The Honorable John S. R. Shad

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The Chairman Securities and Exchange Commission limy celoca Washington, D. O. 20549

My dear Mr. Shad:
I thank you very much for your gracious letter of April 13.

I accepted the appointment of your Advisory Committee with considerable diffidence since $I$ have no doubt that the members of the Committee previously appointed are far more qualified than I am to advise the Commission about tender offers.

However, I shall do my best to make a contribution to the work of the Advisory Committee and in this connection want to express my appreciation for your willingness to ask your staff to prepare a legal opinion on this subject relating to the powers of the Commission to issue rulings in this area.

I also thank you for making the services of one of your legal staff available to me to assist in my preparation in the Advisory Committee's work.

With every good wish, I am


