

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Utt, I am sure that could be negotiated in almost every case. There might be some reluctance on the part of governments to see the transfer actually occur outside their country, but I think that problem can be overcome, and in any case, we can surely make arrangements for the exchange to occur in circumstances convenient to the U.S. traveler when he lands and not require that he hunt up the American Embassy and try to get there within certain limited hours in order to complete this transaction. We ought to make it easy for the U.S. traveler.

Mr. UTT. That is the complaint I have had. Thank you.

Mr. HERLONG. Mr. Schneebeli will inquire.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Congressman Findley, I too think you have had a very responsible and intelligent approach. I can understand your frustration, dealing with the State Department, in trying to publicize the availability of these funds. Have you ever approached Treasury to see whether they would cooperate?

Mr. FINDLEY. I should not have directed my criticism only at State. Treasury has been the Department where I have had the greatest communication because it is the one that has been in charge of the implementation of the tourist-dollar exchange program.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. And they are rather reluctant to make available to the public the dollars available for counterpart use?

Mr. FINDLEY. Yes, that is right. It is sad to report but I am afraid true that our Government by and large has been more concerned about the currency problems of other countries rather than our own.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. In view of their stated concern about the balance-of-payments deficit you would think that they would be the ones most interested in using the money available in this area.

Mr. FINDLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. I think they certainly can be in a position to be criticized for their reluctance to solve some of their own problems.

Mr. FINDLEY. I agree. This ought to be the day and the hour for them to recant and take a different approach.

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. I am glad we agree. Thank you very much.

Mr. HERLONG. Any further questions?

I want to thank the gentleman for his statement. I would like to suggest that in my opinion, and I hope and I believe, the committee will give careful consideration to this constructive suggestion the gentleman has made.

Thank you very much.

Mr. FINDLEY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HERLONG. The next witness is Mr. Albert Keenan.

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Mr. KEENAN. Mr. Chairman, I have with me today Admiral James of the CASL, Committee of American Steamship Lines. May I have him sit with me?

Mr. HERLONG. Be happy to have you both. If you will identify your-