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Dear Walter:

In your letter of December 20, you indicate that you feel no need to adhere to the terms of the June 21st "Mediation Agreement". Although we think your reasoning is wrong in this, we respect your decision and will live with it.

As far as we ourselves are concerned, however, we intend to abide by the "Mediation Agreement". In our understanding, it was not contingent upon our counting the number of copies of the first printing of the Grand Canyon book, but upon our publishing the errata sheet as soon as it was available. We did this, with all remaining copies, and would have done it at any time you and Steve could have agreed upon its content, regardless of how many copies were involved. You were unable to reach such an agreement, however, so Peter Robinson had to prepare a compromise wording on November 14. By this time, less than 150 copies remained, but we inserted an errata sheet in all these copies.

The second printing is now out, and it does include the revised footnote, in the form stipulated by the mediation council. Furthermore, our staff has unanimously agreed not to refer to this conflict in any future publications or public meetings.

We do not intend even to mention you or your theories unless people insist upon bringing them up and demanding an answer. In that case, we will try to be as positive as possible, but in honesty we cannot (as an organization) endorse your particular flood model, or any other that goes beyond what is written or strongly implied in Scripture. If someone asks about the origination of the so-called "breached-dam" idea, we shall simply refer them to Steve Austin. He in turn will fax you for permission to mail the "Errata Sheet" and "Joint Statement" to the inquirer. This is the procedure agreed on in the "Mediation Agreement".

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As I have often stated before, neither Steve nor any of our staff have ever plagiarized anything you have written or spoken, and we shall not do so in the future. Neither have any of us ever, to our knowledge, defamed you or demeaned your work, either in publications or public meetings, and we shall not do so in the future.

As you requested, my complete file on this dispute has been given to Dr. William McCandless, the Vice Chairman of our ICR Board of Trustees, for his review. He has gone over all of it and will make a report and recommendation at our upcoming Board meeting. Another member of our Board, Mr. Dan Manthei, has also reviewed the file. Mr. Manthei was on the 1987 Grand Canyon trip, and he remembers that Steve discussed the "breached-dam" concept with the group in considerable detail at that time. He has noted that this was before you were writing on this topic. In any case, if our Board should make a different determination, either Dr. McCandless or I will let you know.

Although not germane to the mediation topic, I should mention also that the ICR monograph which you alleged to contain a possibly plagiarized section is out of print, out of stock, and will not be reprinted. The history book about which you complained is also out of print. In fact, it only had one printing, and sold fewer copies than any other book we have ever published. A new edition has now been published with the section on the history of your organization deleted.

I would hope these actions will satisfy you. If not, and if you carry out your threat to turn all this material over to the enemies of our mutual cause, so be it. I am sure you realize that such an action would hurt your ministry at least as much as ours, as well as the cause of Christ in general. That is between you and the Lord. Our consciences are clear in this whole situation, so we shall simply leave it in the hands of God.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,


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