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Mr. R. L. Davis, Secretary,
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Dear Mr. Davis:

Your letter to the Hon. W. A. Harriman of February 5 was turned over to me for reply. Soon after coming to the office of Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Harriman undertook a very careful review of the whole question of the status of the Division of Trade Standards in the Department of Commerce with the assistance of Mr. William C. Foster, Under Secretary of the Department.

Their study led to the determination which was made recently that the work is to be continued in the National Bureau of Standards along the same general lines as in the past which is in accord with the views which you have expressed in your letter. As to matters of detail we want to consider whether there are ways in which this work can be improved, and I would welcome specific suggestions from you on this point. One criticism which has been leveled at the publications in the past is that they have the appearance of being government mandatory regulations rather than simply government sponsored voluntary agreements within the trade and we are at present considering changes in the format of these publications to meet these suggestions.

Thanking you on behalf of Mr. Harriman, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. U. Condon

E. U. Condon, Director.

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