

lem, how we would open the picket lines to let the men through who were to handle these products.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. My question is: Are there discussions continuing in this area or are they at a standstill?

Mr. LEIGHTY. No; they indicated to us that was all they had to say and didn't want to hear any more from us.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. Am I correct in interpreting the telegram to mean that shipments involved would not necessarily relate solely to Vietnam, but any matter that might produce a public health emergency in this country?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Yes. We explained to them that that would include food products, perishable commodities, the coal necessary to operate essential utilities so that the public would not be deprived of what was needed for their health and comfort.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. Would not this situation be somewhat different from the situation as it pertained to the Minuteman trains?

Mr. LEIGHTY. To some extent it would be different. But you must realize that in connection with the Minuteman trains supplies would constantly be necessary, and goods to manufacture the supplies that the Minuteman trains would need would have to be moved.

There would be a number of things that would have to be done. We would have to arrange for the necessary transportation of individuals to make these Minuteman missiles. There would be a considerable involvement outside of just the actual movement of the trains.

But anything of that kind can be accomplished if the two sides say: "This is something we have to do and we will do it." If one side drags their feet it can't be done.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. Was there any discussion in the meeting you had on Tuesday with respect to what criteria might be employed or considered in terms of arriving at what an essential shipment would be?

Mr. LEIGHTY. As you know, all shipments move on bills of lading. We said that any bill of lading that carried a certificate from the Defense Department that these are essential goods would be accepted and moved without question.

With respect to food, we said that the food products would be moved without question and whatever amount of coal or fuel was necessary would be moved.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. It would be certified by the Defense Department?

Mr. LEIGHTY. No, not all to be certified. Just the war material to be certified.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. Who would do it?

Mr. LEIGHTY. Whoever would be most practical to do it. We would accept certification from them.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. Thank you.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SATTERFIELD. Yes; I will yield.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Leighty, is there any possible chance to get the parties together to try to negotiate now, or are they waiting for us to pass some legislation. Why aren't they meeting now?

Mr. LEIGHTY. I can't answer that question as I am not one of the negotiators.

Mr. FRIEDEL. What can we do to try to get them together now to try to negotiate before the time expires?