

If you want to take it down, it is the Governmental Research Public-Affairs Associates, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, 16, Ohio, and the Executive Director is Theodore M. Gray.

Will you tell me whether that organization is connected in any way with your organization or is it a subsidiary thereof?

Dr. ROWE. I believe that I can tell you at the present time that it is not, but I will verify that.

Mr. JACOBS. Fine.

(Subsequently, Dr. Rowe submitted the following letter:)

AUGUST 21, 1967.

Congressman ANDREW JACOBS, Jr.,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN JACOBS: In response to information requested by you during House District Subcommittee No. 5 hearings on HR 1283 I held on August 18, 1967, I have secured the following information.

GOVERNMENT RESEARCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

I spoke with Mr. Theodore M. Gray, Jr., who is presently serving as a Senator in the Ohio Legislature. Senator Gray informed me that the above-named council was an organization run by his father, Theodore M. Gray, up to the time of his death five years ago. Senator Gray was not very familiar with the operations of the council but stated that his father had organized this council after he left the Retail Merchants Association of Ohio.

I have had the records of Cole National thoroughly checked, and at no time since acquiring Colston Optical in October, 1961, has Cole National had any association with the Government Research Public Affairs Council. This is the extent of the information I was able to get, and I hope it satisfactorily answers your questions.

COLE NATIONAL CORPORATION AND AFFILIATES POLICIES OF OPERATION IN OHIO
AND INDIANA

In these two states, Cole National Corporation through its affiliates operates opticianry departments in Sears, Roebuck and Montgomery Ward department stores in strict compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing such enterprises. Cole National subleases office space in these department stores, together with optometric equipment to optometrists. These optometrists rent this space on a flat rental basis.

Such optometrists are completely independent practitioners and the relationship between them and Cole National is solely that of tenant-landlord.

If there is further information you wish, I will be happy to cooperate as much as possible. Insofar as this information was requested at the hearings and Chairman Sisk left the record open to include this information, I am sending a copy of the above information to the Clerk of the District Committee for inclusion in the record.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OPTOMETRISTS
AND OPTICIANS, INC.
GALEN E. ROWE, O.D., *President*.

Mr. JACOBS. I have what appears to be a photocopy of a letter which is headed "Colston Optical Company, 9th-Chester Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio," and under that is "Superior 1-5351"—I guess that is a telephone number. It is dated May 12, 1959, and I wish that you would make a note of this, because if you do not know about it you probably will want to find out about it, I would hope.

This is addressed to a Dr. A. R. Johnson, 134 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

And if I may, Mr. Chairman, it is relatively a short letter, just read it into the record?