



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

October 2, 1974

Honorable Patrick A. Gleason, Chairman
House Select Committee on State Contract Practices
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Pat:

As members of the House and of your Select Committee, we vigorously protest the fact that you no longer are even bothering to steamroller us before allowing pre-emptory and disrespectful letters to be sent to the Governor of the Commonwealth in the name of our Committee.

We are referring to your letter of October 2, 1974, to Governor Shapp complaining that he has not fully complied with our subpoena for portions of his appointment book and logs of telephone conversations. Your letter is replete with unjustified innuendos hinting at erased records and destroyed files in the best Watergate literary tradition. In as much as there was no committee consideration of the Governor's compliance, we were curious to discover from your letter what we, as a committee, had decided.

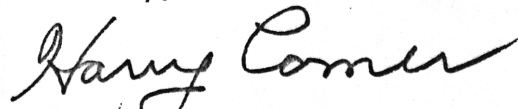
Things were bad enough when you went through the motions of holding discussions on important matters and then steamrolling us by a 4-3 party-line vote. As distasteful as we find being steamrolled, we prefer it to learning second-hand that official committee correspondence of a disrespectful nature has been sent to the Chief Executive in the name of a legislative committee of which we are members.

October 2, 1974

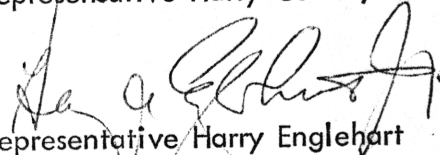
As colleagues of yours for some years, we would like to believe that the letter to the Governor was drafted without your knowledge and approval and find some support for this hope in the notation "SF" in parentheses after your unfamiliar-looking signature. We cannot help but observe that the tone of the letter appears to us to be more characteristic of Mr. Stephen Friend than of yourself. Could it be that Mr. Friend would dare to take such a liberty?

With regard to future official correspondence of our Select Committee we conclude with this peculiar but sincere plea: Pat, please steamroller us again; for appearance's sake, at least.

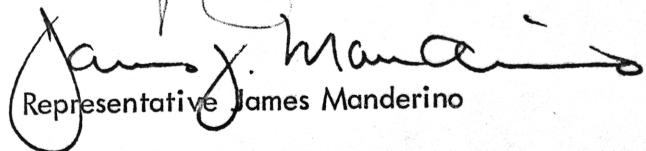
Sincerely,



Representative Harry Comer, Chairman



Representative Harry Englehart



Representative James Manderino



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG

October 10, 1974

Honorable Richard A. Tilghman, Chairman
Senate Minority Appropriations Committee
281 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Senator Tilghman:

As you may know, the Committee of which I am Minority Chairman is studying state contract practices. I am very much interested in any information you might have concerning any contracts entered into between Mr. Steven Freind, Mr. Michael Willmann, Mr. Fred Voight, Mr. William Powell, Mr. David Richman or Mr. Edward Freedman and the Senate Minority Appropriations Committee of which you are Chairman.

Specifically, I am interested in the contracts themselves and any vouchers and receipts for any expenses incurred arising out of these contracts.

Thank you in advance for what I know will be your most prompt attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Harry Comer

CC: Home Address



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HARRISBURG

to Gleason

MILTON J. SHAPP
GOVERNOR

September 11, 1974.

Honorable Patrick A. Gleason
Chairman
Select Committee on State
Contract Practices
House of Representatives
Room B-10 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gleason:

I have your letter of September 6th. I am quite willing to accept a compromise concerning your request for information which you believe is contained in my tax returns. The alternative offered in your letter would seem to require some additions to safeguard the privacy you recognize and wish to uphold and protect.

Let me say that I was gratified to note that you do uphold "the unquestioned right of privacy" of tax returns. This theme was also echoed by former Governor William Scranton in the September 1, 1974 edition of the Sunday Patriot-News. When asked specifically about your request for my tax returns, Governor Scranton noted that access to those returns would be relevant only if "there is some real reason to believe that the income tax reports of anybody are evidence that is useful in finding out something bad in government." Scranton also admonished "but you ought to have some real understanding that that is the case before you pry into people's privacy."

This, as you know, has been my position, too..

Honorable Patrick A. Gleason
September 11, 1974

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To this date, even though I am willing to cooperate with you, I must say that I am still not convinced that there is any such "real understanding" of the relevance of the legislative mandate of your Committee for my tax returns. And, as far as the public is concerned, I have already made public the fact that I paid approximately \$800,000 in Federal income taxes on net income of approximately \$1.3 million between 1970 and 1973.

