disc processing business is until a lot of experience is gained.

There is one other thing I should perhaps mention in a confidential way, which is that Bud Keyser has been a little careless in dropping derogatory remarks to outsiders about some of the Church officials. This is hearsay but on pretty fair authority.

If you can clear up any of these hazy questions in my mind without violating any confidences I would appreciate it. I am very interested in seeing the Church get into something which may not prove advantageous. (over)

What I have heard about Bud Keyser lately, especially in his dealings with outsiders, has surprised me quite a bit, and I hope it is not all true. I have been rather interested in seeing him get ahead, but am not so sure now that I would care to help him any more, although I haven't done any thing to speak of for him to date.

We are all well and happy. The weather has been a bit cold and damp but we are hoping for better weather soon. I would certainly like to have you join me in a round of golf tomorrow morning! Can't you hop down and spend a few days with us?

Love to all of you from all of us.

Winfield.