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Dear Brethren and Co-Workers with Christ:

Do we REALIZE what is now going on in the world? Gradually, relentlessly, VIOLENCE in general, and the overthrow of governments all over the world is accelerating.

I travel over the world. I have personal and private meetings with heads of governments -- and when some of them are assassinated or taken prisoner in a military coup or government overthrow a few weeks after I visited with them, IT STRIKES HOME! IT MAKES ME REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING!

I represent YOU -- as a co-worker with Christ, even as I also represent the living Christ, in these meetings. You may not even pay particular attention to these government overthrows when you see the headlines in your newspaper. But it's my duty to tell you HOW REAL these disasters are -- WHAT THEY MEAN -- AND WHERE THEY ARE LEADING -- AND HOW THEY ARE GOING TO AFFECT YOUR LIFE as well as mine!

August 15th a man I knew -- President Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh -- was shot and killed in a military coup. Sitting with us, when I visited President Rahman (then Prime Minister but actual head of state), was Khandakar Moshtaque Ahmed, Commerce Minister. Ahmed led the military coup and took over as head of the government.

In August 1973, I was in Santiago, Chile (South America), to visit President Allende. Three weeks later, he was assassinated -- machine-gunned in the back -- in the very room where I had the conference. Three weeks after I had visited Prime Minister Kittikachorn of Thailand, and spoken in Bangkok before an audience which included Dr. Sanya, Rector of the University, a riot of 200,000 students overthrew the military government and Prime Minister Kittikachorn fled to the United States.

I had become well acquainted with Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. Twice when I visited him in Addis Ababa, he placed one of his personal limousines with chauffeur at my disposal for my entire stay. But the military forces took him prisoner and took over the government.

Last July a bloodless coup overthrew the government of General Yakubu Gowon in Nigeria (Africa).

Revolution is seething in Portugal. It flared out following last year's coup by a leftist group. Soviet espionage agents apparently infiltrated into Portugal. The Communists have since suffered a set-back, with rightists recently holding the upper hand; but the Communists are planning new moves, and the ultimate outcome remains in doubt.

In Spain, in TODAY's news, right-wing street demonstrations swept Spain yesterday, October 7 -- sparked by recent guerrilla slayings of policemen. A few days ago General Francisco Franco had five terrorists executed for the slayings. This created an uproar all over Europe, with many protests against Franco's regime.

All over the world the violence pot is boiling. The Spain and Portugal troubles could trigger the "U.S. OF EUROPE" I have predicted ever since World War II. It is prophesied in Revelation 17 and elsewhere in biblical prophecies.

This world is ON FIRE -- with VIOLENCE, crime, immorality, discontent, and just about every kind of trouble. And the troubles are MOUNTING, hurling us toward that prophesied "GREAT TRIBULATION" such as never occurred before, nor ever shall again.

Just before this, however, is prophesied WHAT WE ARE NOW DOING: when "... this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations ..." (Matt. 24:14), and then (right after this Work God is doing through us) shall come the END of this present evil world, with the coming of Christ to RULE ALL NATIONS, with the

GOVERNMENT OF GOD which shall NEVER be overthrown.

All these government overturns -- all this utter instability of all man-made forms of government -- means our time is SHORT!

I had plans all developed ready for major campaigns in South Vietnam, Ethiopia, Thailand, New Delhi and Bombay, India, and in each case overthrow of governments has prevented them -- for NOW.

We are now planning a campaign for South Korea, but it's a RACE AGAINST TIME -- because we know that North Korea is planning now to invade South Korea. We must try to get there FIRST.

Brethren, it's far LATER than you think! This is the most important activity on earth since the first century, A.D.

We are moving with THE WORK swiftly! I need your earnest, prevailing, believing PRAYERS! We need INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT! IT IS URGENT! THANK YOU IN JESUS' NAME.

And with LOVE in HIS name,

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