

December 22, 1981

Ms. Martha Maloney
363 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Martha:

I wanted you to see the enclosed exchange of correspondence with Chairman Miller in which we protest the gross mishandling of the BARCLAY affair by the Commission's staff.

I am also copying to you the letter that I wrote to Chairman Miller dated November 21 complaining about the loose talk by FTC people at a meeting in New York. In his reply the Chairman says if any unauthorized disclosure should occur "I will institute proceedings to remove the person from the employment with the Federal Trade Commission." The ink was hardly dry on the Chairman's letter before a Commission staff person released information to Advertising Age describing the steps the Commission was taking to qualify its readings on BARCLAY's "tar" delivery.

It seems that the morning mail never passes without another stick of dynamite arriving for my breakfast coffee compliments of the Federal Trade Commission. Surely something can be done to cause the Commission to deal with BARCLAY at the proper level, not in the snakepit where malicious staffers are trying to injure Brown & Williamson but rather among the Commissioners themselves who can take prompt and fair action.

My best regards.

Cordially,

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Enclosures

cc: Gen. Dudley

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