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With reference to the attached copy of a letter from PWB
can you please inform me if the recital of events set forth therein
is accurate, together with any other comments that appear pertinent.

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