

It would be greatly appreciated if you would make 50 copies of your prepared statement available at the time of the hearing. Under our committee rules, 15 advance copies should be provided to Mr. William Phillips, subcommittee staff administrator, by 2 p.m. the day prior to the hearing, Wednesday, April 21.

With best regards,
Sincerely,

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD, *Chairman.*

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C., April 16, 1971.

HON. JAMES D. HODGSON,
*Secretary of Labor,
Department of Labor,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I have been advised informally that you are not going to accept our invitation to testify before the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee on the discontinuance of the monthly press briefings on the Consumer Price Index and unemployment figures. As you may recall, this hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, April 22.

I regret that you will not be present for this session, and also that you are declining to send any high-ranking official of the Department of Labor, who is intimately familiar with the decision to discontinue the briefings, as we requested.

With all due respect to Commissioner Moore, a review of his testimony before the Joint Economic Committee, April 2, and a subsequent conversation with him this morning by our staff, shows clearly that he has no firsthand knowledge of some of the key points in which the subcommittee is vitally interested. These questions relate to the decision itself and events leading up to it.

Also in all fairness, Mr. Secretary, it is conceivable that some of the testimony to be received Wednesday may be critical of the briefing cutoff, and the Department should be prepared to give the best reply possible in justification of its action.

With all of the above points in mind, I do hope you will reconsider your decision and send a high-ranking representative who can provide all of the detailed answers which the subcommittee needs. I would appreciate greatly your immediate advice on this matter.

With best regards,
Sincerely,

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD, *Chairman.*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, April 20, 1971.

HON. WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD,
Chairman, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am responding to your letters of April 13 and 16 with reference to testimony by an official of the Department of Labor before the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee on discontinuance of monthly press briefings on the Consumer Price Index and employment situation.

In your letter of April 13, a request was made that either I or a designee intimately familiar with the suspension decision appear to discuss the matters before the subcommittee. Subsequently, Mr. Norman Cornish of your staff was advised by telephone that I had designated as Department of Labor witness, Dr. Geoffrey Moore, Commissioner of Labor Statistics; accompanied by Mr. Harold Goldstein, Assistant Commissioner for Manpower and Employment Statistics; Mr. Joel Popkin, Assistant Commissioner for Prices and Living Conditions; and Mr. Herbert Morton, Director, Office of Publications, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Your letter of April 16 expressed the opinion that Commissioner Moore lacked firsthand knowledge of some of the key points in which the subcommittee is interested. I am constrained to reply that Commissioner Moore possesses complete familiarity with both the technical subject matter under subcommittee consideration and with the reasons which led to the decision to suspend.

I am sure you will find that Commissioner Moore and his associates are fully capable of responding to all inquiries directed by the subcommittee.

Sincerely,

J. D. HODGSON,
Secretary of Labor.

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS
AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C., June 21, 1971.

HON. HENRY A. KISSINGER,
*Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. KISSINGER: The Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee has scheduled a series of hearings to begin Wednesday, June 23, 1971, on U.S. Government information policies and practices.

Pursuant to the Subcommittee's legislative and investigative authority over Government information subjects, we will explore the Constitutional principles and operational practices involved in the public's "right to know" and the right of the Legislative Branch to information and documents from the Executive Branch that are deemed essential in the discharge of our duties as elected representatives of the American people.

You are hereby requested to appear before the Subcommittee as a witness at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 30, 1971, in Room 2247, Rayburn House Office Building.

In addition to your general views and comments on the subjects included within the scope of our inquiry, please be prepared to discuss procedures and practices concerning the coordination of Executive implementation of the provisions of Executive Order 10501 (18 F.R. 7049) and Executive Order 10964 (26 F.R. 8932), relating to "Safeguarding Official Information in the Interests of the Defense of the United States," and the automatic downgrading and declassification procedures for documents, information, and other security material presently in effect.

With best regards,
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Chairman.

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS
AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C., June 21, 1971.

HON. HERBERT G. KLEIN,
*Director of Communications for the Executive Branch,
Washington, D.C.*

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In addition to your general views and comments on the broad scope of our inquiry, please be prepared to discuss the ways in which your office functions in its coordinating role in the dissemination of information to the public generally and what role your office plays in coordinating request for both routine and classified material by Congress.

Please be prepared to discuss also the extent of Executive compliance with the instructions issued by President Nixon on April 7, 1969 establishing procedures in the handling of Congressional demands for information. Please explain also what role your office has in enforcing the procedures set forth in that April 7, 1969 Memorandum.

With best regards,
Sincerely,

WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD,
Chairman.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS
AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C., June 21, 1971.

HON. JOHN WESLEY DEAN III,
Counsel to the President,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. DEAN: The Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee has scheduled a series of hearings to begin Wednesday, June 23, 1971, on U.S. Government information policies and practices.

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Chairman.

[Excerpt from hearings entitled "U.S. Government Information Policies and Practices—The Pentagon Papers" (pt. 3), before a subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, 92d Cong., 1st sess., p. 896]

Mr. MOORHEAD. I would also like to submit for the record, following the letters of invitation to the witnesses, the letter to me from Mr. John W. Dean III, Counsel for the President, declining our invitation to testify, on behalf of himself, Dr. Kissinger, and Mr. Herbert Klein.

[The letter follows:]

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, June 28, 1971.

HON. WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD,
Chairman, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your letters of June 21, 1971, to Dr. Henry Kissinger, Mr. Herbert Klein and myself requesting that we appear before your subcommittee on June 30, 1971. I wish to advise you that, as members of the immediate staff of the President, we must respectfully decline the invitation to testify.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. DEAN III,
Counsel to the President.

Mr. MOORHEAD. I also have been asked to keep the record open for insertion of relevant articles, statements, and studies to be inserted in the hearing record. Without objection, that will be so ordered.

These hearings will not close at this time. We expect to have testimony from the State Department now that the Supreme Court has handed down its decision, so the subcommittee will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

(Whereupon, at 1:20 p.m., the hearing was adjourned to reconvene at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 1971.)

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS
AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C., February 11, 1972.

HON. HERBERT G. KLEIN,
Director of Communications,
The White House, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. KLEIN: Early next month the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee will begin a comprehensive series of hearings into the administration and effectiveness of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). A copy of the Committee's press release announcing these hearings is enclosed.

The hearings will begin with panel discussions by leading experts in the fields of Government information policies and practices, in the legal ramifications of subject areas covered by the Act, and in the importance of the free flow of information about the activities of the Federal government to help inform our citizens.

On behalf of the Members of the Subcommittee, we would like to extend this invitation to you to participate in our panel discussion of experts in the field of Government information policies, practices, and problem areas in dealing with the public, the media, the internal agency bureaucracy, and the Congress.