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Dear Ones in Christ:

Grace, peace and mercy be multiplied unto each one of you.

I have read over all the letters received from Sam Saint and tried to analyze them from a Christian business man's viewpoint. What I have to say is based upon my thirty-five years of experience in the business world.

I am convinced after constantly having the incident of January 8 on my mind and heart that it was not an accident but an arrangement by God Himself. No incident has had such publicity since Apostolic times. If one would have tried to publicize this incident as it has been made known, it would have cost a billion dollars or more. God has had His hand in this. On January 11th God said to me, Job 12:9, "Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?" At that time we did not know whether the boys were lost, wounded or dead, but the Lord said, "Whatever their lot, my hand hath wrought thus." This has been proved to me conclusively in the chapters that have already been written.

Now I believe it is extremely important that we do not fumble the ball in connection with this book. In business on a matter much smaller than this, we would consult the best authorities for advice, counsel and procedure. We believe Brother Sam is right in suggesting that we get the best professional guidance. We are told in the Scripture to redeem the time, which really means: Be alert for every opportunity and take advantage of them. Now it seems to me that God has opened an opportunity to make a great impact on this evil age. Are we going to make use of it to the fullest extent? The Christians will buy the book regardless of who publishes it, but we want to get it in the hands of many, many thousands of others. Of course, I haven't seen the book, but hope sincerely that it has been written with two objectives. First, to challenge the lives of Christians and second, to challenge the souls of the uncommitted ones.

I believe it is very important to have all the diaries, letters, photos, films, and everything else connected with the incident, under one central head so that one or ones can act without being hampered in any way. In fact, I believe that Sam Saint is right that no reputable publisher will deal for the book unless that is the case. I could go on writing and commenting on the subject, but the conclusion of the whole matter in my mind is that Sam Saint should be designated to take on this responsibility. I believe that Brother Sam will consult others if from big problem comes up. He certainly is to be commended for his unselfish handling of matters with Life and...

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... the other foreign magazines. I believe the publisher should be allowed to make recommended changes in the book to make it an excellent seller, with the provision that Dr. Edman or Dr. Howard put the final stamp of approval on the changes from a Scriptural standpoint.

Concerning the booklet, it would be my humble opinion that it should be written with a dual objective – to charge the Christians and to change the lives of those who do not know God.

On the other question that was raised concerning others being a factor beside the wives, I accept the explanation of Attorney Squadron. I believe the five widows own all that the fellows have left.

It is my honest, sincere opinion that if all matters are put in Sam Saint's hands (with the provision that he seek advice from all parties concerned if there develops any questionable problem or procedure), that everything will work out alright. I recommend strongly that we all make it a matter of definite prayer so that God can continue to work in using this tremendous sacrifice to bring glory to His great Name.

May the Lord continue to fill out hearts with red hot love for the Aucas in the Amazon Jungles and the Aucas all around us.

Rejoicing in Christ,

T. E. McCully

Copies to: Marj Saint, Olive Fleming, Barbara Youderian, Betty Elliot, Marilou McCully, Sam Saint, Dr. V. R. Edman, Dr. Howard, M. A. F.

P. S. If it were possible for Abe Van Der Puy to come and spend some time in this country, then I believe the ideal situation would be to put the entire responsibility in Abe's and Sam's hands.