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SURVEY FORM II: REFUSALS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY

Date of Request (1)	To whom addressed, and agency represented (2)	Person requested to testify (3)	Nature of testimony requested, nature of hearings, or other reason for which requested. (4)	Date of refusal (5)	Person authorizing refusal (6)	Reason given for refusal, documentation of refusal as available, and other remarks. (7)
December 13, 1972 (letter from Chairman Reuss attached)	Mr. George Crawford, Archon Pure Products Corp., Beverly Hills, California	Mr. George Crawford	Request to testify on his contacts with the Justice Department, while he was a White House employee, re: modification of Federal District Court order in Armco Steel Corp. case. (See Form II dated October 20, 1971.) Hearings: "Mercury Pollution and Enforcement of the Refuse Act of 1899", December 21, 1972, Part 3, (see Form I dated November 15, 1972.)	Dec. 19, 1972	Mr. George Crawford (letter attached)	"...Since long standing custom would prevent my testifying, I do not believe my presence would be useful to your committee in any event. ..."

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL
RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C., December 13, 1972.

Mr. GEORGE CRAWFORD, Esq.,
Vice President and Secretary, the Archon Corp.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

DEAR Mr. CRAWFORD: The Conservation and Natural Resources Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations will hold hearings on December 21, 1972, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 2247, Rayburn House Office Building, concerning the renegotiation in the fall of 1971 by the Justice Department of a court order issued on September 17, 1971, in the Government's action against the ARMCO Steel Company of Houston, Texas.

During our hearings on November 5, 1971, Justice Department officials indicated that there had been no direct communication between the White House and the Justice Department concerning the court order. On Nov. 15, 1972, it was revealed that a memorandum prepared by Mr. Martin Green—a section chief in the Justice Department's Lands and Natural Resources Division—disclosed that you, while a White House employee, had close contact with Justice Department officials concerning the court order.

In order that you may have an opportunity to comment on this matter, we invite you to testify at these hearings.

We would appreciate receiving, by December 18, confirmation that you will testify on December 21.

We shall welcome your views.
Sincerely,

HENRY S. REUSS,
Chairman, Conservation and Natural Resources Subcommittee.

ARCHON PURE PRODUCTS CORP.,
Beverly Hills, Calif., December 19, 1972.

Hon. HENRY S. REUSS,
Chairman, Conservation and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR Mr. CHAIRMAN: Confirming my telephone call of this morning to your office, I will not be present at the hearings of December 21. Receipt of your letter of December 13 was unfortunately delayed due to a change of address of our corporate offices; it did not arrive until yesterday. Preparation to come to Washington for the hearings day after tomorrow would be most difficult.

As I understand it, the hearings will bear on activity which occurred while I was on the White House staff. Since long standing custom would prevent my testifying in this respect, I do not believe my presence would be useful to your Committee in any event. I therefore respectfully decline the invitation to testify.

I do regret the delay in my response, and my inability to contribute to the work of your Committee.

Sincerely,

GEORGE CRAWFORD,
Vice President, Administration.

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