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Before I pick up the communique...a word of greeting to those persons who are joining the seminary family this quarter. I notice that some of our other friends are not continuing but a number of new persons are with us. For these I note that the Weakly I have produced for the last fifteen years is suspended while I am on the sabbatical interruption. And this same Weakly is a half in earnest, half in jest (jest) publication that I have produced as a means of relaxation for myself and information for the Seminary family. I hated to give up all publication during this quarter and so decided to write a communique each week (or nearly so) that would tell my readers what I am doing in the hope that they would know the time is well spent. The communique has the seriousness of the Weakly but with none of the verbal abuse the Weakly occasionally delivered to deserving parties in the Seminary household. So if you are new at Biblical we welcome you to the fellowship and, in this case, to the literary circle built around the infamous Taylor Press...where yellow journalism was not invented but has been given steps towards perfection. And now on.....

I think I have told you of my goals for the time of the sabbatical and my qualms about not using my time well. I am actually a few pages behind my writing schedule and am faced with the Word of Life lectures in the next two weeks. I did not plan to write during these weeks but I did not plan to be behind the schedule beginning them. At any rate all these things I have mentioned previously and knowing that boredom comes quickly at the Seminary level I will not repeat them.

But among my other activities has been this unbelievable exposure to extra-terrestrial things...the sort of incident that if you told me had happened to you I would conclude you were mad or purposefully deceptive. But when it is your own life...who can argue experience? I have written a long account of the whole matter for more official publication but my wife said that account was too detailed and much too lengthy for these communiques. She urged me to shorten it, if I insisted on telling it, and to keep the details in brief form. I have learned that she is almost always right in these judgments and so I have laid aside the fuller manuscript in favor of a few brief gleanings and you will have to suppose the data behind these items. If some things seem left out--they are!