

Mr. PEARL. Each one of our contracts is requiring first of all a summary of the manuscript report to accompany the manuscript itself. As soon as a manuscript is received—and we are asking each contractor to furnish us with sufficient copies to do this—it will be placed in the hands of the members of the Commission and the official family. At the same time the staff analysis and evaluation will proceed. The length of time that it will take to do this is going to depend in large measure on the complexity of the particular report, and parts of some reports are going to be more complex than others. The first one that we have coming due is the one on revenue sharing and payments in lieu of taxes. That will be a rather complex report. It will be a rather lengthy one.

Senator CHURCH. Let us take that one, for example. When that study is completed and the report comes back to you, will you then make that report immediately available to the members of the Commission?

Mr. PEARL. Yes, sir.

Senator CHURCH. The Commission itself. In other words, while your staff evaluation proceeds the report itself will be available to Commission members should they like to delve into it.

Mr. PEARL. Yes, sir.

Senator CHURCH. Then when your staff evaluation has been completed on the report, what is the next step with respect to the Commission?

Mr. PEARL. Might I also add that in the meantime we have for each contract a project officer and it is our hope that the project officer will know as much about this job as the contractor as it proceeds. He will be working with the contractor as it goes along so that he will keep up on the job. When the report comes in he will be ready to start his evaluation immediately. An exact procedure has not been worked out as to what the next step will be. The Commission has discussed the desirability of meeting as soon as one particular report may be ready for discussion after an evaluation has been completed or waiting until a group are ready and the final procedure has not been agreed upon. But it might depend on the complexity and degree of work that is entailed in any one report. Some of the reports on some of the subjects that lend themselves for, you might say, quicker review, might be lumped together and might wait until there are three or four or five for the Commission to get together and consider. Another report that may require a longer period of time may be taken up by itself. But the Commission has given this consideration. We will have a plan for the Commission to consider and to adopt as a plan of procedure before we actually institute it.

Senator CHURCH. When the staff makes its evaluation of a particular study and makes its recommendations to the Commission as to the changes in public law that would seem advisable based upon the study, has the Commission decided, as of now, whether to hold public hearings on those recommendations or has this all been left for future determination?

Mr. PEARL. Mr. Chairman, I do not contemplate, and I don't think the Commission does, that the staff will at any time make recommendations. The responsibility for recommendations for future law is with the Commission and the Commission alone.

Senator CHURCH. I meant by that that the staff would make recommendations to the Commission for the consideration of the Commission.