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I cannot agree with you that it is obvious that the report was made by an agent of the Commission and not signed by the Commission.

I venture to say there is not one man out of every thousand who may have seen quotations from this report in the press or elsewhere, or who has seen the report itself, who has been aware of the circumstance that the West Report is merely a statement of an agent of the Commission and is not signed by the Commission. The impression almost everyone has who has seen any reference to this report or its contents, is that it is a document carrying with it, as to its reliability, all the authority and sanction of a public body appointed by the United States Government to pronounce impartially upon the situation in Colorado. ^{personally in order} It was ^{that} a false document might appear to have the "necessary sanction for purposes of record" that the Chairman of the Commission allowed the West Report to be printed at the expense of the Commission. My contention is that the public that is interested in knowing the facts has a right to know that the sanction thus ^{apparently} accorded is a bogus and not a real one, and that instead of being a document which should be preserved for purposes of reference, it is a document which, so far as it may be within the power of Congress to effect the same, should be destroyed.

As mentioned in my letter to Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., I quite agree that no opportunity should be given of it appearing that his office had tried to prevent publication or to influence Congress in any act respecting the Walsh Commission and its work; but, as I have said, it is one thing to attempt to influence and