John A. Kale October 9, 1974

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Allentown, Pa. 18104

Dear sir;

Viewing the taped telecasts of The Select Committee Off State Contract Practices, the same evening of each unbelievable performance, I was appalled at the arrogance, disconcern, inconsiderate, irregular, inconsist, harrasment and discourtesy directed at the Governor, Milton, G. Shapp.

If that is a sampling of select legislators representing the taxpayers of this magnificant commonwealth, I am ashamed to so be represented. What an awful waste of taxpayers monies to put on such a display.

The Governors composure and your eloquent closing remarks are traditional of good public servants of which I am very proud. As for the rest of the whole debacle- it stinks.

Would you be so kind as to forward to me a copy of your closing remarks which I shall cherish for a long time as a reminder that there are still a few intelligent people left in government to police the incompetent nit-wits seated there.

John A. Kale

P.S.

Enjoyed your splended performance immeasurably.

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October 9, 1974

Representative James Manderino 58th District House of Representatives Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Dear Sir:

I watched the disgraceful performance of the socalled "Gleason Committee" on public television these past three days. I want to thank you for keeping the reputation of the General Assembly from falling to zero. You were magnificent! Keep up the good work.

Best regards.

Gerald L. Thorpe Associate Professor

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#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

Dear Democrat:

The Gleason Committee folded up its tent today and futilely--not silently--stole away. Another failure in the grand design of the Republican Party to tarnish the reputation of the Shapp Administration.

From all sides, we hear reports that Republicans are making all kinds of folish allegations that don't hold water. This is the tactic of the sure loser.

We Democrats can stick to the facts, knowing that they can be upheld and will uphold us in the esteem of the electorate.

In order to make certain that your Issue Books are up to date, we are sending you several corrections and alterations made necessary by late developments.

Also enclosed are some statements and releases that you might find useful.

Our offices in Harrisburg will be open to aid you during the last full week of campaigning.

Keep fighting.

Sincerely,

Herbert Fineman

Democratic Floor Leader

5646 Hobert Pgh PA. 15217 Oct 3, 1974

Smerely, alun Schindler

Rep. James Mandeino State House of Representatives Harrislung, PA.

Dear Rep. Manderino,

Committee, I wish you would take a more public rale in expressing the minority viewpoint of this committee's proceedings. Unlike the Watergate Committee, this committee is at hest a partisan wendetta and at worst reaches Nisonian levels of emethical campaigning. By refuting or commenting on Rep. Glason's public pronouncements personally you can do much to put this Committee's actions in proper perspective.

10-8-74 Dear Lin, I watched your performance at the heaving when Tovernor Shapps was testifong, I want you to know that you were terefic. Keep up the good work! Showed the type of man he always was. an Interestedition Im Searlan 114 Eusisinger Rd. Wundber Pa 15963



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October 11, 1974

The Honorable Milton J. Shapp Governor of Pennsylvania Main Capitol Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Governor Shapp,

The following is written, I realize, primarily because of my need to express my opinion after having viewed the gavel-to-gavel coverage of the "hearings" conducted by the "Gleason Committee", not because of your need to hear it. Perhaps the strength of my feelings can best be revealed by stating that I have never before in my experience been motivated over any political issue strongly enough to write or call any public official or media. This is, at least for me, a "first".

The fact that my wife and I are registered Republicans has never before, even through the Watergate scandal, been a source of embarrassment to us. However, after being witness to the childish conduct and obvious treachery of the chair and majority counsel (apparently condoned by the majority members) during those "hearings", we were extremely embarrassed, both for ourselves and for other Republicans. The abuse and disrespect extended to the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to you personally, and to the minority members of that committee, was to us both a revelation and an outrage. We feel compelled to express our appologies to you. Please be assured that their conduct cannot be regarded as representative of all Republicans.

It may be of interest to note that prior to viewing the entire coverage of those "hearings" (WITF-TV, PBS, Channel 33, Hershey) we were inclined to vote for Mr. Drew Lewis. However, since having viewed those "hearings", and directly as a result of them, that no longer is the case.

