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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

Press reports have been circulated extensively throughout the country based on dispatches from Israeli-occupied Jordan trying to tie Jehovah's witnesses in with the man who assassinated Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Many letters and telephone calls have been received by the Society and we have heard that congregations and individual publishers have been confronted with the accusation that Jehovah's witnesses are somehow involved in the assassination.

When the reports first appeared in the press, the Society wrote letters to the branch offices in Israel and Lebanon to determine whether the brothers there knew the Sirhan family. We also contacted the congregations in Pasadena to see if any of the family were dedicated Jehovah's witnesses. Replies from the brothers in the Middle East and in California show that not one member of the family is a dedicated witness of Jehovah. So the press reports that have been made are false.

Now in New York the Society is making request of the wire services, such as Associated Press and United Press International, to send out a correction to all subscribers. We hope this will be done and thus the questions being raised by people everywhere will be answered. If you see anything published locally please send us a copy of it.

If a newspaper published in your city or the local radio or television station carried the false reports and no correction is made as a result of a dispatch from the wire services, it would be appropriate for the overseer to have a news release typed out according to the sample enclosed, putting his name and telephone number in the upper right-hand corner. Please do not hand this printed sample to anyone, but make up your own local typewritten copy. In cities where more than one congregation exists, the city servant should be the one to submit the news release asking for a correction to be made. It would not be appropriate for all of the overseers in the city to make the same news release to the same newspaper or radio station. It is suggested that a brief letter be written to the news media asking them to correct the impression that has been left by the report given, showing that the local congregation will appreciate it very much if the correction can be made.

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If the correction is made in the local newspaper or broadcast on the radio or television, please send us a report enclosing a copy of the news clipping if it is in the newspaper. We will appreciate knowing the results of this effort.

NOTE: If in your city no report on this subject appeared in the press, then there is no need to hand in the news release as that would not be appropriate.

We trust that this will help to open the way for a witness in the field service and will set the minds of people straight on this subject. Perhaps the brothers will have opportunities to explain the purposes of the work Jehovah's witnesses are doing, teaching the people the Bible, and show what we stand for and how God's law would forbid murder and assassination.

Whether the correction is printed or not, we are sure the Kingdom work will go right on and Jehovah will continue to bless his servants as they uphold the righteous principles of his Word. We pray Jehovah's blessing will be with you in your ministry.

Your brothers and fellow servants,

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