Nevertheless, I was willing to have my attorneys meet with your staff to find some compromise solution.

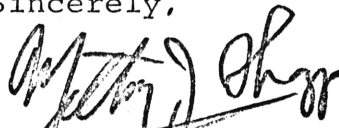
Under your proposal, presumably all members of the Committee and members of your staff will have access to the returns "for as long as necessary." "As long as necessary" and the size of representation of members of the Committee and its staff are neither defined nor limited.

The compromise discussed by our respective counsel involved prior submission of mutually agreed upon questions to a prominent, independent auditor agreed upon by both sides. I would be willing to go even further and have that auditor take possession of my returns at such a meeting attended by all members of your Committee and staff as well as my attorney and staff.

At such a meeting, additional mutually agreed upon questions relevant to your inquiry could be addressed to the auditor. He would then state first, whether such information you seek is in the tax returns at all and second, if the relevant information is in the returns, he would supply it to you.

As you know, it was I who forced the issue of being called by your Committee to appear and testify under oath. I am completely willing to accept this compromise regarding my tax returns and will authorize my attorneys to begin the process of making them available as soon as I hear from you.

Sincerely,



MILTON J. SHAPP
Governor

STANFORD I. (BUD) LEHR, MEMBER
1811 WEST MARKET STREET
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17404



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HARRISBURG

March 11, 1974

Mr. Anthony Trucco, Director
Bureau of Insurance
Department of Property and Supplies
502 N. Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Trucco:

As Chairman of the Insurance Sub-Committee of the Consumer Protection Committee, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I have directed our staff, under the direction of its Director, Otis W. Littleton, to make a study of all aspects of the placement and handling of State Insurance for the purpose of determining the need for legislation.

Included in this study would be a review of all insurance policies known to be carried by the Commonwealth or its instrumentalities for the purpose of evaluating insurance coverages in force in relation to legal requirements and known exposures to loss.

For this reason, I have asked Mr. Littleton to examine all policies of insurance and bonds serviced directly or indirectly by the Bureau of Insurance.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stanford I. Lehr".

Stanford I. "Bud" Lehr, Chairman
Sub-Committee on Insurance

SIL:fs

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HARRISBURG April 16, 1974

Anthony J. Trucco, Director
Bureau of Insurance
Department of Property and Supplies
502 North Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Trucco:

Enclosed is a copy of a staff report prepared under my direction for the Insurance Sub-Committee of the Consumer Protection Committee, Pennsylvania House of Representatives on the operations and procedures of the Bureau of Insurance, Department of Property and Supplies.

The report contains eighteen specific and general recommendations for the reorganization of the Bureau of Insurance, Department of Property and Supplies that, if adopted could result in savings estimated at \$1,500,000 annually.


The report concludes that the Secretary of Property and Supplies and the Director of the Bureau of Insurance have neglected their duty and responsibility to employ orderly, systematic and economical risk management techniques as an effective means of protecting the assets and revenues of the Commonwealth from risks of loss.

The staff study also indicates that there is sufficient reason to believe that insurance is being procured on behalf of the Commonwealth, its Agencies, Departments, Boards, Commissions and Authorities in contravention of the Act of January 27, 1966 (Act 577 P.L. 1624, 1965 Session, 71 P.S. Section 634.1) and in contravention to the Act of May 14, 1915, Act 227 (P.L. 524, 72 P.S. Section 3731).

In addition, insurance is not being procured on the basis of invitation of proposals in accordance with the provisions of 71 P.S. Section 639 (Adm. Code, Section 2409) which staff interprets as being applicable to the procurement of insurance.

I and my staff shall be available to you to answer any questions.

Yours very truly,


Stanford I. Lehr

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April 22, 1974

Hon. Stanford I. Lehr
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

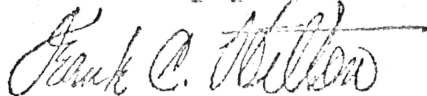
Dear Mr. Lehr:

My thanks for your kind letter of April 16, 1974, received today, and a copy of a staff report prepared by Otis W. Littleton, Executive Director, Consumer Protection Committee, at your direction.

In a cursory review of the report I find ambiguity and incorrect statements. It has been turned over to my staff for study and preparation of a report which will be forwarded to you when completed.

