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Dear Sirs:

On January 7, 1957, your Secretary-General answered to my letter of December 26, 1956 dealing with the possibility of translating and publishing the Urantia Book in French, and commenting about the index. She said that she had turned over my letter to the Urantia Foundation. She finished her letter by the sentence: "Please let us know if we can help you in any way."

Naturally enough, the help would be to let me know the answers and reactions of the U. Foundation to the questions put up. Also, a passage in the book seems to indicate that a soul never incarnates again on Urantia. I refer here to page 1811, nine lines from below, where it is written "The Master found it difficult to make men believe that their souls had not had previous existences."

Also page 436 paragraph 2: "A mortal never returns to his native planet during the dispensation of his temporal existence." This would be misunderstood here, because experience shows that reincarnations occur on our planet. Therefore, an interpretation should be given in order to clear any potential misunderstanding.

Now, I go a little further. After an extensive study with qualified friends, we came to the conclusion that the translation of your book into French was desirable, possible and worthy to be undertaken. The effort is enormous, and we entertain no illusions about it. Some thing like three years of work and many thousands of dollars for the translation alone, about the same time to find the adequate number of readers, both periods overlapping for a part), plus then the cost of publishing the book in 4 to 6 volumes, at intervals of six months or so. The work on an index and a glossary should be added.

Outside of me and my group, I see nobody in France who may contemplate such an effort. Therefore, I ask you formally by the present letter if you would agree to give me the French copyright for a period of seven to ten years, the right being cancelled and the end of the period if I am not able to show you at least a good typewritten translation.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Weiss

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