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Memo For The Secretary of Defense

Don:

Senator Proxmire has invited you to appear before his Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in Government or the Joint Economic Committee on the 8th of June. The inquiry will focus on mission requirements and their relation to the Soviet military threat and to procurement decisions.

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Based upon the fact that you have amply covered the subject in previous testimony, and that you will be preparing for your Brussels trip I recommend that you sign the attached letter declining to appear.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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Honorable William Proxmire
Chairman
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Economy in Government
Joint Economic Committee
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20510

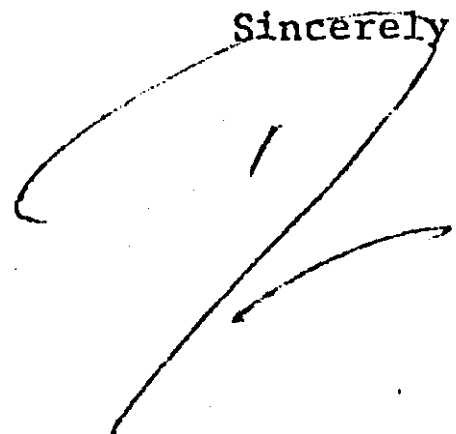
Dear Bill:

I received your invitation of May 20 to appear before the Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in Government of the Joint Economic Committee.

As I considered **the subjects** which you proposed to cover, it became clear that all of the information your Committee seeks has been presented by me and other DoD witnesses, in even greater detail than is expressed in your May 20 letter, to the Senate and House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, and, to a lesser extent, to the Senate and House Budget Committees, during the FY 1977 President's Budget Hearings. In addition, the FY 1977 Annual Defense Department **Report** to the Congress and the Chairman., JCS' FY 1977 report on the United States Military Posture provide extensive DoD positions on many of the subjects in your letter. I believe the published Committee hearings would also include, in great **detail**, information which would be very useful to your Subcommittee.

Because I will be leaving on June 8 for NATO Defense Planning Committee and Nuclear Planning Group meetings in Brussels, I will be unable to testify as you have requested. In any case., as noted above, the information requested is readily available. If there are areas which are unique in their application to your Subcommittee, or which have not already been presented to the Congress, I would greatly appreciate your staff contacting mine so that we might focus upon those critical aspects in which you are interested.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
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Dear Don:

This is to invite you to testify before the Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in Government of the Joint Economic Committee, **June 8, 1976 at 11:00 a.m.** I would also like the Chairman or another spokesman for the Joint Chiefs of Staff to appear with you.

As you know, the Subcommittee has conducted extensive **inquiries into** the economic issues in defense spending over a period of many years. You took part in some of our inquiries when you were a member of the Joint Economic Committee.

The present inquiry will focus on mission requirements and their relation to the Soviet military threat and to procurement decisions. I think you will agree that the way mission requirements are defined has the most far-reaching influence on decisions about new weapons systems.

I would like you to discuss generally the procedures followed for defining and changing mission requirements, the roles of your office, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the individual services, the relationship of potential military threats to the missions, and how procurement decisions are coordinated with the missions.

It would be helpful if you could illustrate your remarks with specific examples. The Subcommittee is particularly interested in the missions assigned to military airlift, navy sea control, field army air defense, fleet air defense and **anti-armor**.

It would aid the Committee if we could have 100 copies of your statement by noon Monday, June 7, 1976. Please send them to Mr. Michael Runde, Joint Economic Committee, Room G-133

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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
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Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. If you have any questions about the hearing please contact Mr. Richard Kaufman (224-0377).

Sincerely,



William Proxmire
Chairman, Subcommittee on Priorities
and Economy in Government



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

25 May 1976

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Memo For Admiral Carr

Ken -

- Attached is the letter I hope we were talking about with respect to possible hearings.

- We're working on a JCS-General Elder and OSD-Mr. McClary as witnesses.

-- Not sure it will work, but that's the way we're looking.

-- Problem is that no one is here in SecDef's office to check it out.

Ed
E. A. Chavarrie

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