

Romney requested at that time that the Department furnish the committee with copies of the implementing instructions which the departments and DSA are requested to supply DOD. I, at that time, said I wanted to reiterate the interest that Congress had in this program and the dismay we would feel if anything were done to affect it adversely, and I thought that this would be felt in the Congress and throughout the country. And I said that we were going to follow it closely and would appreciate your keeping us informed as to any developments that may take place.

So it is with a great deal of concern that we find that all these decisions have been taken and communications have been had without any reference to us.

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Chairman, I was not aware that we were not keeping your staff advised of our activities. It was my understanding that we had furnished the implementing instructions to you for your staff's review.

With respect to the most recent action where we have requested an exemption of two of the aircraft classes, I do not know whether you were advised of that or not.

Mr. MONAGAN. No, we were not.

Mr. RILEY. I will be happy to leave with your staff the correspondence that took place in connection with that.

Mr. MONAGAN. Well, I don't mean to suggest that we have any prior opinion as to any particular transaction or even as to a policy change. We might very well approve of the changes. In fact, I think from the information we have that in many ways, what has been done has been proper and has shown an attempt to adjust to the realities of the situation. At the same time, we do want to have this information furnished as we go along.

Mr. RILEY. Well, I personally had some discussions with members of your staff and the principal member of my staff, Col. Lester David, is always available at any time, and I think he and Mr. Romney have had several conversations.

Mr. MONAGAN. Well, there is no question that when a meeting has been held we have got the information, but what I want to emphasize is that there is an obligation on your part to keep us informed.

Mr. RILEY. Yes, sir.

Mr. MONAGAN. And to take the initiative to give us this information as we go along.

Mr. RILEY. I would like to assure you that I am sensitive to that commitment, and will follow up on it.

Mr. MONAGAN. It is in this failure and other aspects to follow along that we want to point up by this hearing today.

Mr. St Germain, would you like to ask any questions.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. No questions.

Mr. MONAGAN. Thank you very much, Mr. Riley.

Mr. RILEY. Thank you.

Mr. MONAGAN. Colonel David, we would like to have you stay here, sir.

Would you take the chair, please.

Colonel DAVID. Yes, sir.

Mr. MONAGAN. Would you identify yourself for the record, please.

Colonel DAVID. My name is Col. Lester T. David, Air Force. I am