My staff has cooperated fully with Mr. Otis Littleton, and I appreciate greatly your offer of cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Frank C. Hilton

Secretary of Property and Supplies

CC: Governor Shapp

Telephone No.
(717) 787-5996

April 26, 1974

Honorable Stanford L. Lehr
House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17125

Dear Representative Lehr:

Since my letter of April 22, 1974, my staff has had further opportunity to study and evaluate the report prepared, under your direction, by Otis W. Littleton. What has been discovered to date has further confirmed my original suspicion of ambiguity and incorrect statements in Mr. Littleton's report.

Mr. Littleton, in citing the role played by Mr. Frank J. Barbera following the enactment of Act No. 577 of 1966, creating the Secretary of Property and Supplies as the broker of record for Commonwealth Insurance, would leave the reader under the false impression that a bid list of persons interested in bidding on insurance was created by proper and legal public announcement and distributed to all interested agents and brokers throughout the Commonwealth. Nothing could be further from the truth. The files in the Bureau of Insurance indicate to what extent political considerations were placed in the choice of a few favorite agents on that list. This procedure was devised and followed throughout the Scranton and Shafer Administrations. When Mr. Littleton states that the Bureau of Insurance, under the present Administration, has not followed the precedent of the past Administrations, he is absolutely correct. What we have done is to eliminate the political considerations which we found when we took office. The records will indicate that, where practical and feasible, and in the best interests of the Commonwealth, competitive bidding is used in a fair and non-political manner. The records and our files will further prove that it was the Shapp Administration that permanently derailed the "Cravy Train".

Throughout the Littleton report, there is apparent inference that the Bureau of Insurance is not adequately covering the insurance needs of all Departments, Agencies and Commissions of the Commonwealth. I must reiterate, nothing could be further from the truth.

Firstly, we are placing insurance coverage as mandated by the Legislature. Secondly, we are placing insurance for all agencies of State Government who make specific requests for insurance. Thirdly, the Bureau of Insurance, together with the Department or Agency requesting the insurance, continually reviews the adequacy of the policy, both with regard to the amount and its quality. Further, the use of an overall consultant had been authorized prior to the Littleton report, and the Bureau is presently negotiating with various consultants in the pursuance of this directive.

The assertion of lack of expertise in the present Bureau of Insurance is entirely without foundation. It was this Administration, recognizing the need for vast improvement in the field of insurance purchasing and service, which created the Bureau of Insurance, which previously was a satellite of the Bureau of Real Estate. In furtherance of this Department's desire to upgrade the Bureau, we procured the services of an expert, with more than twenty-five years experience who is eminently qualified to administer the program. Mr. Littleton's lack of knowledge in the field of governmental administration shows itself most blatantly when he recommends that the Bureau of Insurance be placed under the "responsibility" of either the State Treasurer or the Auditor General. Anyone with an elementary knowledge of the Constitutional Revision of 1968 would know that neither the Auditor General nor the State Treasurer can administer the purchase of any service for the Commonwealth.

At the present time the Bureau of Insurance of the Department of Property and Supplies purchases an annual premium of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for all coverages. For Mr. Littleton to claim that a saving of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) could be effectuated by his recommendation, is completely absurd and without any foundation in fact. Over 85% of the three million (\$3,000,000.00) annual Commonwealth premium is either mandated by the Legislature or required by the bond holders of the Turnpike Commission, General State Authority or other Authorities.

There are two specific references in Mr. Littleton's report which are at variance with the facts, namely: The Workmen's Compensation policy presently placed with the State Workmen's Insurance Fund, and the Liability Policy covering the Employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

When we discovered in 1972 that the Liability Policy coverage as written and approved by Mr. Barbera was inadequate, the Director of the Bureau of Insurance, after more than a year of research, consultation and study, met in August of 1973 with more than thirty-five representatives of State Agencies and their legal staffs, and also representatives of the insurance industry.

Improvements made in this policy were incorporated after written approval was obtained from the Attorney General and the Chief Counsel of the Insurance Department.

Honorable Stanford I. Lehr - - - - 3

To allege that the Workmen's Compensation coverage is being improperly placed through the State Workmen's Insurance Fund, without a complete and thorough study of the facts by Mr. Littleton indicates the further irresponsibility of the report.

I would appreciate the opportunity of meeting with you.

