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Tuesday, June 18, 1968

House of Representatives,

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service,

Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service,

Washington, D.C.

The Subcommittee reconvened at 10:10 o'clock a.m., in Room B-374, Rayburn Building, the Honorable David N. Henderson presiding.

Present: Representatives David N. Henderson (presiding),
Lee H. Hamilton, H. R. Gross, and James T. Broyhill.

Mr. Henderson. The Subcommittee will come to order.

We began our public hearings relating to the protection of rights and the invasion of privacy of civilian employees by considering S. 1035 and H.R. 17760. Witnesses last week were Chairman Macy, Commissioner Andolsek and Commissioner Hampton of the Civil Service Commission.

Today we will hear from officials in the Department of Defense, the largest employer in the Federal Government with about one-half of the Federal employment in the Government. We

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will be most interested today to learn of the impact of the proposed legislation on manpower management operations in the military departments.

We will complete the morning by holding an Executive Session to discuss with officials of the National Security Agency the impact of H.R. 17760 and S. 1035 on that Agency. This session must be closed for the obvious reason of national security.

Our first witness this morning will be Mr. Carl Clewlow,
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel
Policy, accompanied by Mr. Frank A. Bartimo, Assistant General
Counsel for Manpower, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Gentlemen, we will be glad to you have, if you will take your seats at the witness stand; and if you have anyone accompanying you that you would like to have sit with you, we would be delighted to have them.

I see you have a prepared statement. You may proceed, sir.

STATEMENT OF MR. CARL W. CLEWLOW, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL POLICY, OFFICE
OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; ACCOMPANIED BY MR. FRANK
BARTIMO, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL FOR MANPOWER, OFFICE
OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

Mr. Clewlow. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I have, as you mentioned, with me Mr. Frank Bartimo,

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Assistant General Counsel for Manpower for the Department of Defense.

For purposes of the record, I am Carl W. Clewlow, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

I welcome the opportunity to appear before this Committee to present for your consideration the views of the Department of Defense on S. 1035 and H.R. 17760.

The Department's interest in these bills is based on their impact on personnel administration and on the national security activities of the Department. As the Civil Service Commission Chairman stated the adverse effect S. 1035 would have on personnel administration, I shall address the major portion of my remarks to matters of special concern to the Department of Defense. To summarize quite quickly and quite succinctly our position, the Department opposes the enactment of S. 1035.

This morning I would like to direct my remarks to four basic areas:

- (1) The Department's reasons why S. 1035 should not be enacted in its present form.
- (2) The Department's opposition to 8. 1035 because of its discriminatory provisions against military personnel performing supervisory responsibilities.
- (3) The additional sensitive activities of the Department which should be included in the exemptions extended to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency

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 and the National Security Agency.

(4) The Department's initial reaction to H.R. 17760 is favorable, but we would appreciate the opportunity to study it closely. In fact, in anticipation of such a request, the interested DOD components have been requested to submit comments to the Department as soon as possible. We could have specific comments to you within a few days thereafter.

With regard to the Defense Department's position on S. 1035, in the 90th Congress, the Department filed a report with the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights in which it concurred in the opposition report of the Civil Service Commission. In addition, it noted that the bill did not take into account national security considerations and that it applied unfairly to military supervisors. To assist the Committee, I offer for insertion in the record at this time a copy of the Department's report of June 5, 1967 to the Senate Subcommittee.

While the bill, as passed by the Senate, meets certain of the Department's objections, it continues to contain a number of provisions which would hamper the proper execution of executive responsibilities. In order to be as brief as possible, I will summarize the principal objections of the Department:

(1) The bills fail to distinguish between eligibility for government employment in general, and the special responsibilities of a national security nature entrusted to the Department. The business of inhibiting espionage by careful selection

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of persons to be given access to sensitive information is extremely difficult at best. Without adequate information concerning the background, affiliations, personal relationships, mores, and financial and general integrity of persons considered for such access, it may well be impossible. It is essential that, as the sensitivity of a position increases, the Department must be permitted to broaden the scope of its inquiries.

- with authority to exempt from its provisions certain sensitives activities of the Department, despite the fact that those activities involve access to classified defense information of equal or greater import to national security than positions in the agencies cited in section 6. The exemption authority granted to the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is based on a recognition of the sensitivity of their missions, and for the same reasons, should be extended to the Department of Defense when the Secretary determines the national security so requires.
- (3) The provisions permitting civil actions to be filed in the United States District Court without claiming damages or exhausting administrative remedies are disruptive to the Department's grievance procedures and to employee-management relationships. To permit disregard of the jurisdictional pre-requisites to judicial review would most certainly encourage

the filing of spurious suits and open the door to broad and possibly organized harassment of executive actions.

- (4) The provision authorizing the Board on Employees'
  Rights to reprimend, suspend or remove civilian violators is
  in derogation of the responsibilities of the employing agency
  and of the Civil Service Commission.
- of representation established by E. O. 10988 would be seriously disrupted. Under section 4, an employee organization could join in a court suit at the employee's request, even though the organization does not represent the employees of that Defense activity. Under section 5, an employee organization could intervene in proceedings before the Board on Employees' Rights if "in any degree (it is) concerned with employment of the category in which any alleged violation of this act occurred." In this instance, it could intervene without regard to the wishes of the complaining employee.

