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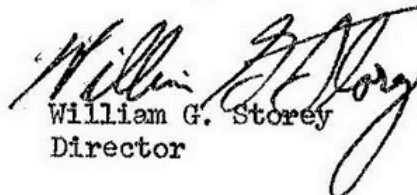
April 25, 1975

Bishop Leo L. Pursley
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Dear Bishop Pursley:

I want to thank you very much for your kind response of April 7, 1975. I have been perusing the letter that Bishop McKinney sent you in reply to my dossier and the reflections of Father Kilian McDonnell, O.S.B., and I must tell you frankly that I find both of them rather deficient. Both they and Dr. Ranaghan are taking the line that True House was an isolated bad example and that it has been firmly and decisively dealt with. That True House has disappeared no one can now doubt, but that some of the problems fostered and favored by True House has disappeared from the movement I doubt very much. It is simply impossible for me to believe that the many former members of True House who are now prominent members of the People of Praise have been so reoriented and purified of their former habits that they now can be safely assumed to have completely sane and well-balanced spiritual attitudes. Moreover, True House was for a long time one of the central, if not the central pentecostal community, in the United States and I find it extremely difficult to believe that its pernicious influence has not spread far and wide. I would still insist upon the necessity of a thorough going theological, canonical and psychological investigation of this highly dubious movement. I have not yet received any response from the Apostolic Delegate but I hope that you have been able to prevail upon him to take this matter seriously and to deal with it forthrightly. My only regret is that I did not speak out a long time ago as my conscience prompted me to do. Out of human respect for the many fine persons involved in the movement I hesitated to accuse it of the theological and spiritual deviations which I find so prominent in it. It is extremely painful for me to be regarded as attacking many persons for whom I have great personal respect and past friendship. Be that as it may, however, I feel obliged to urge upon you and other responsible authorities in the Church a candid and deep investigation of a movement of religious enthusiasm which is certainly getting out of hand.

Yours very sincerely in Christ,


William G. Storey
Director