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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

As a follow-up to my telephone conversation with you August 10, Dean Storey, Leon and I want to re-emphasize our great concern over any decision by the Commission which would alter our very clear understanding with you that we would have the opportunity to read and study the proposed final report of the Commission prior to the time the report was finally adopted.

It should hardly seem necessary to remind the Commission again that Texas has placed all of its resources behind a cooperative effort with the Commission to determine all of the facts. As a fundamental part of this cooperative effort we have had a firm understanding that we would be given the opportunity to review the preliminary draft at a time when our suggestions and counsel, if any, would be meaningful and helpful. Should this understanding now be amended by the Commission, we might very well be duty bound to file a Texas report. This should not be construed by you as any kind of threat whatsoever, but as a simple statement of a very practical situation where we could feel bound in the performance of our duty to our State to state any conclusions which might differ from the conclusions of the Commission in the preparation of which the State of Texas has been excluded.

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Please be personally assured of our desire that our mutually cooperative efforts be continued to a successful conclusion but we would be less than candid with you and the Commission if we did not take this means of clearly stating the importance of avoiding any such unfortunate development.

Yours very truly,

Waggoner Carr

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bcc: Honorable Leon Jaworski

bcc: Honorable Robert G. Storey