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Dear Elder McConkie:

I have just learned that Jerald and Sandra Tanner have published thousands of copies of your letter to me about the perfection of God and are circulating them in California and Utah. You may remember that I informed you one year ago that I had heard that a copy was circulating here in Utah and that I was not the source of that copy. This is to reassure you that I have not released my copy to anyone at any time and have made certain it was secure so that no copies could be made. If I had had any way to know in advance of the Tanners' plans I would have exercised my legal rights to stop them, but of course any efforts now would merely be used by them to stimulate interest and sales.

Perhaps you should know that I have learned recently that a copy of your letter was seen here at Brigham Young University just a few days after it was written (in early 1981) and long before I received the letter in England. It was understood that the copy had somehow originated in your office. I have some independent verification of this since, as I indicated in my letter back to you, long before I received the letter in England a colleague phoned asking in detail about such a letter--which I of course at that time knew nothing about.

I am very sorry about the difficulties that have been caused by our interchange over what I have consistently intended and felt was an honest and faithful pursuit of truth and understanding. It is still not entirely clear what lessons I have learned, but I am sincerely trying. May the Lord continue to bless you in your powerful work as a special witness of Christ.

Best regards,

Eugene England