



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG

June 4, 1974

Honorable Milton J. Shapp
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Governor Shapp:

This letter is to advise you that we, the minority members of the Select Committee that was created by the adoption of House Resolution #98 by the House of Representatives on July 25, 1973, feel that we should inform you of our position and objections as to the methods and operations of this Committee.

Since the formation of this House Select Committee, the Republican Chairman of the Committee has excluded the Democratic Minority Members from engaging in the proper functioning of the Committee. He has not advised the minority members of the scope of the investigations, he has not filed reports, and the minority members have not been given any information collected by investigators and attorneys who are evidently employed by the Committee. These actions have prevented us from rightfully taking part in the direction of the investigation.

The minority members are permitted to attend hearings and meetings but are not given prior access to the data collected by the employees of the Committee. Such actions make it impossible for us to intelligently and conscientiously perform the functions that we have been given by the House of Representatives.

Because no reports have been submitted to the minority members from the committee investigators, and because no aspect of the investigations has been concluded before going on to another phase, the minority members are no longer aware of the purposes and scope of the investigations.

Sincerely,

Harry Comer

Harry Englehart, Jr.

James Manderino