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Dear Admiral Taylor:

Thank you for your valuable discussion with the business executives participating in this season's final Brookings Conference on Federal Government Operations, July 9-14, 1967. We had an exceptionally able group of businessmen in this session, and I believe the general level of questions asked was excellent.

We greatly appreciate your aiding us in this educational venture, and believe that these off-the-record, informal meetings provide a real opportunity for greater understanding of governmental policies and processes. Members of the group were clearly impressed with the view of political life and of major persons in government which they received.

I thought we had an exceptionally pleasant and relaxed visit, as well as an informative one. Perhaps it had something to do with the questions, such as the one about the Russian belief in UFOs, though I believe the participants asked some very good questions. The participants afterwards seemed particularly enthusiastic, and we more than accomplished our goal of increasing understanding.

Since this is the last of this season's programs, I'd like to add my own special thanks to your associates in the Office of Training, who handled the rather complicated arrangements for each session. I have worked most closely with [redacted] and also know that Messrs [redacted] have been involved and perhaps others whom I have not met. I can't thank all of the Agency personnel who have participated in the panels, either, but I hope you will convey our thanks for the very fine sessions we have had.

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Sincerely,

*John A. Larson*  
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