To assist the Committee, I would like to identify a few examples of the types of operational problems the Department would face should 8. 1035 be enacted in its present form.

The Department receives information that an employee has attended secret Communist Party meetings and that "outside parties or organizations" are instructing him on how to subotage government facilities. Under section 1(b) an investigator's questions in these areas would be

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at a non-government meeting on a subject other than the performance of his assigned official duties.

The Personnel Office receives information that an employed is heavily in debt and that his failure to pay

unlawful. They constitute "notice" of his attendance

The Personnel Office receives information that an employee is heavily in debt and that his failure to pay his just and honorable debts reflects on the Federal service. Under section 1(d) it cannot require the individual to make a report, since his indebtedness does not relate to his assigned official duties. It would also be barred under section 1(i) since most employees, with certain limited exceptions, may not be asked about their financial liabilities.

The Security Office receives information that an employee has come into unexpected wealth and that there is reason to believe that the employee may have received money from a foreign embassy. The employee is assigned to critically mensitive duties involving information of considerable value to foreign intelligence. Under section 1(i) the employee may not be required, or even requested, to disclose the amount of or sources of his income, property or other assets.

In addition, I offer the Department's report on S. 1035 of June 18, 1968 -- the report includes a ten-page sectional analysis, and proposed amandatory language.

The Department concurs in the concept that, if S. 1035 is

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enacted, it should apply to military officers who supervise civilians in the same measure that it applies to civilian supervisors. But under the terms of the bill, civilian supervisors would not be subject to criminal charges, whereas the Board on Employees' Rights could direct military authorities to institute court martial action against a military supervisor. In our view, this distinction in treatment is patently discriminatory, if not constitutionally questionable.

Actually, an employee is not without remedy if he has cause to believe that his military superior is committing a wrong constituting a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Under paragraph 29 of the Manual for Courts Martial, 1951, any person having knowledge of the offense may present a violation of the act to duly constituted military authorities.

Certain sensitive activities of the Defense Department should be exempted. As noted in my earlier remarks, we believe that the same type of exemptions should be extended to the other agencies of the Department concerned with intelligence and national security matters as are extended to the FBI, CIA and NSA. For example, the Department has a number of positions requiring access to nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons systems, chemical and biological warfare data, and operational war plans. In addition, it has a number of intelligence elements which deal with intelligence sources which are as sensitive as those in the CIA, FBI and NSA. Obviously, CIA, NSA and FBI

out the Department of Defense. Consequently, any added

information must be disseminated to selected personnel through-

measure of personnel security by these agencies is wasted unlass

it is matched within the Defense Department. We are concerned

that the Secretary of Defense be in a position to assure con-

sistency of Defense policy in this overall area and to apply

It is my understanding that the Committee will receive

Emecutive Session later today. At that time, classified activi-

a like policy to all elements of the Department of Defense

testimony from National Security Agency representatives in

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24 25 ties will be discussed and a section-by-section analysis will be made. Consequently, I will not elaborate further on the critical nature of certain Departmental operations or on the need to ensure the highest standards of trustworthiness and integrity for those who man such posts.

Let us turn now to the Defense Department's position on

engaged in similar activities.

Let us turn now to the Defense Department's position on H.R. 17760. Here the Department considers it preferable to S. 1035. It presents a set of balanced standards of rights and obligations — it vests responsibility for administration of the Act where it belongs, in the employing agency and the Civil Service Commission — and it provides statutory protection to Federal employees without prejudicing the proper performance of Government operations. As to its specific provisions, the enumerated "employee rights" are cast in general terms, and in

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this respect may need clarification in order to provide meaningful standards for both employer and employee. For example,
the bill declares that an employee has "the right to be protected against any unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

It also enjoins supervisors to respect employee rights "consistent with law and with the responsibilities of employment
in the public service."

\*employee rights is one pertaining to the political activities of Federal employees. This fundamental right would seem to deserve inclusion in the bill. We are pleased to learn from reading the testimony that efforts will be made to take up the legislation recommended by the Commission on Political Activities of Government Personnel.

In conclusion, as the biggest single employer within the Executive Branch, the Department is mindful of its responsibilities to insure a proper balance between individual rights and management objectives. The basic objective of 8. 1035 is laudable — that respect for human dignity must be an essential ingredient of the Federal Government's employment policies — that its employees do not surrender their rights to respect from their employer. But 8. 1035 has not fully considered the Government's interest and has created a system of remedies which are cumbersome, contrary to well accepted tenets of Government administration, and in some instances prejudicial to

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the Department's mission.

In closing, may I express appreciation to the Chairman for his efforts to bring forth a bill that will give proper balance and recognition to the rights and responsibilities of both management and its employees.

Mr. Henderson. Thank you, Mr. Clewlow.

