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Dear Ken--

WILLIS E. ELLIOTT, Dean
Exploratory Programs

Following our lunch yesterday, your carrier picked up what I'd written in the interim, viz. some interview definitions of "Evangelical" [#832], together with some other material. This letter is additional suggestions toward your cover story on "The Evangelicals."

NAMES (additional to those I gave you yesterday)

HUGO CULPEPPER in Nashville heads the Southern Baptist Home Missions Board and is my #1 person for asking the "Evangelical" question vis-a-vis the Southern Baptists. Bumped into him on a plane recently, not having seen him since we finished Louisville ["Southern Baptist Th. Sem."] together. In Louisville, two suggestions: (1) At the Baptist seminary, interview DUKE McCALL (president) and DALE MOODY (professor of theology); (2) At the Presbyterian seminary nearby, interview the new president about the recent split among the Southern Presbyterians [over the "evangelical" issue].

ROBERT SHINN in Philadelphia [Eastern Baptist Th. Sem.] is the authority on "the Plyms" [Plymouth Brethren], from whom we got something you asked me about yesterday, viz. "Dispensationalism"--chief products: (1) The Scofield Bible, extremely popular among fundamentalists and "conservative Evangelicals"; (2) Dallas [Texas] Theological Seminary, whose president it would be good to interview. This picks up much of the apolitical and antipolitical elements in American "Evangelicalism." If these folk are developing any enthusiasm for Jimmy Carter, that would be news!

At Fuller Seminary I suggest GEO. LADD (NT) and RALPH WINTER (missions). Attached is a xerox of a letter the latter sent me in 1967, with continuing repercussions from both the 1966 [Berlin] World Congress on Evangelism [virtually a code word for "Evangelicalism"] and, later that year, the explosion over my National Council of Churches debate with Billy Graham. Winter is especially concerned about the "irony" of those who hold the Bible to be inerrant, and then "twist" the text of my side of the debate--especially, Carl Henry's unfair treatment of me in his 1967 book, EVANGELICALS AT THE BRINK OF CRISIS.

ROBERT HANDY* [dean, Union Th. Sem., NYC] is a master of the American religious currents that have now converged in several reinvigorations of evangelicalism. An excellent source of names scattered across the country, for your interviewing. He'd know instantly the full name of SANDEEN, the authority on American fundamentalism.

The "Evangelicalism" we're talking about is chiefly Anglo-Saxon in the narrow sense. Blacks are drawn in, but have their own religion. So, too, browns--for Hispanic charismatism is of the Pentecostal movement (1910-), which was first only white. Names here if you ask for them. Best on Pentecostalism: DAVID duPLESSIS.

His AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY: INTERPRETATION AND DOCUMENTS, vol.2 (1820-1960) [Smith-Handy-Loescher] is tight-packed with information on "Evangelicalism" [extensive reff., p.620 of Index]. See also the "Fundamentalism" reff. [p.621]. On the "inerrant" Book flare-up today, note "infallible" in the National Association of Evangelicals' Statement of Faith [p.572]. "Evangelical Alliance" (1867-) was for social action [p.567]!