

Partridge, Kansas
December 26, 1952

Harvey Graber:
R. Maniaci:

Dear Brethern: Christian greetings to you both.

Brother Eli and I arrived safely at Hutchinson at 4:48 A. M. the day before Christmas. We had seats all the way home, which is quite remarkable for this season of the year.

This letter is to clarify and confirm our agreement with Bro. Maniaci. In thinking back over the recent meeting at Goshen, one is made to realize that under the letter dispensation, such a meeting would have ended in total failure. As it was, we feel that through God's answer to prayers and our mutual desire to do only God's will, we were able to realize, at least partial success, whether or not our spiritual discernment was accurate in every case, that is ⁱⁿ decision made, will undoubtedly be revealed as time goes on.

We interviewed Bro. Maniaci at the Daniel Beachy home on Monday evening, Dec. 22. While Brother Maniaci agreed to cooperate with the decision of board to start our own publication, we were made to realize that probably many of his subscribers would probably not understand nor welcome a sudden and unexplained change of editorship and publication arrangement. We all felt that any move to preserve or create ~~an~~ unity should be our course of action, insofar as such a move would ^{not} involve the sacrifice of principle. Because we knew that Bro. Maniaci had the confidence of many of his subscribers, we felt that he should be the one to explain ~~the~~ coming change. Therefore we urged him to continue until two more issues have been published, and thus explain the situation carefully and truthfully, but not necessarily in great detail. It was eventually agreed that we should pray and sleep over the matter, rather ~~than~~ than making a hurried decision. Bro. Maniaci agreed to be at the train depot in Elkhart the following morning twenty-five minutes before we were scheduled to leave, to discuss the matter further. It was at this meeting that he proposed a plan that appealed the brethern present, as a wise plan. (Daniel Beachy and A. A. Miller were no longer with us) It was accepted as follows:

That R. Maniaci continue his work as before until the December and February issues are out, except that Harvey write both these editorials. This agreement was reached with the understanding that the first issue of the new bulletin called "Witnessing" would come out not later than April 1. It was previously decided that we would continue to publish the new paper bi-monthly and have it come out at the beginning of the even months, that is January, March etc. You will understand, Harvey, that this calls for an editorial for the December issue at your earliest convenience. This should be sent to Bro. Maniaci.

If this letter is not clear on any point that you wish to know about, please be free to write.

Yours sincerely,

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David L. Miller