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restore order to our land and assure transgressors of a proper penalty for their transgressions.

Respectfully submitted.

/s/ Loyd Wright
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Mr. TUCK. Our next witness is Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Thank you very much for coming down here.

**STATEMENT OF J. WALTER YEAGLEY, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY
GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Mr. TUCK. What is your position in the Attorney General's Office?

Mr. YEAGLEY. Mr. Chairman, I am in charge of the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice.

Mr. TUCK. Do you have the sole responsibility and authority for the administration of that division?

Mr. YEAGLEY. Yes, sir, under the Attorney General.

Mr. TUCK. What actions have you taken against the Communist or Communist-front organizations since the passage of the amendments to the Subversive Activities Control Act signed into law on January 2?

Mr. YEAGLEY. As yet, no further petitions have been filed.

Mr. TUCK. Do you have any explanation to make to this committee why none have been filed?

Mr. YEAGLEY. I can explain what action we have taken.

Of course, the review of these organizations and the FBI reports concerning them have been a matter of regular business in our division over the years.

But last August we started a concentrated program of review of material involving Communist infiltration and domination of front organizations and reports involving Communist Party members.

We stepped up our liaison with the FBI. This continued throughout the fall and the ensuing months, particularly as it appeared that new legislation was going to be passed by the Congress.

Mr. TUCK. How about individuals?

Mr. YEAGLEY. We did the same with respect to individuals. We encountered some particularly difficult problems that have posed a real hurdle in some instances that may be resolved—I am not sure yet.

We have made a report to the Attorney General and furnished him some written material and memoranda involving some cases. He has not as yet completed his review apparently. However, he is familiar with them, and this is the present status of the result of that concentrated review.

Mr. TUCK. Do you have any plans for filing any petitions before the Subversive Activities Control Board any time soon?

Mr. YEAGLEY. This is a decision of the Attorney General. The petitions are all filed in the name of the Attorney General, and it will be up to him to advise us what action he thinks we should take.

Mr. TUCK. Do you have no authority in that matter?

Is it entirely in the hands of the Attorney General?

Mr. YEAGLEY. I have no authority to file petitions independently, no. I have authority to advise and consult with him.