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REPLY FROM ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS,
Washington, D.C., February 19, 1965.

Hon. JOHN E. MOSS,
*Chairman, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee,
Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your questionnaire-letter of February 12 in regard to section 3 of the Administration Procedure Act of 1946.

Please be advised that this Commission's activities are limited to the study and analysis of intergovernmental problems. The Commission's recommendations are advisory, offered for the consideration of the executive and legislative branches of the several levels of Government. The Commission has no administrative responsibilities, does not engage in rulemaking, does not issue orders or licenses, nor exercise sanctions. We conclude, therefore, that the subcommittee's questionnaire is not applicable to this agency.

Sincerely yours,

L. L. ECKER-RACZ,
Acting Executive Director.

REPLY FROM CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

U.S. CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,
Washington, D.C., February 23, 1965.

Hon. JOHN E. MOSS,
*Chairman, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee,
Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. MOSS: As our Chairman is abroad, please permit me to respond to your letter to him of February 12, requesting data about this Commission's practices under section 3 of the Administrative Procedure Act.

I doubt that the Administrative Procedure Act applies to our Commission since, as you will see from the enclosed copies of our statute (Public Law 85-305), our sole function is to plan and coordinate public observances of the centennial of the Civil War. These activities included public ceremonies, the encouragement of participation in the centennial by citizen groups, both public and private, and the stimulation of serious study of the Civil War.

In performing these functions we do not engage in rulemaking or adjudication. We have no benefits to grant or to withhold, no privileges to confer, to deny, to revoke, or to suspend. We examine no claims, process no applications, and issue no interpretations, opinions, regulations, orders, or notices. While our 25-member Commission decides what major commemorative activities we shall engage in, our 4-member staff—the only administrative unit we have—is too small to divide into subunits.

As to questions 6, 7, and 11 of your letter, we have never had occasion to set up a procedure for making our files and records available to the public, to define public record, or to place any limit on public access to our records. No member of the public has ever asked to see our records. They are, after all, pretty routine.

If we can be of further service, please call on us.

Sincerely yours,

EDMUND C. GASS,
Assistant Executive Director.