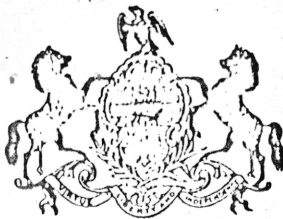
Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Hilton
Secretary of Property and Supplies

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cc: Honorable Milton J. Shapp
Honorable Charles Adler II
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April 29, 1974

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE
PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES

Honorable Frank C. Hilton
Secretary Property and Supplies
515 North Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hilton:

Your letter of April 26, 1974, has been reviewed and we note the following:

1. The Secretary of Property and Supplies in previous Administrations did establish a bid system. No one ever implied that this bid system was in accordance with normal procedures used in bidding on other State Supplies and Contracts. The fact remains that a bid list was created by your predecessors, a procedure that has been abandoned during your tenure.

Mr. Trucco told both Mr. Littleton and Mr. Trulli that he did not know what considerations or standards were used in creating the bid list as the files did not reflect such information. Mr. Barbera informed the staff that any licensed Company, Agent or Broker who inquired about State Insurance following the Secretary's implementation of Act 577 was placed on the bid list.

You state that your files "indicate to what extent political considerations were placed in the choice of a few favorite agents on that list." If such is the case, it should be obvious that the Committee should have that knowledge.

You ignore the fact that the law was intended to bar any agent or broker other than the Secretary of Property and Supplies from contracting for the purchase of insurance on behalf of the Commonwealth. The fact that a previous officer of the Commonwealth may have given an improper interpretation to the law is no justification for your perpetuation of a policy that would appear to be in contravention to that law. The law empowers the Secretary exclusively to transact for the purchase of insurance and that authority may not be delegated to any other broker as you have done.

2. Mr. Littleton has a professional designation of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter with considerable experience in the identification, evaluation and treatment of risk. Based on Mr. Littleton's educational background and experience in the insurance business, we must place considerable reliance on Mr. Littleton's evaluation of the adequacy of the state's insurance program and the management of that program.

As Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Insurance of the Consumer Protection

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Committee, I would welcome the opportunity to review the qualifications of your Personnel to make similar evaluations and also the policy of the Department with respect to determining the insurance needs of the Commonwealth.

3. Mr. Littleton's estimate of premium savings that could be realized by the adoption of his recommendations is based upon (a) recovery or elimination of commissions paid by insurers that are currently being diverted and paid to ineligible brokers (b) elimination of duplication and overlapping insurance coverages (c) reduction in premium costs of policies which are believed to be excessive and (d) proper utilization and restructuring of the Commonwealth's insurance fund created in 1915.

4. I have discussed Mr. Littleton's evaluation of the general liability policy with independent agents and brokers who concur with his criticism and conclusions regarding this policy.

As regards the State Workmen's Compensation Fund, we believe that it is time the Commonwealth seriously evaluate the wisdom of maintaining this Fund. The Auditor General, we understand, has recently completed a study of the Fund that is highly critical and we understand that former Commissioner Dennenberg has also seriously questioned the need of the Fund.

A very valid question has been raised as to the propriety of the Commonwealth being engaged in the Workmen's Compensation Insurance business, especially since it has been demonstrated that private insurance carriers can provide the protection on a broader coverage basis and at a lower cost.

5. You cite Mr. Littleton as having a lack of knowledge in the field of Governmental Administration based on his recommendation that the Bureau of Insurance be reorganized into a Bureau of Risk Management and placed under the control of either the State Treasurer or Auditor General.

Mr. Littleton's recommendation did not include the transfer of the function of purchasing needed insurance coverages with these other offices nor did it recommend the elimination of you as Insurance Broker.

Mr. Littleton's recommendation addressed itself to the neglected responsibility and function of a sound risk management program to identify and evaluate the hazards and risks of loss to which the Commonwealth is exposed.

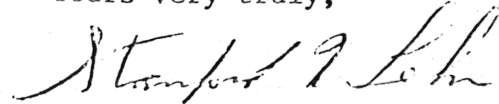
Indeed, your letter of April 26, in the first paragraph on page two, would tend to support Mr. Littleton's conclusions and recommendations.

6. Finally, your revelation that you are currently negotiating with various con

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sultants is of concern to this Committee. Such an act may be premature and may be without authorization. We would recommend at this time that you might instead consider the possibility of requesting a Chapter of the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters to assist the Commonwealth in a study of this matter to resolve the conflict in the best interests of the Commonwealth.

