

My next exhibit is "H," which is the lengthy—and hastily-drawn reply to the task force. I have already forwarded it to Mr. Tunney's office after I received the final task force report.

Mr. Cleary will cover schedule 5 of the task force report, but since I am a chief target in this matter, please allow me to comment briefly in regard to that exhibit.

Only two of the seven estates in which I am a fiduciary are listed in schedule 5 and in these estates, schedule 5 sets out that records were not adequate, and that supporting documentation was missing. These are the only two adverse comments in regards to the estates of Joe and Frances Patencio. Yet, the audit reports do not cover the period of my stewardship. The fact is that in auditing three of my estates, wherein I had filed accountings, therefore, the task force had a comparison for it, but the task force could find nothing and since they had nothing derogatory to present, they omitted my three estates which had been audited and which gave me a clean bill of health.

Since they found that I had all of my canceled checks and vouchers, and had actually kept journals on all of my estates, and everything was in proper order, they abandoned the witch hunt in regards to me and they have not audited the rest of my estates. There are four more. Many of my conservators, for whom I am the attorney, find themselves listed in schedule 5, by inference, although there were no adverse findings in their audits. The task force deliberately chose the audit reports of those estates wherein there were one or more deceased fiduciaries, or fiduciaries who had already resigned, and for whom there were little or no records available.

On October 25, 1967, I mailed a lengthy and heavily documented letter to the Secretary of the Interior covering many of the areas covered by myself and Mr. Cleary. I sent this letter through Mr. Tunney's office and requested that he cause a copy to be made and send the same on to your committee. At that time, the Interior Department was put on full notice of how corruptly the so-called investigation was being conducted. On February 7, 1968, I directed another letter through Mr. Tunney's office to the Secretary of the Interior, bringing the Interior Department up to date on more recent findings by myself in regards to this little witch hunt. The letters were heated, angry, and indignant, and I admit it. However, the factual content was correct and the Interior Department was clearly informed as to the gross irregularities which were occurring in regards to the so-called investigation. Since the Interior Department has been fully informed twice by myself as to what was occurring, I feel their actions to date are completely inexcusable.

Mr. Cleary will make reference to the successful leases I have drawn, and also the unsuccessful leases. I have nearly \$8 million in leases drawn by me which is still in effect and working, and the leases which have been terminated and which were drawn by me, come up to almost \$12 million. Through no fault of mine did they go under, so that added to that is a vast list of leases I have drawn, leases which would result in income to my Indian clients of \$20 million tax-free and I'm proud of it.

I'm proud of the fact that the conservators and the guardians were able to conduct in 1 month a complete survey of all the court files