

this will take a lot of work in a lot of areas that will involve many, many agencies of Government whether the reorganization is approved or not.

We appreciate your patience and your fine contributions. Thank you both.

Dr. LEE. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and we will do our best promptly to get that draft material to you on the interagency agreement.

Chairman BLATNIK. Thank you.

The hearing will be adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon.

(Whereupon, at 12:40 p.m., the hearing was adjourned to reconvene at 2:30 p.m., the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chairman BLATNIK. The Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization of the House Government Operations Committee will please come to order.

We will resume our public hearings on Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1968.

Our first witness this afternoon will be the Honorable Phillip S. Hughes, Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. Hughes, at the outset, we apologize for keeping you waiting all morning. We appreciate your standing by and being available for the convenience of the committee. We had to make an adjustment in our schedule of witnesses.

STATEMENT OF PHILLIP S. HUGHES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET; ACCOMPANIED BY HOWARD SCHNOOR, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION STAFF

Mr. HUGHES. That is quite all right.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to have the opportunity to be here. With me, Mr. Chairman, is Mr. Howard Schnoor, Director of our Government Organization Staff.

It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that in view of the testimony this morning it might be desirable in the interests of the committee's time to attempt to abbreviate my statement somewhat. I would be glad to do that if you wish. Or if, on the other hand, you prefer that I read it in its entirety, I would be glad to do that. I can abbreviate it, I think, limiting it to points which by and large anyway were not discussed this morning.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Chairman?

Chairman BLATNIK. Mr. Edwards.

Mr. EDWARDS. This is the point at which we are supposed to get all the information that isn't in the President's message. I feel Mr. Hughes ought to go through his whole statement.

Chairman BLATNIK. All right. It is not a long statement.

Mr. HUGHES. No; it is not, Mr. Chairman. I would be delighted.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we appreciate the opportunity to appear at these hearing in support of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1968, which the President transmitted to the Congress