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Mr. Jack Gould
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Dear Mr. Gould,

Thank you for your pleasant letter of the 5th.

To answer your question—I would say that Curtis Crawford is a highly knowledgeable student of the Report and the 26 volumes of the Hearings and Exhibits; he is cerebral rather than impassioned in debate, tends to confront rather than evade or obfuscate the criticism of the Commission's evidence; and maintains civility toward his adversaries without visible strain or resorting to innuendo or personal attack. In maintaining an eminently reasonable attitude and conceding what cannot be defended, he is an effective spokesman and, in my view, an honest one.

I'm awfully glad you didn't ask for a second choice. I should have been at a loss. Crawford is an instructor in philosophy at NYU and The New School; he is at 410 West 110 Street, University 5-6951. Philosophers are attracted to this case for some reason—witness Popkin and Josiah Thompson. But they have had the wisdom to cast their lot with the critics.

Sincerely yours,

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