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March 27, 1969

Mr. Frank Etter
Gay Travel Service
Abilene, Texas

Dear Bro. Etter:

Thanks for your fine work. You will note some changes on the itinerary. A word of explanation: I want to leave as much freedom within the itinerary as possible. This is one reason I would like to leave South Africa and India open; also, to do Turkey by car. Then, originally I had planned to get by largely on a Round-the-World air ticket which the church here agreed to buy. However, due to the urging of so many, I have decided to expand on the original planned trip, including this swing into Africa. I really feel that this is the thing to do but am trying to hold this initial cost down, later adding at certain points only if possible. I feel that these suggestions for revision might provide that flexibility.

In addition to the India and African changes note that Turkey will be included in the European phase of the trip which will be done by automobile.

Following is a rough breakdown by weeks:

- (12 weeks) Memphis to Athens (including Turkey)
- (5 weeks) Athens to Lusaka (or Johannesburg) and including time to visit as extensively into South Africa as will be possible.
- (5) weeks) Lusaka (or Johannesburg) back to and including as much time as possible in Cairo (minimum of seven days if at all possible.)
- (6 weeks) Beirut and into all Bible lands including a trip into Sinai Peninsula if possible. (As much flexibility here as possible). Your proposal here (as to places) look good.

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(2 weeks) Beirut to and including Baghdad

(10 weeks) From Baghdad through India

(11 weeks) Rest of journey.

If any extra time is demanded anywhere along the line,
we will make those arrangements then.

See how this comes out and return the revised schedule and
cost factors, and we will proceed from there.

I sure appreciate your work and look forward to a personal
visit if at all possible.

God bless you.

Your brother,

Landon B. Saunders

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