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Mr. Marion G. Nelson
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Dear Bubba:

Rupert told me the other day in Sunday School that in a conversation with you you had indicated that the Insurance Committee was, in your opinion, stacked against the automobile dealers; that everybody on there but two people were insurance people.

I was considerably worried about that situation and have just checked over the Insurance Committee list again with that in mind and find as follows:

1. Jack Mashburn of Bay County is employed by Arizona Chemical Company, and if he has any connection with an insurance company it is unknown to me.
2. Harry Gleaton of Citrus County is in the commercial fishing business, and likewise so far as I know has no connection with the insurance business.
3. Chesterfield Smith of Desoto County owns a drug store and is a citrus grower; so far as I know he has no connection with any insurance business.
4. Kay Griner of Dixie County is an automobile dealer and I therefore take it favorable to their case.
5. Bryant Patton of Franklin County is the owner of the Apalacha Fish and Oyster Company, and so far as I know has no connection with the insurance business.

6. Edward Andrews of Holmes County is engaged in the general farming and the grocery business, and so far as I know has no connection with the insurance business.
7. Walter Shepperd of Lee County is an attorney, and is connected with the insurance business to the extent that his sister married Tommy Shands who used to work for Insurance Commissioner Larson. Mr. Larson indicated to me that he would stay out of the fight between the automobile dealers and the insurance agents.
8. Gus Dekle of course is friendly to the automobile dealers.
9. Tom Cobb of Volusia is not engaged in the insurance business, but is a lawyer, and by reason of his service on the Committee last year is extremely conversant with the problems which the entire insurance industry, including the automobile dealers agents, face.

I know you will appreciate that there are a number of problems which this committee must face besides the fight between the automobile dealers and the insurance agents, and the membership of the Committee had to be selected not only with the consideration for that fight but the other matters which it must consider, and also limited by the membership available to serve on that committee.

If I have erred badly and there are associations of these members unknown to me you would render a great service by letting me know about it. I am anxious to do a good job and to deserve your approval for the job done.

With warmest personal regards I am

Sincerely yours,

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