

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

Date: October 29, 1970

Subject: Appearance before the Mollohan Subcommittee

To: Mr. Whitehead

While trying to draft a memorandum for Timmons on your requested appearance before the Mollohan Subcommittee (see attached), it occurred to me that nothing in the invitation implied that they would treat you the way they have treated the Defense witnesses; i. e., no counsel, no transcript, etc. I decided to call Tom O'Brien on the Subcommittee Staff and find out what they had in mind.

O'Brien said that De Rosa mentioned in his testimony his close relationship with your office. The two congressmen were unaware the OTP existed. They would like to have you explain broadly your functions, responsibilities, and your relationship with Defense. (This must be taken as somewhat tongue in cheek.) He indicated that with the permission of the Committee Chairman, you could purchase a transcript and would undoubtedly be welcome to bring someone with you to the hearing if you indicated to Mr. Lally your desire to do so. The hearing would be an executive session and would be classified top secret.

I believe this information removes most of the objections which could be raised to your appearance. I do not see that any undesirable precedents would be established, provided that the above arrangements were agreed to by Mr. Lally beforehand.

Do you still want to get Timmons' view or would you just like to go ahead and appear?

1. Do a memorandum to Timmons.
2. Do a reply agreeing to go.
3. Indicate acceptance by telephone.

*Returned to
Charles Joyce*

If you desire to go, I think you should have a prepared statement about the functions of your office and your relationship with Defense. Do you want me to prepare such a statement? YES NO

Do you want anyone to go with you? Who? *no*

CC
Charles C. Joyce, Jr.

Attachment

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REMARKS

*Gov Doyle - I gave a copy to
Dr. Lyman for his info. @*

*Shall I send a copy to C. Joyce and
ask him to begin work on a brief
Statement? sed*

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October 19, 1970

Mr. Clay T. Whitehead
Director
Office of Telecommunications Policy
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

This refers to a telephone conversation of today's date with Mr. Doyle of your office.

Chairman Robert H. Mollohan, of the Special Subcommittee for the Investigation of Department of Defense Communications, directed that an invitation be extended to you to testify during the current phase of our hearings. The Subcommittee is desirous of discussing your responsibility in the telecommunications field, and the relationships between your office and the Department of Defense generally, and the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Telecommunications specifically. This would include a discussion of the National Communications System and the role of the Department of Defense in that System. If you wish to make a prepared statement, it is requested that five copies be submitted to this office by November 17.

If your schedule permits, the suggested date for your appearance is Thursday, November 19 at 9:30 A.M.

Sincerely,



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