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Mr. Dreibelbis telephoned the Chairman's Office this afternoon at 4:20 and dictated the following:

One of the things that came out in the conversation this morning was a contemplated increase in the capital stock of Bank of America of \$30,000,000. Wanted to know if I thought the Board would do anything to upset such a program. I expressed the personal opinion that they would not, assuming that the issue was on a fair basis, etc.

There was a good deal of conversation directed toward the possibility of an over-all settlement. I expressed the opinion that there had been so many times in the past when we thought an agreement had been reached and then it turned out there had not, that I felt any thought of agreement that depended just upon a promise as to future would not be acceptable and that it would have to involve some kind of affirmative action upon the part of Transamerica.

Mr. Willkie expressed the opinion to me that he agreed that uncontrolled expansion, both directly or indirectly, was bad and that he would so advise his clients. He said he was going to talk some more to them and wanted to know if he could call me back, which he did about ten minutes ago, and asked me to come over there tomorrow.

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