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Memo to the Editor re:

THE PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY, INC.
3341 Griffith Pk. Blvd. (at Los Feliz), Los Angeles 27. NO-32167

I. WHAT IT IS:

The Philosophical Research Society, Inc. is a non-profit educational corporation, dedicated to the dissemination of useful knowledge in the fields of philosophy, comparative religion, and psychology. In making available to the public the essential teachings of the world's great spiritual, ethical, and cultural leaders, the Society endeavors to adapt man's cultural traditions to the present needs of humanity, and to promote understanding among individuals and among nations.

The Society recognizes no limitations of creed or sect, and requires no particular allegiances or obligations. It presents the teachings of all religions and philosophies in the perspective that they are all parts of a larger unity of human thought and development.

There are approximately 18,000 persons (9,000 of them in the L. A. area) in the United States and abroad who are interested in the activities of the Society. Names are placed on the mailing list upon request only.

Charter: The Philosophical Research Society, Inc. was founded in 1934. Its charter from the State of California empowers the Society to:

- 1) conduct a school for instruction in philosophy, psychology, and comparative religion, and to issue certificates, diplomas, and degrees at both undergraduate and graduate levels. (B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees)
- 2) carry on lectures, classes, and seminars of instruction for both the general public and students working toward degrees.
- 3) maintain a research foundation in its fields of interest.

II. WHO IS CONNECTED WITH IT:

Manly Palmer Hall, President-Founder. Philosopher, lecturer, for over thirty-five years. Author of 38 books and 60 booklets on comparative religion and philosophy. (See attached sheet for list of publications by Mr. Hall currently in print)

Henry L. Drake, Vice-President. B.S. Indiana University. Graduate degrees in economics and philosophy (Pennsylvania, Southern Calif.) Designation in Consulting Psychology, C.G. Jung Institute, Zurich.

Board of Trustees, Faculty, and Faculty Advisors: (see p. 3)

In addition to the President and Vice-President, the Society employs 8 full-time staff members.

A Friends Committee of volunteer workers dedicated to furthering the work of the Society through public relations contacts, social functions, and other constructive activities.

III. ACTIVITIES:

- 1) Scholastic program consisting of class instruction and seminars given by members of the faculty and visiting instructors; correspondence courses and special studies under the direction of faculty members.
- 2) Public lectures given by Mr. Hall in Los Angeles (Sunday mornings at the Campus Theater, 1020 N. Vermont Ave.) and other cities, such as San Francisco, Chicago, and New York.
- 3) Publications. Preparation and publishing of books and booklets by Mr. Hall. Publication of a quarterly journal, HO-RIZON, devoted to the writings of Mr. Hall and his associates on the subjects of the Society's interest. These publications, as well as other new and used books in related fields, are sold at the Society's Headquarters and at Mr. Hall's lectures.
- 4) Study Group Program. In various communities throughout the United States and Canada, interested students have formed P.R.S. Local Study Groups, under the auspices of The Philo-

sophical Research Society, for the study and discussion of ideas on religion, philosophy, and psychology, with emphasis upon Mr. Hall's work.

IV. PUBLIC SERVICES:

Library: The Library of the Society contains one of the largest collections of original source material on comparative religion and philosophy in the United States. It is a reference library, open to the public from 12:30 to 4:30 Mondays through Fridays. (For a detailed description of the Library, see the Society's publication, "Library Bulletin.")

As an extension of the Library, the Society has a small but carefully selected art collection, emphasizing the importance of the symbolic interpretation of great ideas and ideals.

The facilities of the Library are offered to the public free of charge.

Tape Recordings: The Society has an extensive collection of tape recordings of Mr. Hall's lectures over the past several years. Students and the general public may, upon appointment, listen to these recordings at the Society's Headquarters for a nominal fee.

Counseling: A counseling service is maintained, under the direction of Mr. Henry L. Drake, which offers counseling for a reasonable fee. This counseling service is unique in that its approach utilizes not only psychology, but basic philosophical and religious principles as well.

V. FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The Philosophical Research Society operates on funds derived from:

- 1) Voluntary contributions from private individuals
- 2) Lecture and class activities
- 3) The sale of publications

VI. FUTURE PLANS:

- 1) The completion of the present buildings with an auditorium which will provide a community center for many types of cultural activities.
- 2) The expansion and strengthening of the academic program so that the Society will further develop as a center of learning and training for leaders and teachers in the work of idealistic education and world peace.
- 3) The expansion of the present publishing program so that works by Mr. Hall which have been out of print, as well as new books, may be made available to the public.

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