

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
March 19, 1976

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EXHIBIT
WCD-354

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Morristown, N.J.

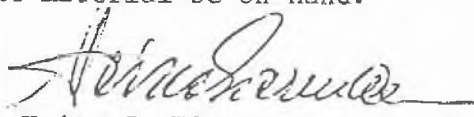
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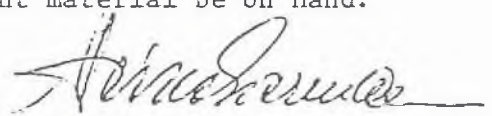
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