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Dear Sister Berthaldine

I am just now in receipt of your letter, the burden of which seems to be to urge me to cooperate with the board there in sending people etc and let Cuba take care of itself in due time.

Now I think I have made my position plain in the past to you and to all with whom I have corresponded on this matter, but I am going to take this opportunity to review somewhat the things that have transpired since the death of the Master and see if you do not agree with me that I have done all that is possible to cooperate with the Unity.

As you well know, after the death of the Master, one of the very first moves the board made was to separate the work here from the Unity against my express wishes and written protest, which protest was in as strong terms as it was possible for me to make it. Victoria told me that she acted in accordance with the express vote of the board in this matter and that had they not urged this action in such a decided manner she would have been willing that we work along as the Master planned.

When I finally agreed to work under a separate company, I did all in my power to cooperate with the board. They simply ignored me entirely to the extent that the cooperative lost the boat we had invested in and on this account we lost the land we had purchased, had a deed to and had paid one half for. This was a total loss to us. There never was a moment in all the time up to the time I got sick that I would not have been perfectly willing and anxious to cooperate with them in every way possible.

They immediately took the stand that I was against them and the more they could hurt me the better they seemed to like it. They did not cooperate with me in the settlement of the Bristol matter. Had I been consulted, I would never have consented to give mortgage in settlement as they did but I would have taken the case to a court of equity and even to the supreme court before they would have saddled the extra debt on the Unity. They must have bought both lawyers and the court or at least the Unity's lawyer to get such a settlement.

They have treated me shamefully simply because they were always jealous of the work I was set to do. They were against the wishes of the Master in sending me to Bristol and they let no time elapse after they got the power to separate the work he set me to do from their work. They showed no confidence in me whatever. They simply ignored me in every possible way. Time and time I tried to suggest a way of cooperating with them, but to no avail. Then why now should I make the first move to cooperate with them.

The Koreshan Unity Incorporated is a company under the laws of a state just like any other company and it still remains as it was when I was familiar with the stock holdings, it is nothing more than a cooperative company, for the reason that its stock is held by outsiders just the same as any other company. In order for it to be a strictly Communistic Company it would have no stock

at all or have all its stock held by trustees for the common interest of the members. Master was well aware of this fact and we talked of making it the basis of the cooperative with headquarters in Estro and move the Communistic Community to CCuba.

I know I am right on this matter and will be willing to leave the decision to a committee of communists selected from the communistic bodies of the world. The Koreshan Unity Inc is Cooperative only, not communistic. I recognize the members of the Ecclesia as the head of the Koreshan Unity Communistic of the World and when they will put forth an edict after due consideration signed as being from that body, I will be obedient to that edict; but I hold no allegiance to any incorporated company while its stock is being held by the people of the world who have private property. I have always considered that all I may make here in which might belong to me, belongs to The Koreshan Unity (not incorporated)

With reference to the work for Cuba, as I wrote you just a day or so ago, I feel that I should work in harmony with the workings of my mind through reason, and this leads me to attempt to do as I have done. I have not the slightest care whether Cuba is selected for the site by the committee or not, I simply feel that I should help push the idea as hard as I can and let the future take care of the results.

If the Koreshan Unity would suggest some plans whereby I might help them in any way, I should be only too glad to act.

If as you suggest the planetary group should think best to center their spleen upon me, well and good, I can stand it. Victoria has stood it and I think I can. If I should fail, all I could possibly do is to go to pieces and I am not afraid if I do.

My opinion is that the Koreshan Unity will disintegrate more than it has already done before the close of the scenes. I do not by any means say this in derision or in any way belittling the Unity for I have the greatest respect for them in every way.

If they have made up their mind not to do any aggressive work until the Master comes, I respect that position for them and have the kindest feeling with this in mind, but I do not think they should find fault if I try to carry out the ideas I have in the attempt to do what I believe the Master would have me do.

If I were so very far off in this matter, I think I would feel a pricking of conscience as if I were doing wrong and I have none of this feeling.

You may depend on it, when the Master appears, he will come to Washington and there will be a big work done here as well as in other great capitals of the world. In my feeble way, I am preparing the way.

Several Messiahs have appeared in Washington lately. One of them has been visiting me for two days. He is a young man and very good looking; hailed from Calif. Says that he can do any thing that Christ did and is all that Jesus was in the flesh.

I asked him if he could go out of my office with doors and windows shut and he said not for one whose mind was clouded like mine in errors etc.

I am not surprised that there are so many false Messiahs at present for as the time draws near the spirit of reflection or rather the reflective spirit will cause a good many to think they are the real thing.

It is so very hot here now that we suffer a great deal. Yet, according to the reports, it is not near as hot as in other parts of the country. Goldie writes from Tenn that she been sick most of the time there and is coming home the first of the week.

We repapered and painted her apartment throughout and fixed it all up so nice for her that I think she will be surprised when she comes. Sr Nettie and Dan have the credit and I had very little to do with it except to select the color of the paint, -a pea green.

Our niece from Ill is here with us and she is a lovely girl of about 17 or 18. She thinks that Washington is one of the prettiest places that she ever saw. I think we will keep her here with us.

We have a "Brown Betty Inn" under the office. A couple of nice ladies opened it up to supply the wants of the workers in the Commerce and Census Building at 19th and the Ave.

I feel very proud of this building in-as-much as I suggested it to the very party who got it through. He used to come up often to see me and talk about Kozeshanity and one day as we were standing on the walk in front of my office, I said to him, Holloway, you are a good hustler, get a Gov't building on this corner". I introduced him to the owner and he got an option on the property and got others interested with him and in the course of two years the building was a fact.

I would love to take a short trip up to Vt this summer, but I am not sure as I can get away.

Geb'l Engle has been having great trouble with his feet. Both feet get sore on the very tops and he can scarcely walk.

I advised him to wash them often in clear water and get in bed so that there would not be any thing touch them until they got thoroughly well.

The parties who were induced to bring suit for a receiver were in to see me the other day and after having a talk with me they found that they had been made a "cats paw" of in the matter and the wife wrote the Secty of the company a nice letter trying to make up and be good friends again. I also got a nice note from her.

I will not be satisfied to take hold with him unless he trustees the stock in such a manner as will ensure the results he wants in case he should die or change his mind. If he would do this, I could get him all the money he would need very soon. I have a letter now from a firm in Ia which wants to take up the state, but I will not encourage it until I get these matters fixed up with him as I think they should be.

I am always glad to hear from you and I hope that you will write often. With love and best wishes, I am
Sincerely in Kozesh; Eugene