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Congress of the United States,

House of Representatives,

*Washington, D.C., March 17, 1973*.

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*.