

Mr. MEAGHER. No, sir. We have asked on wiretapping and some of the other techniques. We have asked our people to tell us about them. There is nothing that has come in that proves anything yet. There are just suspicions and these need to be run down.

Mr. HORTON. How about snooping and peepholes?

Mr. MEAGHER. Not in our service. This is common in postal service, but we don't find too much in regular career civil service.

Mr. HORTON. Are most of your cases confined to applications for employment or did you mention one had to do with disability?

Mr. MEAGHER. No, sir. Most of the cases that come to our attention would be people already on the rolls, and they are applying for retirement or trying to get a promotion. The new people normally don't join unions. They join after they have been on the Federal rolls for some time.

Mr. HORTON. I was just wondering, if when they made their original application, if you had heard from any of your employees subsequently that they had this type of test.

Mr. MEAGHER. No, sir, I don't know.

Mr. HORTON. Thank you.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Cornish?

Mr. CORNISH. Mr. Meagher, don't you find that Federal employees are really very reluctant to bring this issue to your attention or even to the attention of officials in the Government system where they would normally take such complaints?

I am thinking of people who are afraid of being labeled trouble-makers, for one thing, because they have careers in the Federal service they want to pursue, and knowing that when they make a protest of this kind, this more or less puts that label on them.

Mr. MEAGHER. Yes.

Mr. CORNISH. Is this an accurate impression?

Mr. MEAGHER. Yes, sir. I think this is true in the cases that we have—Mr. Horton asked about—I think it is true with those people and they are seeking not to be identified and the fact that their cases were sent to the national office rather than through their local lodges, that they felt by our handling it and trying to represent it at the level of Washington, it could perhaps avoid labels being placed on them locally.

Mr. CORNISH. The inclination is just to answer questions and shut up and keep quiet; isn't that what it amounts to, because it has become a condition of employment or promotion in many cases?

Mr. MEAGHER. It would appear that way, sir, from what we know.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Romney?

Mr. ROMNEY. No questions.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Thank you very much.

Mr. MEAGHER. Thank you, sir.

(The following was subsequently received for inclusion in the record.)

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DEAR MR. CORNISH: Reference our recent telecon, I am herewith submitting the NFFE statement on the use of psychological questionnaires and personality tests for incorporation into the hearing testimony.