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EXCERPTS FROM TESTIMONY BY GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER IN  
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS BY REP. FRED E. BUSBEY, (R., ILL.),  
AT HEARINGS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES IN THE  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947.

BUSBEY: Do you not think it would be better to have a permanent civilian head of the Central Intelligence Group rather than to be confronted with the condition we now see? General Vandenberg held the position for a short time. He has now been replaced by Admiral Hillenkoetter, who may also be relieved after a while and assigned to other duty. Do you not think it would be better to have a permanent civilian Director?

EISENHOWER: I agree that frequent change is wrong, and if we continue under the present method, I should certainly say that when we put a man in there we should put him in for three years unless there is an emergency or some necessity for a change. It has been considered that there were advantages in having a military man for the job. There are factors and arguments on both sides.

BUSBEY: I understand that the functions of the CIG are entirely outside the confines of the United States and that the FBI takes up the job domestically. Now, is it true that most of the offices of the CIG are closed on Saturdays and Sundays? Should anything as important to the State, War and Navy Departments be on a forty-hour week?

EISENHOWER: It is natural that the civilian employees of CIG should be on a forty-hour week, as are civilian employees of other Government Departments and agencies. I don't know whether there are hours when CIG is completely closed or not.

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