Without objection, the Department of Defense report dated June 17, 1968, and the other material referred to, will be included in the record at this point, immediately following the Secretary's testimony.

(THE MATERIAL FOLLOWS:)

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Mr. Henderson. Mr. Secretary, with regard to the Defense activities that you have recommended be excluded from the legislation as are CIA and NSA and FBI, would you care to enumerate those by agencies, departments or activities? Or is it your recommendation that the Secretary of Defense be given the authority to exclude, if he finds the national security is involved?

Mr. Clewlow. I believe this would be a proper responsibility of the Secretary to do that. I would prefer to leave it in that sense, sir.

Mr. Henderson. Could we gather from your testimony, where you mentioned that matters involving the national security coming to the Department of Defense from CIA or NSA and FBI must be disseminated to selected personnel, that the Secretary probably would exampt even certain personnel or officers under that authority rather than to exempt an entire section or an agency within the Department?

Mr. Clewlow. It was our thought that it would be on a selected basis, depending upon the needs at the time, believing that because the security provisions which govern the other agencies do in fact protect this information, that the Secretary of Defense would want to have both the authority and the responsibility to offer an equal protection.

Mr. Henderson. With regard to your statement concerning the employee rights pertaining to political activities, do you

mean by this that the bill should specifically state that the Hatch Act provisions would be effective? Or do you make this statement in connection with the recommendations of the Commission on Political Activities of Government Personnel?

Mr. Clewlow. Our thought is basically that a governing law like the Hatch Act might well be periodically reviewed, and this might give an opportunity to review that and determine the extent to which it may need to be recast or restated.

Mr. Henderson. Well, in the absence of the Subcommittee considering the recommendations of that Commission in connection with this legislation, would not the Hatch Act provisions apply whether they were referred to in either of the bills or not?

Mr. Clewlow. Yes, they would.

Mr. Henderson. It was for that reason, in drafting my bill, I did not refer to them, because I thought that that law having been on the books for some time, we would all recognize that that law is effective, whether referred to in the specific legislation or not.

Mr. Clewlow, This is correct.

Mr. Henderson. Can you tell me to what extent psychological tests are used in the Department of Defense?

Mr. Clawlow. I would like to ask our Assistant General Counsel to address himself to that remark, if I may.

Mr. Bartimo. Mr. Chairman, as you know, in a sensitive agency, for example, the National Security Agency, psychological

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ments of Defense. In the very extreme, sensitive type operations, for example, DIA, it may be used.

But I should emphasize where it is used, it is only used as an aid for an overall judgment. A specific finding is never made on a purely psychological test. It is merely an aid to the psychologists or the psychiatrists who are trying to make a judgment about the suitability of that individual getting access to extremely sensitive Defense information.

Mr. Henderson. Is it a part of a medical exam that is required in all instances?

Mr. Bartimo. If I may answer that specifically, it is not in all instances. It is used with great discretion. It is only used where, in the judgment of the person responsible for the protection of that highly sensitive compartmented type information, it is a necessary vehicle, a necessary aid to make an overall judgment.

Mr. Henderson. To what extent is the polygraph used in the Department of Defense?

Mr. Bartimo. Again, Mr. Chairman, the polygraph is used with very, vary close discretion, except in an agency like the National Security Agency, again for the very reasons that I have given referring to the psychological tests. The polygraph is not used as a magic tool or a magic box. It is used under very stringent, carefully controlled criteria.

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I would be glad to spell those out if the Committee desires.

And only -- and I want to emphasize "only" -- as an aid to an overall judgment. Never is a judgment made on a polygraph test in and of itself.

Mr. Henderson. Now, to be sure the record is clear and in my own mind, are you saying that both the psychological tests and the polygraph are only used in those areas where national security is involved?

Mr. Bartimo. Only the most sensitive aspects of national security.

Mr. Henderson. I believe, Mr. Secretary, that it would be helpful if you could explain a little more in detail to what extent the present policy is requiring financial disclosures, both of military and civilian personnel in the Department of Defense.

Mr. Clawlow. I will ask Mr. Bartimo to take this.

Mr. Bartimo. As you know, Mr. Chairman, the Department of Defense has had in effect a Department of Defense regulation that deals with the so-called conflict of interest. Under the terms of that directive only certain personnel — those political appointees, those high-grade civilian personnel — must, under the terms of this directive, fill out a personal financial statement. This statement in effect requires them to list stocks and bonds and other securities, but only for the purpose to determine whether that person might possibly have a conflict

of interest in the securities that he owns in relation to the duties and responsibilities he fulfills for the United States Government.

As you know, the Civil Service Commission has also issued an overall Civil Service regulation which covers this same field.

If you desire a specific figure as to the number of personnel that must submit these statements, I shall be glad to submit it for the record. I don't have the figures with me.

Mr. Henderson. I think it would be helpful if you would do that inasmuch as Mr. Macy gave those figures in his testimony at the last session.

Mr. Gross. Mr. Chairman, at that point, would you yield?
Mr. Henderson. Yes, sir.

