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Dear Mr. Harris:

I write you regarding an undertaking in which I greatly need and crave your help. In the light of developments in different parts of the world, resulting from decisions of the Jerusalem Conference and of the recent meeting of the Committee of the International Missionary Council at Herrnhut, Germany, the Institute of Social and Religious Research have been asked to make a fresh study of the subject of missionary cooperation -- interdenominational, international, interracial. In this study I am myself giving close collaboration in my capacity as Chairman of the International Missionary Council. I deem it of first importance to take counsel with yourself and certain other Christian leaders on this vital matter.

Recognizing how busy you are I would not turn to you were it not for the fact that I really need your best thought on the subject. I shall confine my questions to four, but would like to have you express freely, fully, and frankly your experience and your convictions on each.

1. What have been the most fruitful and satisfactory pieces of cooperation within your personal knowledge, and what do you consider the secrets of their success?
2. What have been some of the most disappointing and unproductive pieces of cooperation known to you and what do you consider the secrets of the unsatisfactory results?
3. In general, what have you found to be the chief difficulties and hindrances -- especially the psychological -- in the way of cooperation?
4. What do you think are the particular tasks of missionary cooperation in the present difficult situation? And, where would you place chief emphasis in the years right before us?

While I should be glad if you could give this matter your attention within a week or two after you receive my letter, the issues at stake are so important that I want you to feel free to defer your reply longer, if need be, in order that you may share your thought more completely.

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Should you find it necessary to incur any special stenographic or other expense be sure to let me know and I shall gladly meet it.

A volume containing the results of this inquiry will be issued in due time and I shall see that a copy is sent to you.

With renewed assurance of how deeply I shall appreciate your personal cooperation in this undertaking which has such a vital bearing on what we both have so much at heart, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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