

appearance of Mr. Robert Martino, Defense representative to the Joint Operations Committee, before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations on Tuesday morning at 10 a. m. in room 357 of the Senate Office Building.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN L. MCCLELLAN, *Chairman.*

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
Washington, March 5, 1956.

Memorandum for all military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense.

Subject: East-West trade control hearings before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

On February 20, 1956, the Department of Defense joined the Departments of State and Commerce and the International Cooperation Administration in a statement to the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations relative to documents and information requested by the subcommittee in its inquiry on East-West trade control. This statement was in the form of a letter from Herbert Hoover, Jr., Acting Secretary of State, to Senator McClellan, chairman of the subcommittee. A copy is attached.

1. The subcommittee was informed that the executive branch would be prepared through responsible officials to (a) furnish the subcommittee in open session information as to items deleted from the 1952 International List in the 1954 revision, and (b) furnish the subcommittee in executive session on a classified basis information as to items downgraded or upgraded or added to the list in the 1954 revision.

Since the custody of all records and papers in and relative to the business of the Department is in the Secretary, any request, subpoena, or other demand for documents relative to this inquiry to whomever addressed shall be referred to my office.

2. Any request, subpoena, or other demand to appear and testify before the subcommittee relative to the East-West trade-control inquiry should be honored. However, in accord with the principles set out in the attached letter of February 20, 1956, you are instructed not to testify either in public or executive closed session with respect to any advice, recommendations, discussion, and communications within the executive branch respecting any course of action in regard to East-West controls, or as to any information regarding international negotiations with the countries cooperating in East-West trade controls. You are further instructed not to testify in public hearings as to any matter which is classified for reasons of security or in any manner that may reveal information so classified. In the event that there is any doubt as to whether the particular requested testimony falls within the scope of these instructions, you are directed to inform the subcommittee that you must decline to testify until you have further consulted with the Department.

3. These instructions have the full force and effect of a Department regulation and should be observed without exception.

C. E. WILSON.

MARCH 5, 1956.

HON. CHARLES E. WILSON,
Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense,
Washington 25, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY: This is to confirm the telephonic request made by Mr. Adlerman, assistant counsel of this subcommittee, to Mr. Robert M. Pennoyer, heretofore designated as liaison by the Defense Department, for the appearance of Mr. Paul C. Stratton, of the Petroleum Logistics Division of the Department of Defense, before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations on Tuesday, March 6, 1956, at 10 a. m. in room 357 of the Senate Office Building.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN L. MCCLELLAN, *Chairman.*