Mr. Gross. When the Comptroller General, then Mr. Campbell, testified under oath before the McClellan Committee in the Senate with respect to the F-lll contract — taking another angle of this disclosure business — he testified before the Senate Committee that even when his team from the Comptroller's office went to McNamara to ascertain the figures and the information upon which he based the award of the control to General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Texas, the Secretary of Defense told his team — the Comptroller General's team — that he was carrying the figures in his head; and they were unable to get the figures.

They were unable to get the background information.

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Now, how do you handle a situation of this kind, from the standpoint of disclosura?

Mr. Bartimo. Mr. Gross, I am terribly sorry. I am not too sure I catch your question. Could you spell it out a little more clearly for me? I will attempt to answer if I can.

Mr. Gross. Well, how do you get the information from the Secretary of Defense when he is carrying it around in his head and refuses to disclose it?

Mr. Bartimo. Mr. Gross, my remarks, of course, were addressed to the Chairman's question about conflict of interest

Mr. Gross. How would we know if it was a conflict of interest if we couldn't get the information to determine if there was a conflict of interest?

Mr. Bartimo. May I say, sir, you are in an area in which I am not an expert, nor am I familiar with the facts.

Mr. Gross. Well, at page 6 of your statement you say:

The Security Office receives information that an employee has

come into unexpected wealth and that there is reason to believe

that the employee may have received money from a foreign embassy."

Well, what about a progurement officer who may be suspected of --

Mr. Henderson. I was going to ask, if the gentleman woul yield, if you would treat an officer the same as an employee?

Is your word "employee" here broad enough to cover all officers, including procurement officers?

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Mr. Bartimo. Yes, sir, it does. It would be broad enough.

If I may comment on the latter part, Mr. Gross, take the hypothetical question you posed, that should a procurement officer suddenly come into a great deal of wealth, and this matter comes to our attention, there is no question at all that we would immediately, under those circumstances, institute a thorough investigation, and if we find any indication of conflict of interest, you can be assured that we would institute the appropriate action, which might include a criminal prosecution.

Mr. Henderson. Are you saying that Section 1(i) of S. 1035 would prevent you from doing that, or inhibit you from making that investigation?

Mr. Clewlow. The way we interpret that Section 1(i), we may not require or request the employee to disclose the amount: of or source of income, property or other assets; and this would mean, under S. 1035 -- Mr. Bartimo may want to comment more on that.

Mr. Henderson. What about the language "tending to indioate a conflict of interest . . . to which he is or may be assigned"?

Mr. Bartimo. I want to back up and reiterate my response to Mr. Gross's question. What I have said is the way we would react, and this undoubtedly would come to my office if it came to that level. 'nd I can assure you, as a personal matter

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that I would react precisely the way I have stated.

Now addressing myself to your phase of the question, we are concerned -- and I am not certain that it was intended that the language come out the way it did -- but if we had a case of an individual who, if I may use a hypothetical case, who suddenly came into a great deal of money and it was not related to the task that he was performing for the Federal Government. under this language -- and other lawyers other than myself have construed it this way -- they conclude that we would be prohibited from questioning that individual. And the example that the Secretary gave here, of the individual who might have gotten -- this isa far more dramatic exmaple, I believe -- might have gotten it from a foreign embassy; and yet, because that individual was not charged with a similarity in function, that is, his job did not relate to the type of activity he was engaged in outside of his job, we could not question him.

And this, of course, we think is a very serious deficiency, and I don't think it takes much imagination -- or even to review some of the serious espionage cases we have had in this country to indicate that this would be a very serious deficiency in fulfilling the responsibilities that the Secretary has.

Mr. Henderson. I think I understand the point you are making. May I ask this question with regard to that section of the bill them? You feel that where a clear conflict of interest, such as would be illustrated by the contracting

officer or the purchasing officer, you would have authority under the Ervin bill to go --

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Mr. Bartimo. Yes, sir.

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5 come into money allegedly received from a foreign embassy,

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would you think an amendment to the bill that would provide, or

Mr. Henderson. But in the instance of where he might

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source -- I don't know how to phrase this -- that would affect

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instance of money from the foreign embassy?

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Mr. Bartimo. May I give a hypothetical case that is

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actually based on a true case? And when we get into executive session, we can go into more details. But for purposes of the

Take a GS-5 clerk who is working in a nonsensitive job,

but because he is in the position that he is in, he has a better

facility to get at classified information. Let's assume that

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he is recruited by the Soviets with the idea that because he is in that particular locale, he might be given access, or have access, to this sensitive information. And they pay him a large sum of money -- \$10,000, for example -- with the purpose of performing espionage.

Now, under those circumstances, as we read this statute,

there is no conflict of interest. This man doesn't even make

out a conflict of interest statement under our regulations and

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those of the Civil Service Commission. Under those circumstances, the lawyers feel that this language would preclude us from calling that man in and asking him details about this sudden large sum of money that came into his possession. And this is a real concern.

I do not know whether the committee intended that result; but nevertheless we have circulated this particular act throughout the Department, and the NSA lawyers and our own lawyers in Defense tell us this is the construction that would be given in the example that I have cited for you.

