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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

February 14, 1969

Honorable Hastings Keith
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Keith:

This is in response to your letter of January 29, 1969, concerning the Joint Resolution introduced by you on January 28, 1969, which would direct six federal agencies, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, to conduct a joint study into the effect of conglomerate activities on the transportation and communication industries, the securities markets, and interstate and foreign commerce.

I have reviewed the resolution and your remarks before the House on January 28, 1969, and I share with you the concern which you express, particularly as to matters within the scope of the functions performed by this Commission. A comprehensive study of the conglomerate situation such as you propose seems very appropriate at this time.

Our staff is reviewing your proposal with a view to determining how such a study might best be organized and conducted. In this connection we intend to seek the views of the five other agencies involved. Should you so desire, we will send you our recommendations and observations along these lines as soon as they are developed to a point at which they could perhaps prove helpful.

Sincerely,

Manuel F. Cohen
Chairman