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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
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HON. SAM J. ERVIN, Jr.,  
*Chairman, Subcommittee on Separation of Powers, Committee on the Judiciary,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN ERVIN: In response to your recent letter requesting information concerning the refusal of the Executive officers or employees to testify before Congressional Committees and Subcommittees, I want to provide you with the following information.

On one occasion Patrick Moynihan, a Presidential assistant, declined, after an invitation by the Chairman, to testify at a formal hearing of the Subcommittee on Independent Offices Appropriations, although he later agreed to participate in an informal session if his testimony were not recorded and not given under oath.

I trust this information will be of some helpfulness to you, and I want to again commend you for your great work in endeavoring to strengthen and restore the powers and prerogatives of Congress.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely your friend,

JOE L. EVINS,  
*Member of Congress.*

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