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Hon. John J. Sparkman  
Senate Banking Committee  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Sparkman:

You are acting in the national interest in your proposed study of mutual funds and their outrageous methods of voting by rubber stamping, which is not what they are paid to do.

I call your attention to my recent interview in Denver in *Cervi's Weekly* which touched on this very issue as you can see.

The fine Wharton School Report to the SEC on pages 417-425 goes into the subject well and should be helpful to you.

I also go into the subject on page 196 of the Gilbert 26th Annual Report of Stockholder Activities at Corporation Meetings and the SEC should most certainly have the disclosure power in this connection where mutual funds are concerned, so that I hope this topic of requiring this disclosure will not be overlooked in your conclusions in regard to the superb recommendations of Hon. Manuel Cohen in regard to other kinds of reforms in the Mutual Fund needed legislation.

How disastrous the "sell your stock alibi" becomes to holders of both closed end and open end funds can be seen from my comments on pages 195 and 196 of the 25th Gilbert report where I show the dreadful effects of the sale of Texaco Gulf Sulphur stock by Tri Continental in 1962.

Sincerely yours