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Dear Nelson:

Thank you for your letter of February 1 enclosing the lists of Commission panel members and the draft working outlines for Panels I, II, and III. I appreciate your asking for my suggestions.

I am attaching a list of additional names that occur to me as possible panel members. If I think of other names I will let you know.

My principal comment at this point is that you should have a stronger foreign policy input in the first three panels. These three topics have a major international dimension, and you would want people who can bring to bear the foreign policy considerations and more familiarity with how the U.S. can deal with these problems internationally. The critical choices in this field will have to do with how the United States can build durable global mechanisms and relationships to help fulfill the needs of the international system over the long term.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Warmest regards,

/s/

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February 1, 1974

Dear Henry:

It was good to see you the other night at the Washington Press Club Dinner. The purpose of this letter is to let you know that I am sending the Commission members, and am enclosing to you, a list of the first six panels, the members serving on each, and the draft working outlines for Panels I, II and III. Outlines for Panels IV, V and VI will be sent to you shortly. The enclosed outlines are incomplete, but I wanted to get this material to you now so that you would have the opportunity of reviewing it and could give me your reactions.

I realize that you are very busy, but if you have some time, I would greatly appreciate your thoughts on what, in your judgment, are the major priority areas for critical choices which should be considered by the Commission in connection with the different panels?

In order to assist the work of each panel, we are developing a list of people with expertise in the various fields whom we might want to add to the panels. Do you have any names you would like to suggest of individuals who are knowledgeable in, and concerned with, the various fields embraced in the work of the panels?

The response to the Commission from the general public has been widespread, and press interest is also considerable. We are planning to announce soon the titles of the panels, the basic charges, and the members on each panel.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

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