Yours very truly,



Stanford I. Lehr, Chairman
Sub-Committee on Insurance

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cc - Honorable Governor Shapp
cc - Honorable Robert Casey
cc - Honorable Grace Sloan
cc - Honorable Kenneth B. Lee
cc - Honorable Robert Butera

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PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CAPITOL BLDG
HARRISBURG PA

DEAR MR GLEASON THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC
TELEVISION NETWORK PLANS TO COVER HEARINGS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON STATE CONTRACT PRACTICES THIS COMING FRIDAY OCTOBER 4 AND
SHOULD THE GOVERNORS TESTIMONY BE CONTINUED ON MONDAY AND OR
TUESDAY, ON THOSE DAYS AS WELL.

OUR PRODUCTION PERSONEL HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MR
POWELL REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS. PPTN WILL RECORD THE DAYTIME
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WE HAVE NOTIFIED THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS
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DAVID LEONARD GENERAL MANAGER PPTN

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STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE HARRY A. ENGLEHART, JR.
BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON CONTRACT PRACTICES:

August 20, 1974

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am grateful for the opportunity to make some preliminary observations on the work of this Committee before we begin the second round of public testimony. As the journal of the House will show, the Committee was originally formed to investigate charges on the Floor of the House that there was something improper about the leasing arrangement entered into by the Commonwealth on the Harrisburger Hotel, the GEM Building and the Evangelical Press Building, here in the Harrisburg area. The Committee began its work with a small staff--but the method of operation was established immediately: Never ask for public records but issue a subpoena for them; ask for State Police protection of subpoenaed records--in other words, sow the seeds of suspicion early--worry about the facts later.

When all the subpoenaed records were examined, when all the participants were examined in Executive and Public Session, it became evident that Secretary Hilton made a better deal than our competitors in the private sector could make in the

Harrisburg area. The Majority's Special Counsel quietly resigned and the Committee took a rest.

A few months ago, the rest period ended. The Majority seized upon the broad language of House Resolution 98 and decided to redirect the work of this Committee to the subject of leasing privately owned equipment to Penn DOT and possible connections between these leases and political contributions. The decision for new direction of the Committee's work nearly coincided with two important events; first, the May Primary Election and the nomination of gubernatorial candidates for Pennsylvania; second, the deep intensity of the Congressional investigation of the White House involvement in the Watergate mess. It is for the public to decide for themselves whether the timing of these remarkable events was purely coincidental, diabolical, scheming, or adept planning. Regardless of the public's decision on the question of timing, it is obvious that the new investigation brought forth a radical change in the attitude, the motivation and the method of operation of the Majority staff.

Before I discuss these factors and their relationship to the work product you will hear in the weeks ahead, let me make one point abundantly clear. We in the Minority side of the House recognize and zealously defend the right as well as the duty of legislative Committees to examine any and all phases of State government-- but solely for the purpose of ascertaining all available facts and developing legislation, remedial or constructive, which will provide beneficial to the Commonwealth. We will support the Majority at any time in efforts to gather all relevant facts and to resist any attempt to conceal relevant information from any such Committee.

However, we on the Minority side recognize a difference between a Legislative Investigation to ascertain facts and to develop legislation, and a criminal investigation to accuse, convict, and punish. It is this important distinction that has lead the Minority of the Committee to its position of conflict-- sometimes with the Majority Committee Members but always with the principals of the Majority Staff.

Let me tell you what has happened since the new investigation began. Three young men from the staff of former District Attorney Arlen Specter, with criminal investigative backgrounds, were placed at the head of the Committee staff. They were employed not by the House, but by the Senate; they were paid not by the House, but by the Senate and they were paid by the Senate a higher weekly salary than is paid to any member of the House or Senate or to any employee of the House or Senate or any of their service agencies. By their own admission to the news media on several occasions, they are "Indictment Oriented"----and their actions show it. At one point, they suggested that we use hidden electronic bugging devices to obtain incriminating evidence. One wears a hidden gun while he works because, in his words, "I feel naked without it". Tape-recorders are stock in trade. More subpoenas have been issued and served since they took over than have been issued by all House and Senate Committees in the entire ten years that I have served in the Legislature. The investigative files--at least the ones finally made available to us in the Minority--were replete with "memos to file"--that me and my shadow routine,

where you dictate a memo to yourself and repeat your own version of carefully selected interviews. It is a small wonder that the Majority staff, at the last count, has grown to ⁵⁹~~fourty-seven~~ people. It takes that many people just to serve the subpoenas and keep up with the paper work.