Prior to that coverage, we were not aware

a) of the viciously deceitful Republican effort to discredit you under the guise of honest inquiry (demonstrated blatently by Mr. Gleason and majority counsel, Mr. Willman and Mr. Freind.

- b) of how much you had already done in the fight against corruption and improper solicitation in state government.
- c) of the myriad of half-truths employed in the effort to discredit your administration. We were favorably impressed with your explanation of each situation questioned by, as I believe Mr. Englehart named them, "The Bobsey Twins" and Mr. Gleason.

Although not exhaustive, this list reflects somewhat how we received your testimony. Therefore, as a direct result of those hearings, we are determined

- a) to alter our votes for governor from Republican to Democrat in the coming election.
- b) to support your administration by voting for Democratic officials on the state level in the hopes of enabling your administration to continue its work without this type of childish harrassment and obstruction.
- c) to actively encourage other Republicans to reconsider their vote by sharing what we have seen and learned this past week (an effort that has thus far solicited at least two additional Republican votes for Shapp).

Please accept our appologies for the improprieties of the Republican committee members, our support and praise of the honesty and patience of your administration and the minority members of the Gleason committee, and our thanks for your time with regard to this letter.

Sincerely,

ZIMMERMAN

SUSAN C. ZIMMERMAN

Photo copies to:

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October 10, 1974

The Honorable James Manderino 444 Schoonmaker Avenue Monessen, Pennsylvania

Dear James:

I watched you on television at the closing of the committee hearing and I am forced to tell you that I was most impressed by what you said and the manner in which you said it. It showed considerable intelligence and class and I am pleased to consider you my friend.

Very truly yours,

REDLICH, CASSOL, REDLICH & MOROCCO

Leonard A. Redlich

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Mr Mandeseno, after watching you an TV and reading in the nempeaper about all the consistion en Hestmorland County the only conclusion one can assire at ex that you must have a lat of skeletons in your Closet. Sen Gurney of The at the Falengate hearing. The only peason he was making such commation was he had so mony and such big skeletons in his Closet. You know what happened to him when every Thing started to hang out. you are stuped if you think your performance at these hearings are helping governor Shaff. Both you & governor Shapp would be much better off if you shirt your big mouth. from fed up with sorruption in government that is promoted by you and Sovernon Shopp. (Mis) Grace R. Skoog 800 St. Clayton St New Oustle, Pa 16102 The Honorable James J. Manderino, House of Representatives, Harrisburg, Penna.

Honorable Sir:

Kindly permit me to express my appreciation for your contribution in the proceedings of the Harrisburg Hatchet Committee.

As one who has been involved professionally for almost a half century in the area of human relations, I am amazed and appalled that men of the caliber represented by the majority members of the Select Committee should serve in the legislative branch of the government in our Commonwealth.

In my humble opinion, Gleason and his cohorts almost exhausted the barrel of smear tactics in their attempts to denigrate a man of ability and integrity, although I was surprised that they didn't empty the barrel completely by accusing Governor Shapp for his failure to issue an executive order directing all Democrats in Pennsylvania to use toilet paper on both sides.

Having sat through the late hours of the night to witness the entire proceedings, I was left with indelible impression that this deplorable quartet succeeded most admirably to prove one point, that there are more horses' asses than there are horses.

Lest anyone should accuse me of being a partican
Democrat, let me hasten to add that I once registered as a
Republican in order to be able to vote for Gifford Pinchot in the
primaries. I am confident that, "when earth's last picture is
painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried," Gifford Pinchot
and Milton Shapp will go down in history as the two top
Governors of Pennsylvania. And I am also confident that the
people of Pennsylvania will show their loyalty and appreciation
of a faithful servant by returning Milton Shapp to leadership
in the November election. What Harry Truman said concerning those
who would vote for Eisenhower applies most appropriately to those
who will vote to retire a man of honesty and competence.

Keep slugging!

Respectfully submitted. Franklin S. Slifer

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