

There are four of you and four chairs. I assume that will be sufficient.

Which one is Mr. Lauren? And Mr. Stephenson?

Mr. SMITH. He is right here, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. PATMAN. Will you gentlemen stand and be sworn?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony that you shall give before the House Subcommittee on Foundations of the House Small Business Committee will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.

Mr. STEPHENSON. I do.

Mr. LAUREN. I do.

Mr. PATMAN. You may be seated.

Please identify your counsel. Mr. Stephenson first.

**TESTIMONY OF J. ALTON LAUREN AND RICHARD J. STEPHENSON,
ACCOMPANIED BY TURNER L. SMITH AND GEORGE D. CROWLEY,
CHICAGO**

Mr. PATMAN. You are counsel for?

Mr. CROWLEY. For Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Lauren individually and as trustees.

Mr. PATMAN. And as trustee. All right.

And Mr.—

Mr. SMITH. Turner L. Smith, attorney in Washington, D.C., 888 17th Street NW.

Mr. PATMAN. Counsel for whom? Both of them?

Mr. SMITH. I represent both of them and represent ABC, and represent them individually, too.

Mr. PATMAN. All right, sir. Fine.

I would like to ask Mr. Lauren some questions.

Please state your full name and address, Mr. Lauren.

Mr. LAUREN. J. Alton Lauren, 53 West Jackson Boulevard in Chicago.

Mr. PATMAN. What is your occupation and business address?

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Chairman, may I be permitted to make a very brief statement before you proceed with your questions?

Mr. PATMAN. Yes, sir, you may proceed, sir.

Mr. SMITH. I was employed by ABC as general counsel in Washington, D.C. and any other place throughout the country earlier this year. It was at that time that I first met Mr. Stephenson on my right, and subsequently met Mr. Lauren, and from that point on I got engaged with foundation questions, tax exempt questions, visited the Internal Revenue and the like.

Then there came a time, as the chairman and as the committee and counsel and staff know, when Internal Revenue started an investigation by its Intelligence Division, which because of my own experience within the Tax Division of the Justice Department we know them as special agents, and it is a criminal investigation. And because of those circumstance, and the fact that there is an investigation going which may very well involve their liberty, these two witnesses are going to plead the fifth amendment today; and they so advised me.

Mr. George Crowley, whom I have known many, many years, is their Chicago counsel, and he is in a better position than I am to