

Bureau of the Budget and a lot of other things. Certainly, the whole world might know what the Secretary told the President. Is there any reason why I can't have that right away?

Mr. WOOD. I simply would say there is no reason of substance. There is the process of established Executive Office review.

Mr. HUGHES. I don't know where it is, Mr. Reuss. We will see what the status of the plan is, and I'll do my best to deliver you a copy of the plan soon, very soon.

Mr. REUSS. Congress didn't say the Secretary shall report his findings and recommendations and they shall be kept secret until such time as the Bureau of the Budget or the CIA or somebody else tells it to make it public. It said, "The Secretary shall report his findings and recommendations to the President."

The whole statute was written so that the public might find out what the findings and recommendations were.

Mr. WOOD. I would say, if I could speak—I will separate the responsibilities of the executive branch, I will assign to that Mr. Hughes—but if I could speak for the Secretary on this, our firm desire within established executive branch practice, is to have a timely and widespread announcement and an appropriate submission of this report. We happen to be quite proud of the report. We believe it will have major consequences for future development and for the mutual concerns of both agencies.

So, the question is really the Presidential Office's clerk, not the Presidential Office's policymaking, which we are involved in here.

Mr. REUSS. When you said, Mr. Hughes, "I might have it soon," did you mean that in the George and Ira Gershwin sense, "Maybe not tomorrow, but soon?" How soon is soon?

Mr. HUGHES. I cannot tell you definitely. I don't know the status of the plan. I have not seen it myself. I will try to find out what the review status is. The statute says Secretary to the President and the President to the Congress, as I would read it, and I simply don't know what the status of presidential review of the document is. We are late in terms of the deadline set in the law, and I will ascertain the status and I will be in touch with you before the afternoon is over and tell you what the status is and what the schedule would be on which you could expect to receive the report.

Mr. REUSS. Let me say right now, though, that I know a little bit about this statute since I wrote it, and neither I nor I'm sure the Congress—it was fully debated—intended that this report should be secret until such future time as the President may wish to formulate a program based upon it. That may, unfortunately, be many months. Meanwhile, we wanted to see the work product of the Secretary of HUD. Isn't that so, Mr. Wood?

Mr. WOOD. I think so.

Mr. HUGHES. I think the statute is quite clear, and there is no intention that I know of to deal otherwise with the report.

Mr. REUSS. Back to the question of who would implement section 6(b), is that set forth in the document "Summary of HUD and DOT positions on Major Reorganization Plan Issues" which is before the subcommittee?

Mr. BOYD. Yes, sir. That is the February 19 document?

Mr. REUSS. Yes.