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The Mira & Ajay Shingal Center for Dharma Studies
The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
Att: Prof. Graham M. Schweig / Garuda Das

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Dear Garuda Prabhu,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for your letter requesting access to the transcripts of Srila Prabhupada's dictations and other early material of Srila Prabhupada's *Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*. At this time the BBT is not releasing original transcripts of BBT works to anyone, be it individual scholars or others. We're sorry not to be accommodating your request right now – Srila Prabhupada indicated that he didn't want the original transcripts and other such material distributed, and so we're being a bit cautious about it for the moment.

Also, as you know, the BBT trustees, in concert with the GBC, have assembled a Revisions Review Panel (RRP). The RRP will design criteria based on Srila Prabhupada's instructions and a system by which proposed or previously accepted revisions of Srila Prabhupada's books will be reviewed, decided on, and disseminated.

The RRP is composed of highly-qualified senior devotees who will systematically and thoroughly review Srila Prabhupada's works, including *Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*.

To maintain the integrity of this process, the trustees will not be sharing original source materials, including those for *Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, except with the RRP. We want to avoid possible confusion from out-of-context analyses. We know this means you'll have to wait a bit – and we're sorry to delay you – but we think it's the best way to go about things, at least at this early stage of the revision review process and in our attempt to honor Srila Prabhupada's instructions. We hope you'll understand and we thank you for your patience. We'll revisit this decision once things are solidly underway with the RRP and let you know where things stand.

Until then, we remain,

Your servants at
The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust

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Chairman of the Board
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