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Honorable Waggoner Carr
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Dear General:

Mr. Leon D. Hubert, Jr. of the Commission staff has brought to my attention a request made of him by Assistant Attorney General Davis regarding the depositions taken by Commission representatives in Dallas. Mr. Davis has supplied us with a list of the witnesses deposed and requests that the staff indicate those witnesses whose testimony is considered most significant.

I am not aware, of course, of the reasons for this request. It certainly is true that some of these witnesses will be considered more significant by the Commission than others. However, our evaluation of the testimony of these witnesses will constitute to a considerable extent the basis of our Final Report, and I think it is premature to label any one witness or group of witnesses as more significant than any other. I regret that we cannot comply with this request and I am confident that you will understand our position.

Sincerely,

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