[Letter from George Crawford, former White House Staff Members, to Henry S. Reuss, Chairman, Subcommittee on Conservation and Natural Resources, Committee on Government Operations, United States House of Representatives (Dec. 19, 1972), *reprinted in* Comm. Staff of the S. Comm. on the Judiciary, Refusals by the Executive Branch to Provide Information to the Congress 1964-1973, at 423 (Comm. Print 1974)*.*]

Archon Pure Products Corp.,

*Beverly Hills, Calif., December 19, 1972*.

Hon. Henry S. Reuss,

*Chairman, Conservation and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

Dear Mr. Chairman: Confirming my telephone call of this morning to your staff, I will not be present at the hearings of December 21. Receipt of your letter of December 13 was unfortunately delayed due to a change of address of our corporate offices; it did not arrive until yesterday. Preparation to come to Washington for the hearings day after tomorrow would be most difficult.

As I understand it, the hearings will bear on activity which occurred while I was on the White House staff. Since long standing custom would prevent my testifying in this respect, I do not believe my presence would be useful to your Committee in any event. I therefore respectfully decline the invitation to testify.

I do regret the delay in my response, and my inability to contribute to the work of your Committee.

Sincerely,

George Crawford,

*Vice President, Administration*.