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Main Capitol Building



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

September 27, 1974

Honorable Patrick Gleason
Chairman, Select Committee to Investigate State Contracts
Room B-10, Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Representative Gleason:

During the period in which I appeared as a witness before your Committee, members of the Minority read a letter from the President of Gulf Insurance Company that implied that the U. S. Attorney in Pittsburgh improperly and perhaps unlawfully furnished to me information in the possession of the U. S. Attorney relative to a criminal investigation.

Attached is a letter dated August 8, 1974, from me to the President of Gulf Insurance Company requesting authority to have the U. S. Attorney provide this Committee any and all information in his possession.

We did receive such authorization. Mr. Orr, Assistant U. S. Attorney confirmed the original letter is in his possession and is forwarding a copy.

Contrary to the statement of Mr. Kagan during my interrogation, Mr. Orr states that he did indeed affirm to Mr. Kagan he had the letter and sent him a copy.

Also attached is my reply to Mr. Kwedar's letter of September 19, 1974.

I am outraged to think that some members of the Gleason Committee or their staff would deliberately attempt to lend credence to the innuendo contained in Mr. Kwedar's letter, especially since it is now apparent that the truth was known before the statements were made.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Otis W. Littleton", written over a horizontal line.

Otis W. Littleton

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HARRISBURG
August 8, 1974

President
Gulf Insurance Company
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

The Select Committee for Reviewing the Regulation of Insurance in Pennsylvania is very much interested in the manner in which the Commonwealth's insurance was placed with the Gulf Insurance Company by David Oppenheim. We would appreciate it if you would furnish us the following information:

1. The effective date of your agency contract with David Oppenheim and/or Oppenheim and Company.
2. Whether or not this was a standard agency contract or was non-standard. If non-standard, please furnish copy of agency contract.
3. Rate of commissions paid to Mr. Oppenheim on Commonwealth business and rate of commissions paid to the Secretary of Property and Supplies.
4. Total agency volume placed with Gulf Insurance Company by Oppenheim since the inception of his contract.
5. Circumstances surrounding Mr. Oppenheim's appointment as broker of record for the Commonwealth.

We understand that the U. S. Attorney in Pittsburgh has been furnished information relative to these questions. If it is agreeable with you, we could inspect the files in the custody of the U. S. Attorney provided you would so authorize the U. S. Attorney to provide the Committee any and all information. Our Committee does have subpoena power equivalent to any court of law.

If you prefer, we could issue a subpoena to obtain access to the information requested. Enclosed is a copy of House Resolution 120 and the rules of the committee.

The information requested is relevant to our review of agency licensing practices.

Yours very truly,

Otis W. Littleton, Director
Select Committee to Review Regulation
of Insurance in Pennsylvania

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