

(Following is the pertinent correspondence:)

JANUARY 29, 1960.

HON. CHRISTIAN A. HERTER,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY: Recently the Subcommittee on Disarmament invited Mr. Charles Coolidge to testify before it in executive session regarding the results of his review of U.S. disarmament policy. Mr. Coolidge was unable to appear at the time suggested. In his letter to me he also raised the question of whether he would be able to testify at all. I believe it would be appropriate for me to raise this question with you. Can the Coolidge report be discussed with Members of Congress? If not, can you let us know why it is being withheld?

I do think it would be mutually helpful if the Department at an appropriate time could consult with members of the subcommittee regarding the development of U.S. disarmament policy. I believe that misunderstandings about the nature of our policy can be decreased through an increased consultation between the Department and the subcommittee on the development of the policy and the problems involved in it.

Any information you can give me with respect to the Coolidge matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 17, 1960.

HON. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY,
Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate.

DEAR HUBERT: In your letter of January 29, 1960, you inquired regarding the results of the review of U.S. disarmament policy by Mr. Charles Coolidge, and regarding possible consultation by the Department of State with the Subcommittee on Disarmament concerning the development of U.S. disarmament policy.

Mr. Coolidge's study was undertaken in order that he might advise the Secretary of Defense and myself concerning disarmament policy, and in order that we in turn might make recommendations to the President. It is a working paper to be taken into account along with other studies in the course of formulation of U.S. disarmament policy and is not being made public. Mr. Coolidge's conclusions and recommendations constitute advice given for the direct use of the Secretary of Defense and myself.

The Department of State has always considered that it would, as you point out, be mutually helpful to have consultation with members of the subcommittee in the course of development of disarmament policy. As you know, 10-power disarmament talks are scheduled to begin in Geneva on or about March 15, and in preparation for these talks our disarmament position is under review in consultation with our allies. While this review is in progress responsible Department officials would