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Dr. Watson wrote for the International Press Institute in Vienna: “The RNSAW [now AWR] is widely used and admired by those concerned with the study of Islamic civilization and especially as this great tradition relates to the future of Christianity. No other similar service is available in the West. The international context is most significant. Many academic commentators – especially Professor Samuel P. Huntington in his major work “The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order” – have shown that the greatest threat to peace, the future and international order is seen in the clashes between civilizations. We have seen this recently in the Balkans and other places. RNSAW [now AWR] presents the realities and the illusions of life in a part of the world where the harmonies and clashes of traditions, civilizations and faiths are most clearly present. RNSAW [now AWR] operates in a milieu where the churches have serious problems of personal identity. There is a deep anxiety about the relations the local Christians have with Arab culture and, much more significantly, about the origins of Christian existence in Judaism. There is intense apprehension about the tortuous interpretation of the person of Jesus in the Church and Islam.

RNSAW [now AWR] reminds the West that Christianity is a Middle Eastern Religion in intimate familial relationship with Judaism and Islam. The clouds continue to gather over the Holy Land and RNSAW [now AWR] has a fundamental role of truthful reporting for those who live outside the region.”