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To His Eminence
Most Reverend Metropolitan Platon
683 West 204th Street, New York, N. Y.

Your Eminence:-

It is with the deepest grief and pain that I enclose a copy of a telegram which persistent reports have forced me to send to His Grace Bishop Theophilos since I was unable to discover your address even by telephoning to the Archimandrite Benjamin in New York. I am most deeply and sadly disappointed in having to call to the attention of Your Eminence injurious reports which I had preferred to ignore. Even in the face of the fact that Your Eminence forbid Bishop-Elect Leonid Turkevich from accepting Consecration after Your Eminence had yourself proclaimed his election and given order for his Consecration I have wished to believe it impossible that Your Eminence should secretly attempt to destroy the work of your own hands in the creation of an American Orthodox Catholic Church founded by your order and committed by Your Eminence and the other Russian Bishops into my charge and authority. As a son to his father, I turn to Your Eminence now asking an explanation of your attitude and a final setting at rest of the ugly rumors which are a disgrace to our mutual work for our Holy Orthodox Church and Faith.

In the fullest confidence in Your Eminence, and with no thought of the loss and rebuke from my own people which the unfortunate result of my trust in the ability of Your Eminence to protect and make good my venture into the Orphanage at East Greenbush property had caused me, I accepted in good faith and sincerity the order and responsibility of founding and heading an independent Orthodox Church in America as a final refuge for Orthodoxy and the preservation of our Church from utter extinction in this country. I had no thought that Your Eminence would find it possible to order me to proceed in this great and difficult work alone and then secretly condemn me and that work by permitting rumors of Your Eminence's displeasure to be scattered where it was necessary that there be the fullest confidence if our work was to be successful.

At all times I have defended Your Eminence loyally and labored without ceasing for the Church and for the position of Your Eminence as Head of the Russian Archdiocese in America. Yet I hear repeated rumors that Your Eminence is dissatisfied and I do not know why. Finally it comes to me that Your Eminence has received some unauthorized and rebellious letters and requests from a few with whom I have trouble in my Diocese of Brooklyn and Syrian Mission or in the new American Orthodox Church and that Your Eminence will answer favorably these irresponsible troublemakers and will take action interfering in the Diocese of Brooklyn and Syrian Mission. I can not believe that Your Eminence will do so or that it is your intention. But I am forced to ask that Your Eminence give me formal assurance in this matter and put a stop to the rumors and reports which interfere with the peace and unity of our work together for Holy Church.

Assuring Your Eminence of my continued devoted loyalty and begging that you permit the peace between us to remain in the future as in the past, I ask with deepest sincerity but out of painful necessity that Your Eminence give me an immediate answer which shall assure me and others of the continuance of our filial fellowship and love in the common labor of our Lord Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church.

Most faithfully and sincerely, with all love and prayers, I remain
Your Eminence's son and brother in Christ

Attilias
Archbishop of Brooklyn, Head of the
Syrian Mission, and President North Am. Holy Synod.