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(See also 43-I-1,
Did EGW write
enough for Adventists?)

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700 West Broadway
Glendale, California

Dear Miss

I am very sorry to have to tell you that I cannot place in your hands the statement supposed to have been made by Sister White, that there would not be another prophet, for she never made such a statement. She was asked outright by our workers, in her later years, if there would be someone who would take up her work, and she had to reply that light had not been given to her on that question, and she did not know. But, taking the Bible and some of her books, and holding them together, she would point out that there was sufficient light there to carry the people through. Then, stepping to her cabinets in her writing room, where were her articles and manuscripts, she would point out that "after I am gone, these will bear witness for me." But as to whether or not there would be another living agent speaking for God, as she had done, she did not know. She made the following statement in 1907:

"Abundant light has been given to our people in these last days. Whether or not my life is spared, my writings will constantly speak, and their work will go forward as long as time shall last. My writings are kept on file in the office, and even though I should not live, these words that have been given to me by the Lord will still have life and will speak to the people."

You will find this statement on pages 13 and 14 of "The Writing and Sending Out of the Testimonies to the Church," copy of which I am enclosing.

Of course there have been a number of individuals, since Sister White's day, who have claimed to be favored with the prophetic gift. Their work, however, has not met the Scriptural tests, "To the law and to the testimony," "By their fruit ye shall know them," and the fulfillment of predictions. We do know that if God chooses to speak again, that which comes will be in harmony with that which has gone before, for the Spirit of God does not at one time give one kind of message and at another time a contradictory message.

Sometimes when I am asked in regard to this matter, I point out that in Bible times the prophets did their work orally, giving their messages as they traveled from place to place. Some things were written

on scrolls, but often were soon lost sight of, and as the prophet's personal influence ceased at the close of his life, another might be called upon to continue to speak for God. In this day we are blessed with being able to have the printed page, and the messages which have come to us from Sister White's pen may be in every home and may continue to do their work as well as though she were alive and among us today.

I appreciate your invitation to visit the office of the "Voice of Prophecy." I am very much interested in the work which you are doing. I believe this radio work has a great future. May Heaven's rich blessings continue to be with you.

Sincerely your brother,

Arthur L. White, Secretary
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