

Mr. STREICHER. Do you feel that Government should work hand in hand with business?

Mr. CURTIS. Well, yes; but Government is the servant of business, not the copartner, and you put it the other way. You say you do not feel that Government alone can do—or should—do the job.

I reverse it. I say I think business probably can do this alone, but the Government has to stop putting impediments in its way. Government can remove a lot of impediments. You mention, and I want to thank you for it, the Government liberalizing visa requirements. Here is one of the impediments that Government has put in the way.

What did this USTS spend; \$1.4 billion? If they just spent their time trying to liberalize the visa program they would have done a lot more for travel in the United States than trying to get into a business area of determining what would be good promotion to get people to come over. That is the point I am making.

I think you ask Government to do something that Government is not really set up to do very well.

Mr. STREICHER. Yes; I have a tendency to agree completely with you 100 percent. However, I would like to ask a question, again about the USTS. It is useful that we open these ground floor offices just as we might open a U.S. pavilion and display and pass out at random a lot of brochures. This is useless. This does nothing.

Mr. CURTIS. That is exactly it. I have no strong views on USTS other than the fact that when it was created I voted against it because no one knew what they were going to do with it. I said this type of thing is what has gotten us into trouble. When you multiply these kinds of useless or inefficient functions of Government a few times over, and this is what we have done, you realize why we are in the trouble we are in. The Government is spending more money than it is taking in and these kinds of things are what contribute to it.

Mr. STREICHER. What we would like to see happen is no restriction whatsoever on travel overseas because it certainly could be misunderstood by European travel companies who have already started programs for 1968. I know of one large one in Germany, Neckermann. They have a series of charters of German tours coming to the States and they are prepared to cancel them if there is a restriction.

Mr. CURTIS. On the main thrust of your testimony you couldn't have any stronger one in your corner than myself. This is to me frightful. On top of this is the fact that the Congress and the public are wasting their time over this area, because even if you did everything the administration asked, it would be just powder in the eyes. We aren't dealing with a \$4 billion deficit, plus the accumulations of the deficits that have occurred before. I think I am about ready to say the administration knows it; they are creating a diversion to keep the people and the Congress' attention away from the real remedy, which is cutting back Government spending abroad. I might also say Government spending domestically at least should be cut back so it is within our means, because I agree with the damage this would cause.

Mr. STREICHER. It has already done so much damage it is unbelievable. The average person thinks that there is a tax.