August 30, 1955

Honorable Sir:

Concerning the negotiations between Western Union and Textron International, as reported in the press recently, it is my humble opinion that, if consummated, would represent a departure from the spirit of the Act of Congress respecting Western Union's divestment of its foreign cable service.

It is my opinion that Textron International has exceedingly limited, if any, experience in the International Cable field. Congress must have had very concrete and specific nationally constructive objectives in mind when passing the Act of 1943. This fact, I believe, is plainly indicated by the report of the President's Communication Policy Board appointed by President Harry Truman and submitted in March, 1951.

I draw your special attention to Page 154 in this report captioned "ARGUMENTS FOR MERGER". It is really important that the entire report be re-read at this crucial time by everyone interested.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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