

I am looking forward to hearing from the Government witnesses and the representatives of the voluntary agencies, as just what the situation is today; just what plans have been formulated for not only evacuation of these unfortunate people, but for their permanent resettlement in America.

I had a call yesterday from a Senator from Guam who is quite concerned about the number of people who have now been evacuated to Guam and I assured her that, with the assurance of the Commissioner of Immigration, Gen. Gerald Chapman, these evacuees would be dispersed all over America and that they will not be concentrated in Guam, or in any one of the States.

Senator Tunney, at the Judiciary Committee meeting just last week, was quite concerned, and I was also concerned, as to whether all these evacuees would be dumped into Hawaii or dumped into California, and I was assured by Gen. Chapman that the plans call for dispersed throughout America. It was only last week—a few days ago—that we gave the go-ahead to the Attorney General to use his parole powers. Since then, after getting the go-ahead signal from the Congress, he has—I think the U.S. Government has done a marvelous job in evacuating so many people in so short a time to the Philippines and to Guam.

I am looking forward to the testimony of the witnesses to see what will be done for the evacuees from now on. Also, for those who will be staying back in Cambodia, and in South Vietnam, will we be able to do something for them in this crisis?

Thank you very much.

APPEARANCE OF AMBASSADOR L. DEAN BROWN

Senator KENNEDY. Just before we get started this morning, in my talks with the Secretary of State, he had indicated that Mr. L. Dean Brown is coordinating activities on the refugee evacuation. We had asked Mr. Habib that Mr. Brown be here this morning and we were told that Mr. Brown would not appear here this morning, and we were told that only last evening.

I understand that Mr. Brown—Ambassador L. Dean Brown—spent an hour briefing the press yesterday—was willing to talk with the press and had extensive interviews with members of the press yesterday afternoon. Now the President of the United States has asked the American people to support this humanitarian effort; he has asked the Congress to provide funds for this evacuation program. Here you have a key figure in the operation of the program willing to talk to the press yesterday, but refusing to appear before the people's representatives here in the Congress this morning.

What kind of sense does that make for us at a time of great difficulty in terms of how we are going to develop a constructive program, attempting to work with the Administration, try to ease additional pain and suffering to people who have been caught in the crossfires of the war—to help the refugees—if we cannot hear from the man in charge?