## MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN: Joseph Reeve, Bureau of the Budget

and

Walter P. North, Associate General Counsel

RE: The Commission's Legislative Program

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Monday, April 8, I took a telephone call from Joe Reeve of the Bureau of the Budget who said he was calling to inquire whether or not the Commission could possibly get drafts of at least parts of its Legislative Program over to the Bureau of the Budget yet this week rather than sending it all over at once on Monday, April 15, which he said had been agreed upon as the deadline.

Among other things, he explained that Mike Feldman had told him that the President not only does not want to take any position on the special study report until he is briefed as to its content, but also until he knows in at least tentative form the legislative recommendations which are going to come out of the report.

Mr. Reeve also stated that it is going to be extremely difficult to clear our proposed legislation in time so that it may be presented as a part of the program of the President, and he would accordingly appreciate anything we could do to step up the schedule.

I told him I would canvass the situation with the various persons who are now working on drafts and would report back to him later yet today if possible.

I reported the above telephone call to Peter Dammann and he and I, in turn, reported it to the Chairman.

I did not reach Mr. Reeve on a callback on Monday, April 8, as he was in conference during the entire latter part of the day, but early Tuesday morning I telephone him and advised that we had alerted each division and office which was working on any part of the Legislative Program concerning his request and that either later in the day or tomorrow morning, I expected to have reports indicating the extent to which we might be able to get some part of our material to the Bureau of the Budget yet this week.

After sessions with Ed Worthy and Charlie Shreve and with Phil Loomis and checking the status of the drafting on which Dave Ferber and George Michaely and others in our office are working, I concluded that drafts of fairly substantial portions of the proposed Program may be in the hands of the Commissioners by Wednesday, April 10, but that unless they can give them immediate attention and unless they suggest only a minimum of changes, we can't get anything substantial in the hands of the Bureau of the Budget before the weekend.

I did not get a chance to call back to Mr. Reeve on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 9, but I had been in the office only a few minutes on the morning of the 10th when he called me. I explained the above situation to him and without saying that we could not comply with his request for portions of our drafts yet this week, I tried to leave the whole matter in an "iffy" state. He renewed his statement that drafts subject to further revision and chance by the Commission were preferable to none at all and urged that we get them to him on an understanding that they were subject to possible change. He also repeated his understanding that drafts of all of the legislation for this session of Congress are to be submitted to the Bureau by next Monday, April 15. I told him we were working diligently toward that objective but that there is a lot of work yet to be done.

Mr. Reeve stated that they would like twenty copies of each draft, but that if this request would cause delay, they would like us to send over at least two or three typewritten copies in the meantime.

cc: Chairman Cary
Peter Dammann
David Ferber
Edmund Worthy
Phillip Loomis
Secretary

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