

majority opinions could be released. That was unusual, too, was it not?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir, not in a——

Mr. MOSS. So my staff informs me——

Mr. SWIDLER. Not in a security issues case, sir.

Mr. MOSS. And you so informed me.

Mr. SWIDLER. Not in the security issues case, sir. I said it would be unusual——

Mr. MOSS. Let me now tell you the instant case.

This is one which admittedly differs from a difficult case in that the Commission orders in this case were issued in advance of the opinion——

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. MOSS (continuing). So there was a difference here.

How many days does an interested party have to take exception to one of these orders?

Mr. SWIDLER. I forget the notice period, sir.

Mr. MOSS. Thirty days?

Mr. SWIDLER. I forget the notice period.

Mr. MOSS. Thirty days is the period.

Mr. SWIDLER. Or whatever it is.

Mr. MOSS. Or we confirmed this——

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. MOSS. The order was issued on the 28th day of March. I received a complaint in my committee on the 7th day of April and at that point your staff and my staff started discussions, culminating on the 11th of April by my directing a letter to you of the fact that I expressed grave concern.

I said that I firmly believe that the Commission's refusal—now, this involved, incidentally, my effort to secure from the Secretary of the Commission, a proper official, a copy of the dissent, not because I was interested in the dissent but because I had received a complaint that it was not available.

I firmly believe that the Commission's refusal to make the dissenting opinion available to the public demonstrates a callous disregard for the right and the need of the public to be informed about the activities of the Commission. Under the Commission's rules, only 30 days are available for interested persons to seek reconsideration of the decision.

Now, finally on the 12th, your Commission met. The dissent was redated from April 3 to April 12, and at that time it was issued.

This was 15 of the 30 days during which interested parties could not have secured copies either of the dissent or of the majority opinion.

Mr. SWIDLER. Except that there were copies of the dissent floating all around the town.

He had given 50 to the press.

Mr. MOSS. Now, look, 50 copies in a nation of 180 million people, where an interested party wants to find out where one of those copies is, is not much.

How does he do it? Does he call the Commission?

Mr. SWIDLER. Well, 50 will—1 copy will. You see, sir, the news papers spread all-out. Fifty will cover the whole country.

Mr. MOSS. There were——