At the onset, we in the Minority found out where the staff was working by reading the newspaper stories of their most recent criminal discovery or their most recent press conference re-affirming their complete independence from political pressure.

I guess the reporters were lucky. They got to see and hear from our staff. We on the Committee were denied that dubious pleasure and when we finally did meet them, we still didn't hear from them. The customary answer was---"it's confidential"---"can't reveal that until the investigation is completed". The Westmorland County investigation must now be completed because eleven days ago we got a four hundred page file and now the public revelation of its contents begins.

I would be less than frank if I did not say now to the witnesses that will appear before us that you may be subjected to a searching examination by the Minority Staff and Minority Members; but let me make it unmistakably clear right now the reasons for our attitudes and our posture. In no way will we excuse, condone, or cover up illegal activities by anyone. Our obligation to the House of Representatives is to find all the facts and all the truth--not just those selectively chosen by a staff whose clandestine cloak and dagger activities has created suspicion from the start. I am suspicious of "indictment oriented" criminal investigators conducting a Legislative Inquiry for facts; I am suspicious of people who suggest electronic eavesdropping devices as a fact-finding technique; I am suspicious of the objectivity of private citizens who feel compelled to carry hidden guns; I am suspicious of the accuracy of a complaint from anonymous or confidential informers; I am suspicious of tape recorders and the tapes they can be made to produce; and I am suspicious of fact-finders who build investigative files with me and my shadow memos to themselves. I for one did not need the expose' of Watergate to remind me of the revulsion I hold for these practices. I

am not proud that a Committee of this House of Representatives has permitted itself to be so engaged.

My search for facts must, therefore, begin with these public hearings, but will reserve my final judgement on recommendations for legislation until our Minority Staff---limited in time and number---but bugless, tapeless and gunless---gets us a broad objective look at the entire picture.

Montour County Court House - Inventory

Original receipts and disbursements of the Democratic Committee for the primary of 1974, primary and general of 1973, total year for 1972 and the general of 1971.

Copies of the 1966 general election and combined copy of the 1969-1970 general election of the Democratic Committee.

Original receipts and disbursements of the Republican Committee for the general elections of 1973, 1972 and 1971.

Montour County Democratic Committee - Inventory

A small black account book with the Fidelity National Bank of Pa., Danville, Pa.

A letter to Auditor General Robert Casey.

A gray ledger book containing contributions and expenditures dated June, 1974.

A red composition book containing names of contributors.

A long black account book with the First National Bank, Danville, Pa.

A large black check book containing blank checks.

Cancelled checks with the Danville National Bank - Check stubs #718 thru #1119 dated January 23, 1968 thru September 29, 1972.

Bank statements for 1970 with the Fidelity National Bank of Pa., Danville, Pa.

Bank statements and cancelled check stubs with the Fidelity National Bank of Pa., Danville, Pa. #1115 thru #1365 dated September 29, 1972 thru May 28, 1974.

Bank statements and deposit slips with the Fidelity National Bank for 1972 thru 1973, contained in brown letter size envelopes.

Check stubs #602 thru #1102 dated November 7, 1966 thru August 8, 1972.

A large black check book containing check stubs #1103 thru #1370 dated August 8, 1972 thru June 21, 1974 with the Fidelity National Bank of Pa., Danville, Pa. Also included are official documents filed with the Court House and blank checks.

A green notebook containing notes concerning contributions and expenditures.

A brown paper bag containing financial statements.

Blair County Democratic Committee - Inventory

Copies of ledger account containing contributions and expenditure for
1973 thru 1974.

Montour County Republican Committee - Inventory

Six letter size envelopes containing envelopes containing Bank statements from the First National Bank of Danville, P. O. Box 279, Danville, Pa.

Two Bank deposit books with the First National Bank of Danville, Danville, Pa.

Two Bank deposit books containing deposit slips for 1970 thru 1973.

Check Stub Book containing stubs # 1558 thru #1749 from August 18, 1970 thru November 2, 1971.

Check Stub Book containing stubs # 1750 thru # 1998 from November 2, 1971 thru January 1, 1974.

Official Documents dated the following:

General Election, 1971

General Election, 1972

General Election, 1973

A large black notebook containing Minutes of Committee Meetings.