

Mr. SHORT. For example, Florida.

Mr. CURTIS. Oh, sure, we do a good job.

Mr. SHORT. Missouri. In Minnesota we don't do quite as good a job. I might tell you, but where you do have a successful program selling a State or a city or a specific event, you have usually good cooperation with private money and some local government money, at least catalytic money. This is certainly true in Florida, I think it is true in Missouri.

Mr. CURTIS. It certainly is.

Mr. SHORT. I have a business in your State.

Mr. CURTIS. I couldn't agree more. Now, why the Federal?

Mr. SHORT. Now, in terms of the Federal you have the 50 States competing with themselves to get the person after he is here, but the various State budgets do not work overseas or beyond the continental limits of the United States, although some of them do. Puerto Rico you would find, and I think Florida, spend some money overseas.

I envisage whatever Mr. Black's department would do, if it is that department that you have in mind, as being catalytic, able to represent the total country in cooperation with the private sector. We are going to go, for example, this spring with Mr. Black and his staff to Brussels and we are not asking him to pay for it.

Mr. CURTIS. Let's leave this issue here. I am really interested, but we have a time limit at this particular time. What I would like to see is why you think that the Federal Government can perform a function that could not otherwise be performed. I personally think that the way you are operating and have operated domestically is the best pattern for doing this abroad. Get Government to stop interfering. Yes, get the governmental agencies to be cooperative. You will be able to utilize the Federal Government to the extent that it already is over there.

I can see a lot of need for coordination, but I can't see this business of the Government even spending what it is spending, let alone another \$30 million in a field which is lucrative and will continue to attract private money.

Mr. SHORT. You don't hear me saying I think they should get \$30 million.

Mr. CURTIS. We collect taxes from the private sector on money that is spent in the private sector, but we surely don't collect taxes from the Government. At any rate, let's leave the record open. I would like to get your further judgment on the specific functions of the Government. Maybe they are there. I don't want to sound as if the Federal Government might not have some arguments. I will listen to them, but I am surely not inclined to go along at this present time with expansion of the USTS.

I have just been shocked to hear these private enterprise witnesses in the past week. Immediately they think, "Well, let the Government spend some of this money," that logically they can spend much more intelligently.

Mr. SHORT. I would certainly hope that you would understand that we didn't come here petitioning the Government to spend more money at this time in our history except that we thought that if they did so it was necessary in order to—