

a very limited category. I indicated we have picked up and looked at a half million returns involving foundations in the last 4 years.

Mr. PATMAN. How many people do you have investigating, or called investigators or some name similar to that, to see if these foundations are doing their job properly or improperly?

Mr. COHEN. As I indicated, we have trained 500 revenue agents specially for exempt organization work.

Mr. PATMAN. Are they all working for you full time?

Mr. COHEN. Every revenue agent has some knowledge of this particular area. We try to train enough specialized manpower so that when we have a concentration of these organizations or where we have specialized problems, the personnel with specialized training can be used. We are going to increase the number of specially trained people this year.

Any one of our 14,000 or 15,000 revenue agents is capable of looking at one of these organizations and can be called on if the need is there.

Mr. PATMAN. I am sure that is correct. But I was just wondering how many actually had surveillance.

Mr. COHEN. In effect, these 500 people are specially trained to do the job.

Mr. PATMAN. In other words, they are dealing with 25,000 foundations, and also all the others?

Mr. COHEN. Some of the others, yes.

Mr. PATMAN. Some of the others.

Mr. COHEN. When you look at it in terms of 14,000 revenue agents in charge of 72 million individuals and about 2 million corporations, the allocation manpower to exempt organizations is probably greater.

Mr. PATMAN. Suppose a foundation has one or more people on the payroll and their titles were a little cloudy, and you could not tell what they were doing, and they are in politics. How do you find out whether they are working in political campaigns?

Mr. COHEN. We get a lot of intelligence from each of our district officers around the country who survey the newspapers each day to see what might be of interest. If you see someone engaged in politics and know his relationship with an exempt organization, you get a little worried. That might signal an audit.

Mr. PATMAN. You would not want to rely on that means of enforcement, would you?

Mr. COHEN. We have revenue agents out in the field who inquire into the activities of the organizations in their jurisdiction. A number of the organizations whose exemptions have been lifted during the past few years were found to be engaging in lobbying or engaging in political activities which is beyond the pale. I can't say we have caught every organization which has done so, but we are alert to the problem. We welcome any help that anybody can give us.

Mr. PATMAN. I wonder if you are alert to this area, where a foundation is being used to even pay the donor's alimony to ex-wives?

Mr. COHEN. I think there is a particular case that you have in mind, which is in litigation. There a foundation was used for that purpose.

Mr. PATMAN. I was discussing that with a foundation man the other day, and he said that he knew where one man in a foundation was paying five wives.