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TO ALL CONGREGATIONS IN THE  
UNITED STATES INCLUDING ALASKA AND HAWAII

Dear Brothers:

We can all agree that even though these are indeed "critical times hard to deal with," progressively during these "last days," Jehovah's people have moved forward to accomplish a marvelous work throughout the earth. And the work moves on toward its grand conclusion. (2 Tim. 3:1; Matt. 24:14) All of this has been by Jehovah's spirit. (Zech. 4:6) We certainly do rejoice in this.

It has always been the Society's desire to be able to provide whatever literature is required by the brothers for their personal use and for their use in the field as they keep busy proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. Gratefully we recognize that the publications have been instrumental in aiding a great crowd from all nations to become servants of Jehovah and to move forward in the way that leads to life. The need for these publications which Jehovah's people use in their worship and service of him is increasing. We are trying to meet this need and are having some problems in doing so.

Much of our printing equipment is worn and outdated. We did obtain two new offset presses over a year ago for the purpose of producing My Book of Bible Stories and the beautiful brochure on Jehovah's Witnesses. Now we are running night shifts in Brooklyn in order to prepare for offering My Book of Bible Stories in May and thereafter. We need to take steps to meet the demand for the New World Translation Bible. It would be very fine if we were able to produce more efficiently the things that you brothers want for use in the field service and in your homes.

We have been in touch with press manufacturers and have discussed our needs for more offset presses. Such machines are expensive, and we find that the only way we might be able to obtain more of these presses would be with the kind assistance of the brothers. Last year the brothers and congregations responded to our call for aid toward the building of necessary facilities, and we sincerely appreciate this willingness to come forward with interest-free loans as well as contributions. The loans have been a great help, although they have not been sufficient to meet all of the needs of the building program still underway, and we have had to hold back on some of the projects.

Now we are in another year, and since we do have a number of building projects underway, we are not in a position to obtain new printing equipment for Brooklyn and for some of the branches. So we come to you at this time to seek support in our efforts to upgrade the printing equipment and to be able to produce better publications. Additional presses will be needed if we are ever to produce other illustrated publications such as My Book of Bible Stories, and one of our immediate problems is keeping up

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with the demand for Bibles. We need to move into offset printing for production of Bibles.

We recognize that in many areas the general economic situation is not the best, and so some of the brothers may not be able to make loans that are interest free. Therefore, we wish to let you know that the Society is willing to pay five percent (5%) interest on any loans you are now able to make to the Society. Of course, if any would wish to loan funds without interest, that would be much appreciated. We will be glad to receive loans from individuals and also from congregations in amounts of \$20.00 or more. Loans may be made in the names of more than one person, as in the case of husband and wife, etc. The funds are needed now.--2 Cor. 8:12; 9:5.

All who wish to assist can at this time write a letter to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., Office of the Treasurer, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York 11201, and enclose a check or other remittance for the amount of the loan. A brief letter should accompany each loan stating that the remittance enclosed is a loan to the Society. It should be stated in the letter to the Society that the lender wishes to have interest paid annually at the rate of 5% per year, or, if no interest is desired, this should be stated. Any who wish to make outright contributions for this purpose may do so, so stating in the letter accompanying each donation. Please give your Social Security number; congregations give the Federal Identification number.

The check or remittance should be payable to: WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC. The Society will send the lenders its promissory notes for these loans. It may take some weeks to process the promissory notes before they can actually be mailed to the lenders after the funds are received. The promissory notes will be unsecured, and they will be repayable at the option of the Society. While it appears now that we will probably need the use of the funds for several years, any lender needing to have his loan repaid will receive repayment upon request.

How far we will be able to go into offset printing, improving the quality and quantity of our publications, will depend on the loans that become available. Please join with us in prayer to Jehovah that his guidance may be upon the entire matter. This is not a solicitation for contributions, though voluntary contributions to Jehovah's work are always appreciated. What we are suggesting is that any who may have the funds available may give the Society the use of such funds on a loan basis for several years. These loans will all be repaid in due course from other funds that the Society receives year by year. It is hoped that many of you may find joy in thus supporting Kingdom interests, even as Jehovah's people have always found joy in supporting theocratic projects.--1 Chron. 29:9.

We will appreciate it if this letter is read to the congregation, together with the Scriptures cited, at its first Service Meeting and first Watchtower study following its receipt and is then placed on the congregation's information board thereafter for a few weeks so that all will be fully informed.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and for your anticipated response.

Your loving fellow servants in the Kingdom interests,

*Watchtower B. & T. Society*

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