

Mr. TUTTLE. No, sir; it would not.

Mr. MONAGAN. Thank you very much, gentlemen.

Mr. GRIFFIN. Thank you very much.

Mr. MONAGAN. I would like to ask you to stay for a minute, Mr. Griffin, if you will.

Mr. Griffin, Mr. Romney asks if you could supply us with information about the special waivers granted in the future.

Mr. GRIFFIN. Oh, yes; I would be happy to. We have already furnished a copy of all of the cases in the past. We will be happy to furnish the future cases, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Elson and Mr. Lawrence, would you step up, please.

Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. Elson, I can address my questions to you and Mr. Lawrence can answer or you can answer, either way.

I would first like to ask when the information first came to the attention of your office that a special exemption had been granted with respect to airframe structural components and aircraft parts.

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Mr. ELSON. I believe Mr. Lawrence can answer that best.

Mr. LAWRENCE. We became aware of this, Mr. Romney, on or about June 4 at a session in our office with some representatives of the Department of Army. We had received the Air Force CMAL letter (68-21) which indicated that there were exceptions granted with regard to FSC groups 15 and 16.

Mr. ROMNEY. Where was the discussion held?

Mr. LAWRENCE. In my office in HEW.

Mr. ROMNEY. And what action did you take after you had noted this?

Mr. LAWRENCE. We subsequently received the Department of Army's implementation. Along with it was the interchange of correspondence, and then we took this up with Mr. Elson, and we did discuss it with our counterparts in GSA.

Mr. ROMNEY. And when did you discuss it with your counterparts in GSA?

Mr. LAWRENCE. June 13.

Mr. ROMNEY. Who were the people in GSA that you discussed this with?

Mr. LAWRENCE. Mr. Flynn and Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. ROMNEY. And what knowledge did they have on this change?

Mr. LAWRENCE. I was assured by Mr. Flynn that he was not aware of this exception. Mr. Donaldson indicated that he was aware of it.

Mr. ROMNEY. Did he state how he had become aware of it?

Mr. LAWRENCE. No, he did not.

Mr. ROMNEY. Did he have any of the documents?

Mr. LAWRENCE. He did have the Air Force CMAL letter. He had just received it that day.

Mr. ROMNEY. That was on June 13?