

SENATOR JACOB K. JAVITS

MAY 26, 1960.

DEAR TOM: Since receiving your letter of May 3 regarding the investigation of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights on withholding of information from the Congress, I have checked this personally and have had my staff check into this matter. To the best of my knowledge I do not know of any instances in which information has been withheld by executive departments and administrative agencies from committees or subcommittees of which I am the chairman or a member. Perhaps the chairman of subcommittees to which I belong may have additional information on such situations. However, none have come to my attention.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

JACOB K. JAVITS, *U.S. Senator.*

SENATOR LYNDON B. JOHNSON

MAY 27, 1960.

DEAR TOM: I have received your recent letter concerning the follow-up of your 4-year study on the withholding of information from Congress by various executive departments and independent agencies. You asked for any information I might have in connection with my duties as chairman of the Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee and of the Subcommittee on Preparedness of the Armed Services Committee, which would be of interest in connection with this study.

Most of the inquiries and requests for information made by these committees are directed to the National Aeronautical and Space Administration and to the Department of Defense. While some difficulty has been experienced in receiving prompt and complete information, such information is usually forthcoming.

The only case I can recall at this time where information was withheld, occurred last year during the hearings by the Subcommittee on Governmental Organization for Space Activities of the Space Committee. Questions were asked by the subcommittee of Dr. Keith Glennan, Administrator of NASA, in connection with the activities of the Space Council. Dr. Glennan declined to discuss these activities on the ground of executive privilege.

While not agreeing completely with Dr. Glennan, the committee did not press him after determining that this was the President's position, that the Space Council was advisory and should be considered confidential to the Chief Executive.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

SENATOR OLIN D. JOHNSTON

MAY 26, 1960.

DEAR SENATOR: Thank you for your recent letter concerning the withholding of information from the Congress by executive departments and agencies.