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Dear Mr. Steidle:

I was glad to have your letter of April 15 commenting upon the work of the National Bureau of Standards and more particularly on the activities of the Divisions of Commercial Standards and Simplified Trade Practices.

The article in *Business Week* to which you refer dealt with a recent exchange of correspondence with the Department's Policy Committee on Standards. I am enclosing for your information a copy of my letter to the Chairman of that Committee, which outlines the Department's policy and program in the field of standardization. This letter was prepared in response to a report which the Committee had submitted. As stated in that letter it is recognized that no single organization can expect to encompass the entire field of standards at the present time and that the Department of Commerce therefore wishes to provide assistance and encouragement to other qualified groups and organizations to expand and improve their facilities for this work. On the other hand, if particular industries have a definite preference that the Department of Commerce rather than some other organization publish standards, the Department stands ready to perform this function. The policy of the Department of Commerce is thus to promote the expansion of voluntary standardization activities, both through its own staff and through other organizations; it is definitely not the policy of the Department to withdraw from this field.

Your interest in writing and your expression of confidence in the standardization work which the National Bureau of Standards has been carrying out are appreciated. Any further suggestions or

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Sincerely yours,

Mr. HARRY J. HARRIS, Director
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. HARRIS:

Enclosure

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