

Mr. SMITH. I would like to make one thing clear. I stated in answer to your question that certain international monetary activities of ours are classified under 10501 with a security classification. But there are a lot of other operations in that area that we feel are very delicate and that should not be given out, at least at the time they take place, which are not given a security classification, but which, nevertheless, are not made available to the public. In other words, these would be in the area where we would consider it contrary to the public interest to make them available.

Mr. MOSS. How many of those are covered by specific statute? You have some 78 statutes available.

Mr. SMITH. Yes, indeed. I know of none, sir, that cover these international monetary activities of ours, if that is what you are referring to.

Mr. MOSS. Let us find that out.

Mr. RUMSFELD. If I might ask a question while you are looking for it.

Mr. MOSS. You may.

Mr. RUMSFELD. I happened to see an article by Jack Anderson in the Washington Post of Tuesday, March 30, about the availability of individual income tax returns "for the most frivolous reasons with a minimum of ceremony. Snoopers from a long list of Federal, State, and local agencies can pry into almost anyone's financial secrets in the Internal Revenue Office."

You made a point earlier in your remarks to the effect that these tax returns were classified, referring to the public. Is this article which you indicated you apparently read——

Mr. SMITH. Yes, I did.

Mr. RUMSFELD (continuing). Reasonably accurate?

Mr. SMITH. I think it is a very inaccurate——

Mr. RUMSFELD. They are very much available to anyone in Government?

Mr. SMITH. No, indeed. I think it is a very inaccurate article, and I would say that this is a vital area to us in the maintenance of taxpayer confidence, that the impression not be given that income tax and other tax return information is readily available to the public. The facts are that——

Mr. RUMSFELD. I was referring to the column, his column, his article, which indicated that these various returns were available to any number of people in the Agriculture Department or the Veterans' Administration, and he goes on to list the Civil Rights Commission, Housing and Home Finance Agency, every conceivable department or agency of the Government he indicated has access to this information.

Mr. SMITH. Well——

Mr. RUMSFELD. I am not referring to the public now.

Mr. SMITH. Right.

Mr. RUMSFELD. Although that amounts to the public when you add up all the Federal employees in the United States, you are approximating it, at any rate.

Mr. SMITH. I would like to say this, that a number of those that are mentioned do not have access to——

Mr. RUMSFELD. In other words, you are saying his article is wrong?