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The Honorable Gale McGee
Senator, State of Wyoming
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Dear Senator McGee:

Yesterday I received your letter of February 27, which included a copy of your letter to Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, along with a copy of an accompanying cover letter to be sent to 300 constituents. It was with real pleasure that I read your letters.

Your comments in the cover letter commending the Wagon Wheel Information Committee are extremely gratifying. But your letter to Dr. Ray is a masterpiece. It is reassuring to know that when you begin a sentence "My commitment," you mean what you say. Your comments to Dr. Ray, especially those concerning "the poor demonstration of goodwill and integrity by the Atomic Energy Commission," get right to the point. I could not agree with you more when you maintain that the citizens of Wyoming are deserving of better consideration. If I were not so intimidated by your compliment to the WWIC of our demonstration of "assessing the Atomic Energy Commission's program in a democratic and orderly way," I would be tempted to shout, discreetly, "Right on!"

I should like to thank you also for your gracious courtesy while I was in Washington with the WWIC delegation. Your generosity in placing your office and staff at our disposal was overwhelming. Rod Crowley, Joe Guerrera and Art Eck were particularly helpful and kind.

Your statement at the meeting with officials of the Atomic Energy Commission and El Paso Natural Gas was strong and effective, and it should give them pause before continuing with their plans for Project Wagon Wheel. I am especially appreciative that you have asked for a cost-benefit study by the General Accounting Office, as I realize this can be asked for only by a member of Congress. I would like to add that all of us were highly complimented by your remarks at the meeting on our efforts in opposing this project.

Thank you again for the courtesy shown by you and your staff while the Wagon Wheel Information Committee delegates were in Washington and for your continuing help.

Best wishes in your endeavor to wrest governmental control away from the Administration and back to Congress.

Very sincerely yours,

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