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Honorable Roderick M. Hills  
Chairman  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
500 North Capitol Street  
Washington, D. C. 20549

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Government of Mexico has requested the assistance of the Department of State in obtaining from the Securities and Exchange Commission all information in the possession of the Commission concerning possible irregular payments made in Mexico by the General Tire Corporation. The Department has assured the Mexican Government that it would refer their request to the Commission and render all appropriate assistance in this regard.

As you know, we have had extensive discussions with the Department of Justice and representatives of the Commission concerning how best to respond to similar requests for information relating to the Lockheed bribery matter. Informal discussion with members of your Office, and with the Department of Justice, indicate mutual agreement that the same general approach should be followed with respect to the General Tire matter.

We anticipate that in the course of the next few days, the Government of Mexico, through its Attorney General's Office, and the Department of Justice will be concluding an agreement establishing procedures for exchange of information along the lines of those agreed upon in the Lockheed case with such countries as Colombia. The agreement, a draft of which is enclosed, will provide appropriate arrangements for transmittal of the material through the Department of Justice to Mexican law enforcement agencies pursuant to appropriate controls and conditions.

The Department of State hopes that the Commission will be able to cooperate with the Department of Justice in

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providing the relevant materials for transmission under the terms of the agreement for the Government of Mexico.

Sincerely,

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