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Mr. Gary Waltner  
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*John A. Boese*

Dear Mr. Waltner,

The enclosed copies will explain the reasons for writing, one specifically pertaining to the second last paragraph. As Alexander Rempel's letter indicates he wrote the letter August 14, 1953. Aunt Elizabeth Banman was my mother's only sister. She was single and in poor health all her life. For undisclosed reason<sup>s</sup> she never told anybody about the letter until ten years later. An effort was made to contact GÖTTINGEN archive personnel but were advised that the effort be channeled through some local larger archive. I do not recall that this was ever done. As Ms. Hanna Rempel suggests I am following her advice. It was wise to move the family research center to Weierhof as it is a much smaller establishment. Weierhof was included in a pre-World Conference tour in which my wife and I participated in 1967.

I am enclosing a copy of Rempel's letter and limited data on the Banman family; records as far back as can be authenticated. I am particularly interested in the Peter Banman-Sara Heinrichs family - a family which recently surfaced. I would like to have you or your staff validate this as well as any brother, sisters, parents etc.

In her last paragraph Ms. Rempel calls attention to the Gottlieb Boese family and their descendants. Since the family tree is 20 x 20 inches I plan to have a few copies made when I need to go to Wichita next week. Should you also be interested in a copy I'll be glad to send you a copy later. The tree was compiled by John A. Boese, Freeman, South Dakota. Since Waltner is a common name in the Freeman area I suspect that you may be acquainted with Freeman. Boese has over 2,000 names on the tree.

If you should have additional information, specifically of Gottlieb Boese's brothers and/or sisters or even of kin still a generation or two removed (earlier) I would certainly welcome it. I am again enclosing only limited information so you have something to start with. You will note it on the reverse side of this letter.