

personally have had a great interest in this field for many many years. These two distinguished men beside me here have also.

So I think that while officially our Commission is ended, there are a number of discussions, seminars, groups at the universities where we will be called upon. I believe that this will be very helpful in at least one area, and that is in proper communicating, as Mr. Rumsfeld was talking about, of the budget and its problems and concepts.

We have found our interviews with the press very helpful. We had several discussions with them. Also the Brookings Institution seminar, with the economists and students of the field, was stimulating. We found there is a tremendous interest in this, because day by day they are trying to appraise what the Government is doing in analyzing the programs and the allocation of resources.

So, we will continue, I think, to try to implement it.

Representative RUMSFELD. If you will yield—I can assure you that Mr. Kennedy is enthusiastic. I ran into him at a football game, and he gave me a most enthusiastic briefing right there, on the report of the Commission.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Sounds like a pretty dull football game.

Senator PERCY. Has the Bureau of the Budget or the Director of the Budget officially commented on this, as to his acceptance of your Commission's report?

Mr. KENNEDY. He has not commented that I know of since its release to the public. But he participated in it, and has gone along with the report. So, in a sense, it is his report as well as the report of the other members of the Commission.

Senator PERCY. Has the President officially made any comment on it?

Mr. KENNEDY. No, he has not made a comment on it that I know of. He has received the report and I am not sure how much time he has given to the study of it at this point.

Senator PERCY. Mr. Chairman, I would like to recommend that this subcommittee appropriately assume a degree of responsibility for getting the views of as many of the members of the administration as possible on the record on this budget and on this report, and that we ask them periodically to report on the implementation of it and the progress being made.

Chairman PROXMIRE. Yes, indeed. I think that is a very good idea. We do intend to have administration witnesses before us at a little later time.

Mr. Kennedy was very guarded and careful in what he said about that. He is not speaking for the administration. He does not know whether the administration will accept it in principle, let alone, in timing. But I assume, in view of what we have heard so far, and the fact the administration is so well represented on this Commission—it is a unanimous report—between the Treasury Secretary, and the Budget Director, and so forth.

Mr. KENNEDY. I want to help you as much as I can. I am sold on this. I think it is good. I think you have all done a great job. We all know how these committees work. You as chairman I am sure have done a lot of work, but, I am sure your fine staff members have done a whale of a lot. And this is a tough, hard, long job. So we are very grateful.