

Secretary WIRTZ. I don't have a conclusive judgment on that. I would think that the quality that would be sought would be that of a richness of experience in the settlement of disputes, in a public interest that combines the two interests, but that it would necessarily require knowledge of the special situation in the railroad industry on the part of the labor organizations and the carriers.

Mr. WATSON. I can see that, but as I recall, earlier you stated that even with the expertise of the Department, and of you personally—which obviously you have—perhaps you are so close to the problem that your judgment is not as free or is not quite so objective as one of the others totally removed from it. Do I recall your making such a statement?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes.

Mr. WATSON. And yet you counteract that now and say perhaps you should have those involved in the process.

Secretary WIRTZ. I said that the knowledge of the railroad situation would be important here.

Mr. WATSON. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Secretary, can you return Thursday?

Secretary WIRTZ. Surely, I can.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Thursday morning at 10 o'clock?

Secretary WIRTZ. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock the Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Alan Boyd, will be our witness.

The committee will not adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. (Whereupon, at 12:05 p.m. the committee adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 10, 1967.)