

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS

BETWEEN: Mr. Joseph Reeve
Bureau of the Budget

and

Walter P. North
Associate General Counsel

April 18 and 19, 1963

RE: Legislative Proposals

At about 11:45a.m. on April 18, 1963 I had a telephone call from Mr. Reeve in which he inquired both about the Frear-Fulbright legislative proposal which is the only portion of our legislative program which has not yet been sent to the Bureau of the Budget in draft form and about any commitments which we might have made to any of the committees of Congress as to when we would have our legislation in their hands. Mr. Reeve said that the Department of Justice had indicated that they had run into some "tough problems" in relation to some of our proposed legislation and were going to need more time in which to comment to the Bureau of the Budget than was originally expected. Mr. Reeve indicated that he did not see how it would be possible to meet a May 1 deadline for submission to Congress which is the date he had heard mentioned earlier as perhaps constituting our deadline.

I told Mr. Reeve that as to the Frear-Fulbright proposal we were at that moment putting together a redraft which I thought was near enough to what we would ultimately propose so that I expected to have Commission authority to transmit it to the Bureau of the Budget before the day was out (it actually left here by special messenger at 5:00 p.m. that same day).

As to any deadline commitments I told Mr. Reeve that I would have to inquire into the matter and call him back later. The following morning April 19, 1963 shortly after 9:00 a.m. I did call Mr. Reeve back and told him that he was correct in his assumption that we were aiming toward May 1 not because we had made any firm commitments in that regard but because we had been told by persons on the Hill that if we expected to get results at the present session of Congress we would have to have our legislation in the hands of Congress by about that date. I told Mr. Reeve that we would certainly appreciate anything the Bureau of the Budget could do to speed up the clearance of our program so that we can put draft bills in the hands of both Houses of Congress.