

OCT 28 1938

Foster Cline, Esq.,  
Regional Administrator,  
Securities and Exchange Commission,  
Patterson Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Cline:

I have your memorandum of October 19 with reference to additional help in the Denver office.

The Commission this morning considered the whole situation existing in your office as I observed it during my own visit and as reported to us by Mr. Currie. It was recognized that additional temporary help was needed to clean up the back cases remaining in your office and that certain changes and additions were advisable in your permanent staff.

The Commission, accordingly, directed that Mr. George E. Strong, a principal attorney in the Washington office, and Mr. Rickard E. Lauritzen, an associate attorney in this office, be assigned to Denver on a temporary basis to assist you in disposing of these old cases. They will be accompanied by Mr. Louis Kolsan, an accountant-investigator from the New York office, who will work with them. These men have been instructed to report to you in Denver as soon as possible, although it may be a matter of a week or ten days before they can make necessary arrangements for leaving.

The Commission is primarily interested in cleaning up the Denver cases which have been pending for a long time, and these men are being sent out with this purpose in mind. However, I want you to understand that these men are being assigned to your office to work under your direction and that you may utilize their services as you think best. I hope they will be able to dispose of most of the open cases within a few months. If you find that additional stenographers are needed to assist them, I should appreciate your advising me as soon as possible after the arrival of the men.

Foster Cline, Esq.

The Commission has also authorized the appointment of Mr. Gilbert C. Maxwell as a junior attorney in the Denver office. Mr. Maxwell will be instructed to report to you and to take his oath of office in Denver, but it is proposed to transfer him to Washington immediately for a few months' training in this office. He should be ready to return to Denver to take up his regular work before Messrs. Strong and Lauritzen leave.

The Commission considered the work of Mr. Orson L. Huntsman, now assigned to the Denver office, and decided that Mr. Huntsman's work does not justify his continued employment. The Commission has authorized his discharge, effective December 1, 1936. If Mr. Huntsman wishes to resign on or before that date, his resignation will be accepted. You should suggest to him that his resignation would keep his record clear in our files and would probably be desirable from his point of view. In the event of his unwillingness to resign, please notify Mr. Perrott as soon as possible so that his discharge may go forward as authorized.

The Commission would be interested in learning of another attorney whom you would recommend as a successor to Mr. Huntsman. It is my opinion that such a man should have sufficient experience to handle the bulk of the interpretive work, the preparation of pleadings, and the conduct of litigation, leaving Mr. Geraghty as free as possible to handle the investigatory work. A lawyer from Nebraska would be a desirable appointee from the standpoint of geographical apportionment of your staff, and his knowledge of local conditions would be apt to disclose further fields of usefulness for the Commission in that state. However, I should be glad to hear any recommendations you may care to suggest.

I am glad that the action which the Commission has taken today is in line with your recommendations, and I feel confident that we shall find great improvement in the work of your office.

Very truly yours,

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James M. Landis,

Chairman.

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