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RE: <u>Review of Transcripts and Other Materials</u>

Dear Mr. Siegfried:

I would like to thank you for your June 17, 1997 letter, enclosing the Executive Orders and for your arranging for me to review the public hearing transcripts.

Unfortunately, I must tell you that the 2 hour time-slot for review is simply insufficient. Inasmuch as I live in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn and it takes me 1-1/4 hours to commute to the location at One Centre Street to review the transcripts, it is enormously burdensome and inefficient to be limited to 2 hours and then have to commute 1-1/4 hours back home. I, therefore, request -- and would greatly appreciate -- if you would arrange for me to have from 9:30 - 4:30 to review the transcripts. Based upon my experience yesterday, where I was given a cubicle to work -- one of many, which were vacant -- I do not believe that this would present any difficulty. The transcripts could be given to me in "batches" such that after I finished one "batch" of transcripts, I would request a subsequent "batch". There was no guard supervising me yesterday and I do not believe that I would be imposing in any way on available personnel, who would do no more than give me the transcripts, as needed by me.

Additionally, since I only have the summer to do the research, I would appreciate being able to review the transcripts over a period of days, rather than -- as now -- weeks. Consequently, I would ask whether I could review the transcripts on other days, in addition to the Thursdays presently designated by you.

That is not to say that my time yesterday was unproductive. Indeed, I noticed from the first and second transcripts that I reviewed, references to announcements of the public hearings in *The New York Times*, *The Daily News*, and *The Post*, in addition to the *New York Law Journal* and *City Record*. I would like to obtain copies of such announcements and/or articles. Do you have a file of

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such clippings? If not, can you provide me with the date on which such announcements and/or articles appeared. If not, do you know who might have such file of clippings and information?

Very Truly Yours,

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