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has written about this. He has pointed out that it was a right action--that the point comes when one can accomplish more for the Lord by leaving an organization than by staying in it and and trying to save it, but that when one does one should retain a friendly attitude with those in, try to help them to maintain their stand for the faith, and if one does so, they (?) (plural?) he is much more apt to be interested in one's ideas and may eventually come out themselves, rather than at one minute to consider them as friends and allies, the next minute to consider them as traitors if they do not join together with us in coming out. However, to go as far as to take the stand as Ockenga did in his declaration there that they repudiated coming out was, I thought, a very ~~great~~ grave error, and after that I hardly I gave no further thought to the possibility of joining with the group that went to Fuller. If the idea could have been carried out of acutlly training men who would stand true to the Lord in the ~~of~~ various denominations and bring them back to loyalty to the credal statements, that would have been a wonderful thing. If it could have been It was actually what Westminster was formed to do in the Presby° Ch° in the USA° and what Dr. Machen thought possible at the time when West° was founded. I believe (nc) it was earlier surely the whole denomination might have been saved If it had been done twenty years earlier surely the whole denominat~~ion~~ might have been saved

I had little further thought about the matter until the following Christmas time when Ockenga phoned me from Boston and spoke ~~of~~ for about half an hour, urging me to come ~~there~~ and teach there the next year. (I failed to mention the fact that during the latter part of the summer of '47 I spoke for a month at the Intersarsity Conference at Lake of Bays in Canada, and during the last two weeks of that ~~of~~ time Carl Henry was there. He talked with me about the start of Fuller and asked my ideas about the Hebrew--how much Hebrew should be required) It was at the following Christmas time that Ockenga talked to me for a