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September 25, 1974

Honorable Patrick A. Gleason, Chairman
Select Committee on State Contract Practices
House of Representatives
B-10 Main Capital
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Gleason:

It is the intention and the desire of the Department of Community Affairs to fully cooperate with the Select Committee in its investigation. However, the scope and breadth of your September 25, 1974 subpoena duces tecum, covering any and all contractual relationships with Better Government Associates from the year 1966, provides us with a task which we are unable to complete within the stated time.

The intervention of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for the Jewish faith and the absence of key personnel because of that holiday makes it impossible for us to access all requested records. Many of these contracts must be retrieved from Archives as our records retention schedule calls for the removal from our offices of such records after a period of two to five years.

As of this time we have been able to gather together copies of approximately five contracts with Better Government Associates. If there is a particular project which you wish to investigate please so state and we will attempt to provide you with all relevant documents before 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 27, 1974.

Hearing nothing, we will provide you with all documents immediately available by Friday, and turn over all other records with seven to ten days.

Most sincerely,

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July 29, 1974

Honorable William H. Wilcox
Secretary, Community Affairs
Room 216
South Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Secretary Wilcox:

I am addressing this request for information to you in your capacity as State Fuel Allocation Officer.

I am aware of your recent announcement in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as reported by the Associate Press on Friday, July 26, 1974, that Pennsylvania faces both shortages of coal and natural gas.

This Committee is most interested in any information you might have concerning any actions currently being undertaken by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies to stock pile anthracite coal.

I would be most appreciative if you could forward any information you have relevant to this inquiry to me by August 5 at 11 a.m.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Cordially,

John Michael Willmann
Special Counsel

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