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To Members of the Joint Economic Committee:

Submitted herewith for the consideration of the members of the Joint Economic Committee and others is Study Paper No. 6 "The Extent and Nature of Frictional Unemployment."

This is among a number of subjects which the Joint Economic Committee has requested scholars to examine and report on to provide factual and analytic materials for consideration in the preparation of the staff and committee reports for the study of "Employment, Growth, and Price Levels."

The papers are being printed and distributed not only for the use of the committee members but also to obtain the review and comment of other experts during the committee's consideration of the materials. The findings are entirely those of the authors, and the committee and the committee staff indicate neither approval nor disapproval by this publication.

PAUL H. DOUGLAS,
Chairman, Joint Economic Committee.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS,
Washington 25, D.C., November 3, 1959.

Hon. PAUL H. DOUGLAS,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR DOUGLAS: I transmit herewith the report, "The Extent and Nature of Frictional Unemployment," which was prepared at your request by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A supplement to this report, dealing with unemployment in cyclically vulnerable and chronically distressed areas, is in preparation, and will be transmitted separately upon its completion.

The present report identifies and measures the various types of unemployment which are to be expected even in times of prosperity. Sources of data which have not been previously exploited in the same way have been used to elicit a considerable amount of new information.

I have been privileged to appear before you regularly during the past several years to deliver testimony and submit reports in which emphasis has been given to the problem of unemployment. During this long period of fruitful cooperation between the Bureau of Labor Statistics and your committee, your committee has stood as patron and sponsor for a number of useful studies and provided a forum for the dissemination of wanted information.

It is my hope that the information contained in the present report will contribute further to the general understanding of the nature of unemployment and lead us closer to the day when its harmful aspects can be eliminated or greatly mitigated.