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Dr. R. T. L. Liston, Chairman
The Pastoral Commission of Holston Presbytery
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Dear Dr. Liston:

It is difficult to separate R. T. L. L. as a highly esteemed friend from R. T. L. L. as the representative of the Presbytery to which I can no longer belong. I was answering the latter when you called by telephone recently. I really should not have left you with the ambiguous statement that "the sled is already over the hill," when actually there was no reason for not telling you plainly that I was in the process of being received by the Southern Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (the old Cameronians who were joined several years ago by some congregations of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church).

I am sure that you realize that I waited about a year before making this decision and that you would be "hard put" to find a person less enthusiastic about being separated from your branch of the Presbyterian Church, and that you will understand that it gives me deep pain to write "your branch of the Presbyterian Church" when I would gladly give anything I own to be able to leave off the "y".

I will, of course, be delighted to see you, but your coming to talk with me or my coming to see you could not now change the situation. Presbytery can still dismiss me by letter, if it chooses to do so; it can drop my name if it prefers; or it can bring charges against me, but I rather think that would make the whole affair and some others more public than would be helpful. I will cooperate in any way possible, so long as I am not asked to retract what I have written.

With warmest regards and hearty appreciation for all your kindness, I remain

Affectionately yours,

George A. Anderson