Mr. Henderson. Perhaps our problem is a problem that -I could see how it would arise among lawyers, you and I being
one. And I think that we tend to perhaps restrict conflict of
interest in respect to performance of any of his official duties
to which he is or may be assigned -- maybe we are being too restrictive.

I think maybe what was intended here is that the term "conflict of interest" be far broader than the type of conflict of interest that we are normally familiar with; and perhaps we can clear this up by clarifying language.

I will yield to the gentleman.

Mr. Gross. You seem to want to use the examples of those who deal in security information with a foreign embassy. What about the procurement officer who deals with a contractor, with a defense contractor?

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Mr. Bartimo. As I stated, Mr. Gross, we are as much interested in the procurement officer that doesn't toe the mark and perform as you and I believe he should. Any information that indicates that this man might be in a conflict of interest situation, that case is as important to us as the case of possible espionage. We don't draw distinctions. All these cases that come to our attention that need corrective action, we never hesitate. We move as fast as the facts and the circumstances warrant.

Mr. Henderson. I have one more question, and then I am going to yield to my colleagues.

Mr. Secretary, you referred to the effectiveness of the employee representation under Executive Order 10988 being seriously disrupted. Do you believe that the legislation should be carefully designed not to disrupt? And if you could tell us how you envision it might be, it would be helpful.

Mr. Clewlow. There are prescribed procedures in support of Executive Order 10988 which have to do with employee requests and employee grievances. The provisions of Senate Bill 1035 would permit the circumvention, if you will, of administrative regulations, and permit taking some of these matters into the courts, sometimes even without the express approval of the employee involved. It would permit employee organizations to act unilaterally, without the approval of the employee himself.

Mr. Henderson. Would you recommend that where there are

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employee and management agreements in effect providing for grievance procedures, that those procedures have the effect of law and control over and above provisions of this legislation?

Mr. Clewlow. I think I would like to give it some consideration. I would like to submit an answer for the record on that.

Mr. Henderson. It would seem to me this would be one way that perhaps we could solve this problem, and it is a problem for me, in that we are trying to legislate here, perhaps, a procedure where there would not be an agreement between the employee organizations and management in effect. Some of them are within the Post Office Department. And it would seem to me that where you have had vigorous, strong employee organizations that have over the years developed grievance procedures that are satisfactory to them, we might provide that in those instances where they are in effect, reduced to writing, and understood between all the employees that those procedures would control rather than what we would write into this legislation.

That is all I have. Mr. Hamilton?

Mr. Hamilton. Just a question or two, Mr. Chairman, if I may.

My understanding from your testimony so far is that you feel that the national security would be very seriously jeopar-dised by the passage of this bill.

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Mr. Bartimo. Yes, sir.

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Mr. Hamilton. As it now stands?

Mr. Bartimo. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hamilton. It would very seriously handicap the operations of the Defense Department in curtailing and stopping espiorage activities?

Mr. Bartimo. Yes, sir.

Mr. Hamilton. Now we have before us an analysis of the bill by the Civil Service Commission, in which they have gone down the various prohibitions of Section 1 and considered them one by one, and either rendered an objection or no objection; and in those instances where they have made an objection, they have proposed an amendment.

Have you made that kind of an analysis of Section 1 of the bill?

Mr. Bartimo. Yes, sir. I believe there is attached to the Secretary's statement such an analysis.

Mr. Clewlow. About the final eight pages of the document, I believe, sir.

Mr. Hamilton. Very good. That will be helpful, I think.

Mr. Henderson. In order that the record may be clear, my unanimous consent request that the report be printed in the record previously should include the section-by-section analysis referred to.

Mr. Hamilton. Is the bill so bad to you that it is beyond

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I speak, for example, on page 4, where you say "the bill fails to provide the Secretary of Defense with authority to exempt from its provisions certain sensitive activities of the Department." And you make some other suggestions in your statement. But basically I have the impression that you think the bill has so many defects in it that it is beyond amendment.

Mr. Bartimo. As you noticed, Mr. Hamilton, the Secretary has submitted a report on the bill as passed in the Senate, and that is attached also to this package, and this points out some of the trouble, some areas that the Secretary of Defense and all of us who must live with the bill are really concerned about. You will hear more of this in the executive session.

But to address myself specifically to your question,
"is the bill so bad that it can't be amended" -- as a lawyer,
I would never say a bill could not be redrafted to meet what
we sincerally believe are defects.

I want to state from my own point of view as an attorney that the objective of the bill is laudatory. We certainly believe that human dignity should be one of the keystones of proper management of employees. On the other hand, as the Secretary has pointed out, the vast responsibilities that fall upon the sensitive agencies like MSA and Defense, CIA, should be considered. It is a balancing, as the Secretary has pointed out, of these very crucial and important factors.

we ought to throw the whole bill out and start over.

I hope I have answered your question.

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Mr. Hamilton. I don't know that you have, but I get the impression that you are saying to me in a very nice manner that

Mr. Bartimo. May we leave the record stand as it is, sir?
Mr. Gross. Will the gentleman yield at that point?

