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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION



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181 DEVONSHIRE STREET
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September 13, 1955

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Mr. John Peterson
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Legal Department
The First Church of Christ, Scientist
107 Falmouth Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Re: Self-Employment--Status of
Services of Christian Science
Readers. *da.*

Dear Mr. Peterson:

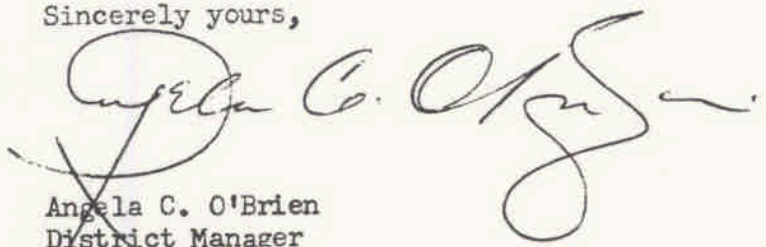
This is to supplement letter of August 16, 1955.

Our Central Office has directed that we inform you of the position of the Bureau with regard to coverage of Representatives of the Church.

As you know, the Bureau has issued a Temporary Instruction No. 62 and Item 5 sets forth the position of the Bureau. Enclosed is a copy of pertinent material included in Temporary Instruction No. 62. You will note that the instructions issued are in full agreement with the position taken by the Church.

Our Central Office also directs me to thank you for the excellent information submitted as it was a major factor in enabling the Bureau to issue Temporary Instruction No. 62, Item 5 Instructions.

Sincerely yours,



Angela C. O'Brien
District Manager

Enclosure

5. Christian Science Practitioners, Teachers, Lecturers, and Readers

(a) Practitioners.--These individuals practice healing in accordance with the teachings of Christian Science. Their income consists of fees received from patients. They qualify to practice by meeting the requirements of the Church for the listing of their names in the practitioners directory of the Christian Science Journal, an authorized and official periodical of the Christian Science Church. Those who are listed must have been approved by the Christian Science Board of Directors. In the absence of such listing, a holding out to the public as a practitioner is not sufficient to qualify him as such.

(b) Teachers.--Income received as a Christian Science teacher is considered as income from service as a Christian Science practitioner. Only practitioners can qualify as teachers. They must have been listed as practitioners in the Christian Science Journal for at least three years and taken a prescribed course of study. They teach classes in Christian Science, address meetings of their pupils, and council pupils in Christian Science. Teachers are paid directly by their students and are expected to continue as active Christian Science practitioners.

(c) Lecturers.--Income received as a Christian Science lecturer is considered as income from service as a Christian Science practitioner. All lecturers are practitioners. Lecturers (i.e., members of the Board of Lectureship) are appointed annually by the Christian Science Board of Directors. They deliver public lectures on Christian Science. They are paid by the branch churches for which they lecture and by the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, when they lecture for the Mother Church.

(d) Readers.--These individuals have the status of ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers. They conduct the services of Christian Science churches as the ministers of other churches conduct the services of their churches. They are elected by the members of the branch church which they serve. Their usual period of service is three years, and they are ordinarily paid a salary by the church which they serve.