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The Chairman. We will soon have a quorum. Why don't we begin with the Recommendation No. 43 on page 77, having to do with academics.

My understanding is that this recommendation has been redrafted along the lines of the Committee's recommendations, and as it now stands it calls for the CIA academics and the institution to be informed, and for any student being recruited to be so informed.

There is a choice in the latter case in informing him before he is paid or informing him before he leaves the U.S. Will you explain that to me, please?

Mr. Aaron. In the course of our discussion about the recruitment of students off campuses, there were two categories of concern. One was for the integrity of the institutions themselves, and the second was, in turn, for the students that might be involved.

testimony that some foreign students recruited as agents for the CIA were brought into kind of a holding status at a certain point in which they were working for, if you will, CIA proprietaries or CIA front organizations where they might conduct some operational activity, provide some information, under the impression that they were not working for the CIA but for a company or, I think as one put it, I think, a group

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of investors.

Concern was expressed by the Committee in considering
this testimony that this might be rather severe for the student
once he discovered the fact he had been working for the CIA,
or should his government find that out, so that it was an
element of coercion to hire somebody under, if you will, false

pretenses.

That second proviso, then, in effect says that we may
pitch and recruit a student as an agent, but you must, when you
do that, when you really bring him into an operational relationship with the Agency, he should be so informed and not brought
into this sort of --

The Chairman. Let's go off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

The Chairman. The question that I have on this recommendation is why shouldn't the foreign student being recruited by the CIA be informed of his relationship with the CIA at the time that that relationship is established?

Why do you condition it upon payment or leaving the country?

Senator Huddleston. Well, I was going to say there are many, many initial contacts that do not advance maybe much further than that, and for the CIA to have to be exposed maybe on each of those might not be reasonable. What we have tried to do is to make the wittingness be known about the time that

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