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My dear Mr. Justice:

This is the first opportunity I have had to express my whole-hearted admiration for your excellent dissenting opinion in the Chenery case.

As a former member of one of the federal regulatory agencies, I am particularly impressed by your warning that the attitude manifested by the majority of the Court in the second decision in this case threatens our whole fabric of administrative law.

Over the years I had a part in the slow and painful processes by which our system of administrative agencies was built up and through which they became highly useful instruments of Government. I know they can continue to function effectively only as long as they operate with full responsibility within the framework of law. "There never was a legal wrong but led to the law's disaster!"

I would be very grateful if you would send me a copy of your decision so that I may have the full text for my files.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Basil Manly

Mr. Justice Jackson,
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