

adjudicate cases, issue interim or final opinions or orders, or otherwise engage in the activities referred to in your letter.

If there are any other questions regarding the Trust Fund Board, we would be glad to answer them. Mr. Carl O. Walker, Chief of Budget and Finance, National Park Service, code 183, extension 4567, will be pleased to act as liaison with the subcommittee.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. HARTZOG, Jr.,

Director, National Park Service, and Secretary, National Park Trust Fund Board.

REPLY FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE HANDICAPPED,
Washington, D.C., February 19, 1965.

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

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MOSS: This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 12 requesting certain information from this Committee. Basically, our answer in general is the same that the late Gen. Melvin J. Maas wrote you as chairman on April 15, 1960; namely " * * * ever since 1947 the President's Committee has operated on the premise that everything possible should be done to advise and inform the American people as to our operations." With reference to your reply of April 18, 1960, we have never exercised classification authority under Executive Order 10501.

As to the specific questions:

1. By the very nature of our work it would seem to me that since we don't make rules, hold hearings, have any sanctions or powers, judicial review, etc., the Administrative Procedure Act does not apply to any functions of our work.

2. (a) We publish our plans, programs, operations, etc., in a number of ways, including the enclosed publications: This Is the President's Committee, Handbook for State and Community Committees, State Committee Organization and Financing.

(b) Enclosed is a copy of our Executive order, as amended, plus a recent statement of the Committee Executive Secretary to the Executive Committee which outlines staff activity and operations.

(c) Please see (b) above.

(d) We believe This Is the President's Committee meets this need.

(e) We have no such function.

3-10. We do not believe these questions are applicable to this volunteer Committee which operates in the area of persuasion, information, and education. Enclosed are copies of recent (a) annual meeting minutes, (b) digest of minutes of the Executive Committee, (c) report workshop for State Chairmen and Secretaries, and (d) the Fifth Annual National Meeting Employer Committee. Actually, very little that we do is not shared with the public.

11. We have never defined official record under the section referred to, nor do we now feel it applicable in view of the open nature of our work.

We are unable to supply you with any material as requested of our work. Should your staff wish further information or feel that the answers were in any way unresponsive to the question, please ask them to contact the Committee Executive Secretary, Mr. William P. McCahill, code 110, extension 3401, who has been with the Committee since its inception and is a former newspaperman.

Sincerely,

HAROLD RUSSELL, *Chairman.*