

Mr. COHEN. The problem here is that, I am sure, the employe just didn't recognize the name of the organization, didn't have it on the list as an exempt organization, and just sent a form letter. If this letter had been sent to the proper office he would have gotten a proper reply. And the fact—

Mr. PATMAN. He does not know which is the proper office.

Mr. COHEN. This particular organization was under investigation at the time and the file wasn't even available in the Chicago office.

Mr. PATMAN. I do not think that is a forthright answer, my dear sir.

Mr. COHEN. Those are the facts, sir.

Mr. PATMAN. If your system is like that, it ought to be changed. You are giving people the runaround. Now, this fellow writes to this office, this district director, and he wants this information about this designated foundation. If the director does not have it, it occurs to me that—if you want to be forthright with the people and give them the best information possible—the director should say it is not at this office, instead of giving them a runaround.

Mr. COHEN. That is our normal procedure. As I indicated, the clerk made a mistake.

Mr. PATMAN. The district director signed it.

Mr. COHEN. Whoever supplied the letter for the district director made the mistake. The district director would not see every letter from his office.

Mr. PATMAN. You take a look at your system or policy. That could only impress someone as being a sort of runaround. You are not giving him the correct information he needs or as much as he should expect from the district director.

By the way, we have had increasing complaints from the press about the delay and their inability to obtain access to the same type of IRS documents. How do you account for this?

Mr. COHEN. I haven't had any complaints on that subject so I can't speak to it.

Mr. PATMAN. You are telling me again that these records are public, either through the Washington office or the district director having the records, and there is no charge for it, free examination.

Mr. COHEN. Free examination.

Mr. PATMAN. Free examination. All right, then, that makes it a lot better.

As you know, Treasury regulations require a tax-exempt foundation to file a schedule with its tax return showing certain important information when assets are sold or exchanged. The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum of Wilmington, Del., a Du Pont controlled foundation with assets of \$66 million, had capital gains of \$10,317,617 in 1965. I am going to hand you the foundation's 1965 tax return. Please ask your aids to check the return and then tell us whether it is correct that the foundation only submitted a schedule for \$56,617 of that capital gain, and failed to submit a schedule for \$10,261,000 of the gain?

Mr. COHEN. I will take your word for it, sir.

Mr. PATMAN. You have got it. It is right before you.

Mr. COHEN. Which schedule is it? There are about 15 schedules attached to the return. I would be glad to check it. It may be they filed an incomplete return, in which case we would be glad to follow up on it.