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June 28, 1946.

Mr. Charles V. Vickrey, President,
The Golden Rule Foundation,
Lincoln Building,
60 East 42nd. St.,
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Vickrey:--

Your letter of May 21st. should have been answered long ago except that it came at the busiest time of my year, and I thought that nothing would be lost by waiting a while, since I did not see how I could say what you wish I would say. A week's absence from home, then college commencement followed by the week's session of Oregon Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church and the annual gathering of the Northwest Institute on International Relations have left me hardly time enough to get an adequate amount of sleep even for a man of three score and ten -- though it does not seem to me that it is possible that I could be that old.

I'd like to devote a lot of time and energy to the work of the Golden Rule Foundation, but I am a bit short on both, as on the cash that I'd like to put into your work. Though I retired from the presidency of Pacific College after thirty years, I still work for the institution more or less, and there seem to be plenty of other things that I'd like to do if I could command the time and energy mentioned above.

J. J. Handsaker is back in Portland, 6917 S. E. Holgate, Zone 6. It would seem that he would be a "natural" for your work if you could pry him loose from his self-imposed job of getting "Heifers for Europe" on their way on this Brethren project for European relief.

If I were only a number of men with boundless energy instead of just one with less than I used to have (I know what it means to be retired, it means to be re-tired, tired over again) I could get a lot more done than I can under present circumstances. (Just now they want me to help raise a matter of \$180,000.00 for a community hospital, which we certainly need here, but that seems like a lot of money to raise here after all the other campaigns.)

With regret that I do not see how I can do what you suggest, though I am interested in your work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Levi T. Pennington.