Mr. Hamilton. I have one other point. If this bill were passed as it is, you would want to exempt every Defense Department employee from it, or just those that have a sensitive classification?

Mr. Bartimo. No, we would not want to exempt every employee of the Department of Defnese. As the Chairman stated, we are the largest employer in the Executive Branch. But within the Department of Defense we have some extremely sensitive areas that you know about; for exmaple, DIA, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary's immediate office. These people have access to extremely delicate matters, and I think the Secretary of Defense has the responsibility for fulfilling his office, both because of the laws which the Congress has subjected him to, but his duties in office to be certain that the individuals chosen to have access to these matters which go to the very heart of our national security are to be the type of individual that all of you on this committee would want in this job. This is a simple way of stating a very vast problem, but I think it is accurate.

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Mr. Henderson. In addition -- if the gentleman will yield -- the way the bill treats the military officers is a concern to you, separate and apart from the sensitive areas, I believe, from your testimony.

Do you believe that the bill discriminates against a military officer who might be in a civilian capacity because he, upon recommendation of the board created, could be charged with court martial; whereas the civilian supervisor would otherwise be punished by the agency that he works for?

Mr. Bartimo. That is correct.

Mr. Hamilton. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Henderson. Mr. Gross?

Mr. Gross. Well, Mr. Bartimo, you have expressed your dissatisfaction with S. 1035. Mhat about H.R. 17760?

Mr. Bartimo. I agree with what the Secretary has stated; that we think it is a vast improvement. We think that the bill is one which certainly, with the proper legislative history — which we hope we are building now — and with a more detailed study and analysis, could become a very helpful tool for us in the Executive Branch. As the Secretary stated, we haven't had the opportunity to study this bill in depth the way we would like to do on measures of this importance.

As the Secretary stated, we have asked all components within the Department of Defense to study it and give us their comments as soon as possible. And when those comments are received, with

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the permission of the Chairman, we would like to submit them, in order to be helpful, with the possible suggestion of some clarifying language, or maybe some more detail in various categories that are now broad.

We hope to be constructive and helpful. And I take it,
Mr. Chairman, that when these comments are ready, you would like
to receive them?

Mr. Henderson. Absolutely. And if the gentleman would yield for a question in connection with this point --

Mr. Gross. Just one quick question, and then I will be glad to yield.

Mr. Clewlow, do you think there is need for either S. 1035 or H. R. 17760?

Mr. Clewlow. I would say that we don't feel there is anything that is necessary in S. 1035. If the Congress decides to enact the statute, we think that the 17760 would be far better than the other one; and we think it would provide the basis for administering a fairly effective personnel program.

Mr. Gross. I will yield to the Chairman.

Mr. Henderson. I wanted to ask the counsel with regard to the statement of the Secretary on page 9, referring to H.R. 17760, "as to its specific provisions, the enumerated 'employee rights' are cast in general terms, and in this respect may need clarification in order to provide meaningful standards for both employer and employee. For example, the bill declares that an

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employee has 'the right to be protected against any unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.'\*

Mr. Bartimo, it would seem to me that in the Senate bill, in an attempt to enumerate and to specify the employee rights, that it was an area in which we began to get into some trouble. It also seems to me that the broad declaration of the House bill obviously needs clarification. But would you prefer that: it be spelled out in the law? Or would you prefer the general declaration that "the right to be protected against any unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" be further explained by the administrative regulations that would be the responsibility of the Civil Service Commission, or perhaps through delegation to your Department in those instances where it could not be spelled out by administrative regulation?

Mr. Bartimo. Mr. Chairman, I believe you have stated our judgment very well indeed. We prefer the guidelines that the Congress would give to us, the principles, and we hope to implement those principles in the spirit of the legislative history that the Congress determines necessary. Then I think it is better practice to have the Civil Service Commission, as you have provided, implement those broad principles with regulations, and in turn, as you might suggest, might even be delegated to the Secretary of Defense for the issuence of regulations which must be approved by the Civil Service Commission. And I thoroughly subscribe to that method of procedure in this very

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delicate and very important area.

What we meant by this statement — this was because we did not have sufficient time to analyze the wording. The very wording, as you well know as an attorney, a word semantically may mean something to you and myself, and it may mean something different to others. Because there was a lack of legislative history, we wanted to be certain that we furnished you the best judgment we had, and this is the reason why we have asked for these comments. We may come back with a suggestion of a word change or a new phrase.

Mr. Henderson. As you review both the provisions of the bill and your testimony, it would be very helpful to have any specific comments that you feel would clarify. For example, I might take just a minute -- if the gentleman would yield further -- to emphasize, or to ask you to look at the word "unwarranted." "Unwarranted invasion." This gave me a problem. I would be satisfied in a sense to say "the right to be protected against any invasion of personal privacy," but by including the word "unwarranted," I think we recognize there are some instances where it is warranted to invade the privacy of a federal employee. Is that what you are saying?

Mr. Bartimo. Yes, sir.

