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Dear Brother Evans:

This morning I have before me your letter of the 3rd instant. In it you express a desire to duplicate my paper on "The Divorce Question" to send out to your workers. I am willing for you to do this, on condition that you also duplicate the following statement as an introduction:

Takoma Park, Maryland
May 31, 1961

This paper was prepared by me, at the request of the vice-president of the North American Division, to be presented at a meeting of the General Conference officers and the North American union presidents prior to the 1949 spring council. After being read by me at this meeting, it was referred to a special committee appointed to write a new policy on divorce and remarriage for our Church Manual. This committee's report was brought to the 1950 General Conference session for consideration and final adoption. Most of my suggestions were incorporated into the policy as it now appears in the Church Manual. The rules and regulations set forth in this policy are what must govern us in dealing with all cases of divorce and remarriage. According to article 5 of this policy, the "guilty spouse, who is divorced, has not the moral right to marry another while the innocent spouse still lives and remains unmarried and chaste" (Church Manual (1951), p. 243).

-- A. V. Olson