

Mr. NITTLE. Mr. Liebling, you have distinguished for the committee the characteristics of your Industrial Defense Program and the Industrial Security Program.

I believe the Industrial Defense Program is administered mainly under the Subversive Activities Control Act as it now exists, in order to carry out the provisions of the act relating to the employment to members of Communist-action organizations in defense facilities.

And that is presently the sole extent of the Industrial Defense Program?

Mr. LIEBLING. No, it is also under Executive Order 10421.¹

Mr. NITTLE. Would you state briefly what is the substance of that Executive order to which you refer?

Mr. TRAMMELL. That Executive order deals with the protection of facilities that are considered essential to the national defense, and it is an Executive order which authorizes and directs executive departments with primary interests in this field to give very specific guidance to these important facilities, as to how they can protect themselves on a voluntary basis.

It is part and parcel of the things that we do with the defense facilities and—

Mr. LIEBLING. It is a designation of the facilities. It is to indicate, to actually declare certain facilities as sensitive in terms of the national interest.

Mr. NITTLE. I take it then it is largely an advisory program, but the Government exercises no authority to execute or to enforce a personnel security clearance program with respect to those facilities?

Mr. LIEBLING. That is right, with regard to the latter, that is absolutely correct.

Mr. NITTLE. Yes; except where those defense facilities are engaged in classified Government work.

Mr. LIEBLING. Yes; that portion of the Industrial Defense Program which may include a small percentage of facilities which would involve classified information, it would be exactly as you indicated.

Mr. NITTLE. Now you indicate that presently there are about 3,500 facilities that are involved in that Industrial Defense Program, at page 9 of your statement?

Mr. LIEBLING. Yes; that is right.

Mr. NITTLE. You raise the question with the committee that to extend a personnel security clearance program under the provisions of the bill to defense facilities would be, in effect, now to require the Defense Department to conduct investigations with respect to 3,500 additional facilities, over and above the Industrial Security Program?

Mr. LIEBLING. Yes.

Mr. NITTLE. Now as to those 3,500 facilities you indicate that presently the Government does not have Government contracts classified or unclassified with respect to most of them?

Mr. LIEBLING. Well, except for the same small percentages I indicated.

Mr. NITTLE. A very small percentage?

Mr. LIEBLING. Yes.

Mr. NITTLE. Now with regard to the 3,500 facilities in the Industrial Defense Program, would you be able to state approximately how many

¹ See appendix, pt. 2, pp. 1710-1712.