have 3 periods of time, do the 3 periods immediately follow one

another, or are they separated by unmentioned intervals? When he was

so dogmatic about this, and when many seem to have that impression--

if you say 70 weeks divided into three periods, it must mean three

continuous periods-- I looked around to think of an illustration, and

I made an illustration which I believe is true to fact and which corres-

ponds exactly to the form of this prediction.

This prediction says "from the going forth of the commandment

to restore and build Jerusalem, unto Messiah the Prince shall be 7 weeks,

and 62 weeks the stree shall be built again and the wall even in troub-

lous times, and after the 62 weeks shall Messiah be cut off but not

for himself." And v. 27 says, "He shall confirm the covenant with many

for one week and in the midst of the week he shall cause sacfifice and

oblation to cease. So you have just about an exact parallel with this.

I don't say my parallel proves the three periods do not immediately

succeed one another, but I say it shows that it is entirely possible

that they do not succeed one another. I have the sentence there on

the board; I hope you will write it down. I have difficulty remembering

it myself. The principle in it is clear.

Since World War I the Republican Party has held the presidency

for 28 years. (Does that have to mean 28 continuous years?) From the

election of Harding to Franlkin D. Roosevelt was 12 years, and eight

years Eisenhower occupied the White House.(You don't have to mention

the fact that between the coming of FDR and the election of Eisenhower

there was a period of 16 years. I say Eisenhower occupied the White

House.) In the course of the last two-term period Nixon resigned.

Now that is an exact parallel to the structure of this sentence. That

does not prove that these 3 periods have intervals between them, but

it shows youcannot dogmatically show they must be continuous. They may