Mr. Henderson. Mr. Gross, thank you.

Mr. Gross. Mr. Clewlow, do you have any requirement for present disclosure of stockholdings on the part of procurement.

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officials?

I might again come back to the possible holdings in the General Dynamics case, or Boeing stock.

Mr. Clewlow. At the time the person is employed, sir, when he is employed in certain of the high positions -- and quite a number of those pertaining to procurement -- he has to file a disclosure statement concerning his own stock ownership.

Mr. Gross. At the time of his employment? How often is this revised? How often do you require him to file a statement:

Mr. Clewlow. I can't speak from the regulations. I can speak from personal experience. Having been with the government for sixteen months, I had to file such a statement before coming in, and I have had to file approximately one year after coming in. So I know in the fifteen months I have been here I have had to file two such statements. So I recognize that is the same kind of requirement which is imposed upon persons in positions at this level.

Mr. Gross. Well, does this same requirement apply to military officers?

Mr. Clewlow. Yes, it does.

Mr. Gross. Who are involved in procurement?

Mr. Clewlow. Yes, it applies to many more, not even involved in procurement, as well.

Mr. Gross. How about the immediate families of civilians as well as military officers?

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Mr. Clewlow. I would like to ask Mr. Bartimo. recall the regulations on that.

Mr. Bartimo. The regulations cover this area. With your permission, sir, we would deem it a privilege if we might submit to you what we consider a detailed Department of Defense regulation covering the areas of your very important questions this morning. We would like to submit that for the record, and if you have any questions after you read that, we would be glad to attempt to respond, sir.

Mr. Henderson. Without objection, # will be received; and whether it is included in the record or not can be decided by the Committee and the staff as to its application to the bills under consideration.

Mr. Broyhill. Mr. Chairman, while we are talking about submitting additional information for the record, the Department of Defense witnesses this morning are also basing their objections to this legislation on the fact that they have very exhaustive administrative remedies, or a very excellent grievande procedure, as I understand it. I think we should have some explanation of this grievance procedure as to whether it is a uniform procedure for the whole Department, or whether the various agencies under the Department have different procedures.

Mr. Clewlow. I would like to submit something for your review and have you determine the extent to which you want it made part of the record.

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Mr. Henderson. I think it might be well for you to make comments with regard to the new grievance procedures that the Civil Service Commission has promulgated.

Mr. Clewlow. Right.

Mr. Henderson. Mr. Broyhill?

Mr. Broyhill. That is all I have.

Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Chairman, I just want to clarify, if I can, in my own mind pur attitude towards H.R. 17760. I understand you have not had an opportunity to go into it in great detail; but in general, are we better off with it or without it, this type of bill? Is it a piece of legislation you are advocating?

Mr. Bartimo. If I may, let me give you a complete response.

As a lawyer sitting in the Office of the Secretary of Defense where I describe my job as having a front seat on what goes on in the world, I believe that hearings such as the Senate hearings are very helpful. I believe that this hearing is very helpful. I think it is always helpful to have somebody take a look at how we are operating under the statutes.

Our initial reaction -- and I want to try to be as responsive as possible -- is that this bill, 17760, is a much more constructive and wholesome tool, properly implemented, with the proper legislative history, than is S. 1035. That is our initial reaction. So that, as the Secretary has pointed out and as we have testified this morning, we look upon this vehicle

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We would like to caveat that statement by saying, "let us have the experts who have to live with such a law take a look at it," which they are now doing. Once they come up with their constructive observations, perhaps we can find ways of improving this bill; improving it so that not only the Congress will be satisfied that we are upholding human dignity as we should, so that way down the line somebody is not getting the word, and also that the managers who have a responsibility to you, to us, will properly have the right tool to work with.

In other words, what we are saying, we think this is so important an area where you are dealing with human dignity. the very soul of an individual, that we should give it very deliberate and very detailed consideration with the proper impetus not only on the Executive Branch, but I am sure on your part as well.

Mr. Gross. Mr. Chairman, I have one other question.

You have areas in the Department of Defense where you must have security, and you have areas where any rule or law or regulation should not apply. In other words, you have security areas and nonsecurity areas, do you not?

Mr. Clewlow. We have varying levels of sensitivity. like to think that we have secure arrangements for all of them, but some require varying degrees or varying priorities of security.

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Mr. Gross. You say all areas, all divisions and areas in the Department of Defense are subject to security; is this correct? Security regulations and withholding of information on that basis?

Mr. Clewlow. Not the withholding of information on that basis. Let me try to answer it a little more specifically by saying we have certain positions throughout the Department of Defense which we regard as sensitive positions; and then we have some of those which, in addition to being sensitive, are sensitive critical. That is what I mean by varying degrees or varying priorities of security requirements. There may be some kinds of activities which require no national security—which have no national security implications as we are discussing them now. There may be others which would have to be highly restricted.

