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I discussed yesterday with the Jersey Company the advisability of my writing such a letter as you and I agreed upon the night you left. Their view was generally in line with Hicks', although I think they did appreciate my point of view. Their feeling is that in companies in which no questions have arisen, such a letter would seem uncalled for, and that because of its plain language, it would suggest a change of front on my part which they believe would tend to discourage the interest in representation which is so rapidly developing, and, because suggesting a more radical attitude on my part, tend to lessen the confidence of these gentlemen in my leadership. We are to confer again and also to consider the legal aspect, so far as the oil companies are concerned. That such a letter

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