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Dear Mr. Fahy:

This is the Evans situation --

Your waiver allows him to be put on the payroll. It does not make classified material accessible to him. He will be cleared for "security" only after a full field examination. Such an examination, even when "expedited," requires at least two months. The upshot is that Evans's usefulness will be somewhat curtailed.

Several courses suggested themselves --

1. Get a White House order that the Committee's staff members are to have full access to classified material required for their task, regardless of the usual security regulations.

2. Have Colonel Barton overlook any technical breach of regulations on the grounds that this is a staff of a White House committee.

3. Cancel Evans's appointment on the grounds that clearance would come through too late for him to be useful to the Committee, and appoint another staff member who could be cleared quickly.

4. Keep Evans but assign him work not involving classified documents.

The first course would require the President to ignore his own order on security.

The second course seemed hardly fair to Barton, in charge of security for the Office of Secretary of Defense, because it would almost certainly involve him in falsehood if he were asked whether Evans had been cleared for security.

The third was full of potential grief for obvious reasons.

Consequently the fourth course seems best. James Evans, Forrestal's civilian aide, assures me that he has sufficient material, unclassified and germane to the project, to keep Evans busy until his field investigation is completed. I was at first doubtful, but I am now inclined to agree.

My opinion is, then, that Evans be kept on what the military calls "non-sensitive" material. If this does not meet with your approval, or if you wish to discuss it further, please give me a ring.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Fahy, Chairman,
The President's Committee on Equality of
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