

November 11, 1949

India

My dear Bill:

This is a note in strict confidence about the C.O.D. film. I am finding it difficult to take shots completely different from the Biola shots as Dr. McGee desires because it takes study to shoot [sic] the scenes in sequence. Sometimes it takes half an hour to take one photo. We have, therefore, sent and will continue to send a double supply of scenes such as temples, customs, etc. These in the Biola film and the one of the C.O.D., will be different, but as for the actual work of the missionaries, I'm afraid we will just have to make duplicates. I am contacting just a few of the C.O.D. missionaries for the greater number are in China and Africa, but these who have been contacted are doing a good work, and the pictures are interesting. You may have Timothy Pietsch's film by this time and also that from Rolland Rice. Tomorrow we meet Mr. & Mrs. Don Hillis and Carol Terry who are supported by the church. All of the church missionaries are Biola graduates and so the work being done is of interest to both institutions. We are finding this itinerary one that saps our strength because there is no plane service to most of these places and the trains are like the Toonerville Trolley. The dirt, and filth is beyond description. We got up this morning at 3:30 to catch the train for Poona and have to change three times. We are making this trip without a guide, so I trust we will arrive to our destination safely! We pay the expenses of our guides and also insist on giving something to the missionaries who entertain us. Some of these people are having a real tough time. Mrs. Claason had a real weeping spell when we left yesterday. It had been such a long time since she and her husband had seen anyone from U.S.A. So don't think we are wasting film when taking so much of scenes such as temples, etc. Remember that we have to get at least 1000 ft. out that

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is all for the church. I do not want it known that the church film will not be entirely different. I saw real leprosy yesterday at Mr. Janzen's hospital. Lost my appetite for the day. It is a terrible disease. Am trying to write while the train is in motion. Tomorrow will be met by Don Hillis at Poona. Will remain there four or five days. A number of our missionaries are within a radius of 200 miles. Don't forget to let me know what the Board thinks concerning the Himalayas. Give each a ring. Will take an extra 4 days. Only this morning as we sat waiting for this train an American tourist said, "If you want to film the most awe inspiring sight in the world, go to the Everest part of the range." Cable me at Calcutta. Best Wishes

Louie

[Note: there are 2 copies of this typewritten letter]