Dr. J. Lester Harnish President Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dear Dr. Harnish:

I have given careful consideration to your suggestion that I withdraw my request relative to Faculty tenure.

Although my action appears to you to be precipitious, this is not my intent. I suspect that most Faculty members (and probably some Board members) have already appraised my work with respect to the matter of tenure.

Therefore following my own convictions and in full context of the rather practical reasons which I shared with you and Dean Bender my decision to submit a request for tenure stands.

I would greatly appreciate your proceeding with this request at this time.

Most cordially yours,

Thomas F. McDaniel Professor of Old Testament Studies

C.c. to: Dean T.W. Bender