

Representative CURTIS. Let me ask you the other question: has the Renegotiation Board ever referred to the Congress any problems they have seen develop as a result of their casework?

Mr. STAATS. Not that we are aware of. We could check that to be 100 percent sure.

(The information below was later supplied for the record:)

STATEMENT ON WHETHER PROBLEM AREAS ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF
CONGRESS BY THE BOARD

The Board has informed us that, except for matters which have been discussed with the appropriate legislative committees during the consideration of the several extensions of the Renegotiation Act, problem areas have not generally been brought to the attention of the Congress. However, the Board refers to the appropriate procuring department information obtained in its work which it considers to be of interest to the department.

EFFECTIVENESS OF RENEGOTIATION BOARD RE USE OF GOVERNMENT
PROPERTY

Representative CURTIS. The record might as well show here that I have been very critical of the Renegotiation Act for years because I felt that it was not serving a good function. If anything, it was providing sort of a crutch that enabled our procurement officers and others to say, "Oh, well, we don't have to worry too much about this. If it is too bad in the pricing, and so forth, the Renegotiation Board will pick it up."

Yet when we examine the activities of the Renegotiation Board I find that they pickup very little, if anything. Actually some of the things they do pickup go the other way and discourage contractors who are doing a good job from bidding on Government work. For this purpose I was seeking whatever information you might have as to whether or not the Renegotiation Board might have picked up some of this use of Government property in the fulfilling of some contract they have with the Government in their negotiating of that particular contract.

Mr. STAATS. We could check this point.

Representative CURTIS. Would you? I would be very interested in knowing whether they have because——

Mr. STAATS. I can see the relevance of your question.

Representative CURTIS. Yes. You see, this would be an immediate thing that the Renegotiation Board ought to look at and they say they do in renegotiating a contract. They will say, "Well, how much equipment was furnished by the Government," and so forth, and in many of these contracts the Government has furnished equipment. But I have never heard them make the point that the records were inadequate so that they did not have the information or anything of that nature.

I would have thought that this Truth in Negotiations bill would have been of tremendous advantage to the Renegotiation Board.

Mr. STAATS. We would be happy to supply a statement on this for the record.

Representative CURTIS. Yes.

(The informatoin referred to follows:)