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Dear Dr. Cauthen:

We were sorry not to have you present at the Louisville meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. We were, however, happy to have Dr. Frank Means with us. He has in all likelihood informed you of your election to membership in the Executive Committee. Please regard this as the official notification.

Perhaps you would be interested in learning something about the background. At Cleveland, in 1950, the nominating committee reserved a seat for China on the Executive Committee in the hope that developments would soon make it possible to appoint some one from that great area. As you know, the political situation has deteriorated, and when it became clear that no one from China would be available, the Executive Committee, at its meeting in 1952, elected Dr. Rankin to the vacant seat because of his special knowledge of the area in question.

At the Louisville meeting in September Dr. Payne moved that you be elected in Dr. Rankin's place, because of your special qualifications. The term of all members of the Executive Committee expires at the end of the Golden Jubilee Congress next year.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 6 p.m. July 14th, 1955, in London. It is expected that the committee will have finished its pre-Congress business by Friday night, July 15th, so as to leave Saturday forenoon free.

At every Congress there has been need for meetings of the Executive Committee during the Congress itself. Besides, at the close of every Congress there has been a joint meeting of the outgoing committee with the newly elected one.

I trust that you are planning to attend the London Congress and the meetings of our Executive. An enclosed document will give you some information regarding hotel accommodations in London. I am also enclosing a copy of the draft program.

Hoping to hear from you soon concerning these matters, I am

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Yours most cordially,
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Dear Dr. Cauthen:

You will recall that during a conversation last spring we, very briefly, discussed the matter of promoting attendance of nationals at the London Congress next year.

The co-operation of our Baptist mission boards in bringing nationals to Cleveland in 1950 was most gratifying. Besides bringing persons from their own areas of work, they contributed towards a common pool out of which the Alliance was able to assist nationals from other areas. The sum used by the Alliance for this purpose in 1950 was a little more than \$5,200.00, out of which \$4,000.00 were donated by the mission boards.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee held last month, the General Secretary was authorized to approach the mission boards with a request for their participation in a similar effort in connection with the London Congress. You thus now have the matter officially before you!

May I add that the contribution for this purpose in 1950 from the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was \$2,000.00.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours most cordially,

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