

Mr. ROSENTHAL. So that if it did happen, you, of course, would have been a party to this.

Mr. WINSTEAD. I repeat my statement that I do not believe this could happen without me having some indication of it occurring, or people reporting directly to me having sufficient information on it to give me the information on the problem.

Mr. MYERS. Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question here relative to this?

You say you keep some records.

Do you have any records where you have made inspections of these three questioned stores here about the date of September 1, any place close to that date so you can substantiate whether these stores are true or not?

Mr. WINSTEAD. I would have to refer to records to get you the specific items.

Mr. MYERS. Well, if you have them, can you send them to us, if you made an inspection of your stores about that time?

(No information was received by the subcommittee.)

Mr. WINSTEAD. May I refer to counsel?

(Short interval.)

Mr. WINSTEAD. Mr. Myers?

Mr. MYERS. Yes.

Mr. WINSTEAD. You referred to a check on these stores. At the time of receipt of this survey at approximately 11 o'clock on October 2, three people were dispatched from our buying department and our grocery merchandising department to make an on-the-spot check.

Mr. MYERS. The day after the first, on October 2.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. That was after the complaint was received.

Mr. MYERS. Yes. That's about the date some people receive their checks, wouldn't it be?

Mr. WINSTEAD. The date of the first this prior month, or this present month was on a Sunday. So check day, as it's known, was really, in fact, the 2d. The date of receipt of this letter was the 2d in my office at about 11 o'clock. We had three of our buyers check prices in these three stores.

Mr. MYERS. These three stores?

Mr. WINSTEAD. These three stores.

Mr. MYERS. One, two, and three.

Mr. WINSTEAD. One, two, and three—without the knowledge of these managers, and I do not believe the managers knew those people. They may have known one of them, but I question whether they knew the others at all, and we made a check of these items, and we did not reveal this pattern in our check on October 2 which was, in fact, welfare check day and also food stamp day in the three stores shown in this chart.

Mr. MYERS. You found no irregularities then?

Mr. WINSTEAD. Yes, we did find an irregularity. We found an error on peas, the regular price being three for 59, and the price on one can on a shelf was five for a dollar, similar to this problem here. We found an error on eggs and —

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Was the error up or down?

Mr. WINSTEAD. The error up on peas was one-sixth of 1 cent up, one-sixth, sir. Three for 59 versus five for a dollar is one-sixth of 1 cent difference.