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Very Rev Father General,

Good Father Lauth, after being in Utah a short while, came here at my suggestion, as evidently your Fathers can have a better field of labour and do more good in and around St. Turibius Mission than in Silver Reef, Utah. Father Lauth has already spend some days at St. Turibius and seems satisfied that the climate there is excellent, land good and the opportunity for work and doing good pretty fair.

Naturally enough he feels that the place requires at least two Priests and a Lay brother, as there are three little Churches to be attended and the Mission farm to be seen to. Consequently I would respectfully request that you send to Father Lauth another good, zealous and patient Priest with a Lay brother, and if you

will kindly advance them the money necessary for their journey, at their arrival I will refund the same to them or to you.

I am also begging that after a few months you may give us two or three Sisters for that Mission chiefly for the teaching of the Indian girls and young boys. There is there already a small school and before the Sisters would come, we would build them a suitable humble and convenient house.

I hope God in his goodness will bless that infant Mission which under his divine aid will after a while become a flourishing and prosperous Institution.

Very truly and Respectfully  
+ J. S. Abernethy, M. J. P. Francis.

Very Rev. Father Serra, C. S. C. General &