For example, in the Department of Defense, probably 500,000 or more of the positions are what we term sensitive positions. In our Departmental employment of 1,300,000, this would mean there are 800,000 not in the sensitive area about which you ask. Within that 500,000 there are probably something in the nature of 36,000 to 40,000 that are sensitive critical, a criticality above that first level which would require even more sensitive means of administration. This is the thing I am trying to say, sir.

Mr. Gross. What I am trying to get at, as you may suspect,

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a list of sensitive areas in the Department of Defense, and a list of the nonsensitive; that is, people on a sort of before-the-fact basis.

Now, I have had my troubles, and I am sure other Members of Congress have, too, in getting information. I had it with respect to this TFX-F111 deal. In the early stages of this, a cloak of security was wrapped around it, and I couldn't get certain information with respect to this deal. I ran into it in NASA -- you are not concerned with this -- with respect to the Apollo disaster in the early stages of it. Newspaper people can well testify that it was hard to get any information in the early stages of the Apollo disaster. Why, I don't know. But if we could have certain areas listed as being non-national security areas, it would be most helpful. It would be to me, so that I wouldn't be confronted with this security lid when I went after information in those areas, and other Members of Congress, or other citizens.

Mr. Clewlow. I should like to suggest that we explore with your staff --

Mr. Gross. I am trying to say you hide behind this cloak of secrecy and security at every opportunity, not only in the Department of Defense, but in other areas of government, and I say when it is not justified.

But excuse me for interrupting.

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Mr. Henderson. Mr. Secretary, you were going to suggest and I think it would be well -- that you might work with our staff to see if you could furnish us this information; and I think it could be helpful to us.

Mr. Secretary, and Mr. Bartimo, now I am referring to a notice from the Department of the Army, Sacramento Army Depot, Civilian Personnel Information 68-4, dated 17 May 1968, to All Employees. And I will make a copy of this available to you for a greater response if it becomes necessary. But this is pertaining to the use of the Employee Service Record Card.

"Employee Service Record Card (previously known as WD Form 80 or OF4B card) is used by the supervisor to record important information about his employees. It shows such information as position title, grade, pay, promotions, length of service, tenure status, physical handicaps, age, skills, training, education, and performance appraisals. These are things a supervisor has to know to properly evaluate the progress of individuals and to make decisions on proper courses of action. There are too many things to remember; therefore a record that is easily accessible to the supervisor is a must.

"(b). The supervisor may also enter records of incidents such as tardiness, errors, outstanding jobs done, verbal warnings, et cetera. These are necessary for the supervisor to review in annual performance appraisals, discussions with the employee, and evaluation of habit patterns. No one can be

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expected to remember everything that happens with a group over a period of time.

"(c). Since the service record card is the supervisor's record, employees are not entitled to look at it. Supervisors may ask the employee to review the card and initial entries. However, this is at the supervisor's discretion. Likewise, whether the employee initials or not is at his discretion. The card, in any event, cannot be used in itself to support either an official disciplinary action, an award or a promotion."

This is the first section, and I won't go into the second section, which refers to sick leave and other items.

What is your feeling about supervisors making these records and it being within the discretion of the supervisor as to whether it goes to the employee? We are talking about an employee's right of privacy. Does the supervisor have this right of privacy to make notes, in your opinion, about the performance of his employees, and have the discretion whether he would reveal that to the employee?

Mr. Clewlow. I am not familiar with that form to which you refer.

with regard to the question which you have asked at the end of that, I believe that the supervisor has a responsibility to make periodic appraisals; whether he keeps them in his own mind or whether he records them would be a matter of how he in fact would administer his job of supervisor.

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If he provides long written comments which might, in improper circumstances, be judged inimical to the interests of the employee, this may be another matter which would have to be examined. I don't know.

Mr. Henderson. From time to time the Committee and the staff have had suggestions from employee organizations that: anything that is written down about the employee ought to be revealed to the employee, and here is just an illustration. This seems to me to be a fairly reasonable type of system; but I thought it was interesting in that it shows the other side of a picture; that you have got a supervisor's record, and his right to keep such notations as he makes about his employees confidential if he wants to.

I will ask the staff to make a full copy of this and present it to you.

Mr. Clewlow. We would like to examine it.

Mr. Henderson. It may be well for the Department to give us your comments with regard to this, and how the legislation before us might affect supervisors in the performance of this type of responsibility.

Now, lastly, as far as I am concerned, do you think that the military supervisors -- these are enlisted men or officers - who are supervising civilian workers should be included in the legislation? And you have already said not to the extent off S. 1035. But if they are in supervisor capacities, do you think

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that the legislation ought to apply to them? Should they be exampted? Or are you saying that they ought not to have greater responsibility or greater punishment than would fall on an ordinary civilian supervisor?

Mr. Clewlow. We would like to get more specific responses from our components so we know the extent covered. We would like to be able to respond to that in our comments to you.

Mr. Henderson. If there are no other questions, then the Subcommittee will go into Executive Session to hear from the National Security Administration witnesses who are here; and I think it would be helpful to the Subcommittee if you gentlement in the Department of Defense would remain for that session.

(Whereupon, at 11:15 o'clock p.m., the Subcommittee proceeded in Executive Session.)

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