

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PLANS AND POLICIES (Part 4—Vietnam News Coverage)

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1963

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

(Portions of the testimony indicated by asterisks have been deleted by the Department of State for the purpose of protecting the national defense.)

The subcommittee met in executive session,¹ pursuant to adjournment, at 10:15 a.m., in room 1501-B, Longworth Building, Hon. John E. Moss (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives John E. Moss, Porter Hardy, Jr., Henry S. Reuss, Dante B. Fascell, George Meader, and Robert P. Griffin.

Also present: Samuel J. Archibald, staff administrator; Jack Matteson, chief investigator and Benny L. Kass, counsel.

Mr. Moss. The subcommittee will be in order.

Our witness this morning is the Honorable Roger Hilsman, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs. Mr. Hilsman, before we start, you will be sworn. Do you swear that the testimony you are about to give this subcommittee shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. HILSMAN. I do.

Mr. Moss. Will you identify yourself for the record?

TESTIMONY OF ROGER HILSMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS; ACCOMPANIED BY THEODORE HEAVNER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF VIETNAM WORKING GROUP

Mr. HILSMAN. I am Roger Hilsman, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Moss. And you have a statement?

Mr. HILSMAN. Yes; I have a statement.

Mr. Moss. Will you proceed?

Mr. HILSMAN. I am very glad to have a chance to talk with you, this subcommittee, about our press and information policy in Vietnam. Before discussing that policy and the reasons behind it, however, I would like to outline for you the context of that policy. By that I mean, of course, the Vietnam situation.

¹ This portion of the hearings were held in executive session. On August 15, 1963, the subcommittee ordered the transcript released.