

O. BOYD MATHIAS

February 18, 1953  
Pre Feb 2007  
Logan, Utah

President J. Reuben Clark  
47 E. So. Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah

February 23, 1953

Dear President Clark,

It has been said that you advised members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to refuse blood transfusions from people with Negro ancestry. Is that correct?

One hears so many things, he is not quite sure what is actually so. I thought you would be the best source for determining the validity of this rumor.

Sincerely,  
yours,

*O. Boyd Mathias*  
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Box 101, 1953,  
Logan, Utah.

February 20, 1953

Dear Mr. Mathias:

Your letter of February 18, 1953 has been received in President Clark's absence.

He is in the East at the present time, and I shall be happy to bring your letter to his attention so soon as he returns.

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs.) Rowena J. Miller  
Secretary to President Clark

Mr. O. Boyd Mathias,

Pre Feb 2007,

Logan, Utah.

March 3, 1953

Dear Mr. Mathias:

In further reference to your letter of February 18, 1953, and to my preliminary acknowledgment of February 20th, President Clark wishes me to say to you that he has never made any statement such as you report in your letter. He has never attempted to direct anybody as to what they should do with reference to blood transfusions. As a matter of fact, however, the L.D.S. Hospital here in Salt Lake City, has a blood bank which does not contain any colored blood.

Faithfully yours,

JRC:RJM

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