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Gentlemen:

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Attached to each is a copy of my letter calling witnesses for cross examination. As you can see, I propose to combat Protestants' testimony through rebuttal evidence rather than cross examination with the exception of some relatively minor clarifications. At this point I understand the Idaho Commission has called all of the witnesses except Messrs. Nance and Hemmesch and that Potlatch has called Messrs. Halpin and Melcher and I would assume Mr. Harwood.

I would appreciate being advised of all calls for cross examination that any of you may receive. If Messrs. Hemmesch or Nance have been called, please advise me by telegram.

I will be staying at the Rodeway Inn, 29th and Chinden, Boise, (208) 243-1871, and will be available for discussions with specific witnesses in the afternoon. I suggest we get together about 8:30 P.M. as a group to review late developments.

At this point I would anticipate requesting rebuttal testimony from Messrs. Melcher, Halpin, Hennessy, Harwood and possibly Maristuen. I do not anticipate a need for rebuttal testimony from Messrs. Hemmesch, Nance or Barry since Protestants have not complained about rates on the Burlington Northern or Milwaukee. I would anticipate that they will be released early on the 7th at the latest. I will be contacting the potential rebuttal witnesses regarding that phase of their testimony in a few days.

Very truly yours.

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