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Gilead Graduate. Brother Wayne Preble, a graduate of Gilead, has written us concerning his plans to marry in January, 1970. Brother Preble is marrying a special pioneer who is not a graduate of Gilead and has mentioned to us that he has notified your office. However, we are mentioning the matter since he is a Gilead graduate and his status will probably change by this step. Brother Preble at present is serving as a circuit servant and is doing well and since the special pioneer, Joy Lomsett, has progressed well in the Spanish language she will be able to accompany him in this service. We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Brother Pedro Arias is with us and he has had three weeks of training with a local circuit servant so as to become somewhat acquainted with the manner of carrying on the work here and the terms we use. He has been assigned a circuit in Monterrey where he is fairly near the border. We are not recommending a brother to take the place of Brother Contreras who has been recommended for Bethel because with the coming of Brother Arias we have our number of circuit servants complete.

Question. During the branch meetings in June the matter was discussed which is presented on pages 34 and 35 of the "Aid to Answering." Due to the way the military question has been handled over the years here I brought the matter to the attention of some of the brothers there but since I thought I might not have some of the details of the matter in mind it was thought best to wait and write from here and then get an answer. After checking back in the files we have found a letter dated February 4, 1960, No. 123, in which the question was asked as to what to do because many were paying a sum of money to obtain the legal document given to those of draft age. However, it was not mentioned in the question that when this document is obtained it places the receiver in the first reserve subject to being called if and when an emergency should arise which the army in uniform could not handle. So our question is this: Does this change the policy set out in your letter of June 2, 1960 (157) Page Two which answered our letter mentioned above? Your letter said this: "As to those who are relieved of military training by a money transaction with the officials who are involved therewith, this is on a par with what is done in other Latin American countries where brothers have paid for their relief through some military official in order to retain their freedom for theocratic activities. If members of the military establishment are willing to accept such an arrangement upon the payment of a fee then that is the responsibility of these representatives of the national organization. In such a case the