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Dear Millard:

I appreciated your letter of the twenty-fourth, in regard to your recommendation for a Commission to look into the loyalty situation. I have it under consideration and will talk to you further about it at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

Honorable Millard E. Tydings
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.
United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

July 24, 1950

The Honorable Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

The majority of the Senate Subcommittee recommended the appointment of a commission to study the loyalty program of our Government. Our report recommended that any commission so appointed should examine into the adequacy of the courts or the boards charged with the screening processes. It did not provide that the employees themselves would come before such a commission to see whether they were loyal or not. In our recommendation you were to appoint all 12 of the members; however, four each were to be nominated to you by the Vice President and by the Speaker.

Numerous bills are now being introduced touching on this matter.

It might be well for us to be forehanded in setting up such a commission in order to forestall some bill that might come before the Congress amended so as to make it an inquisition rather than a constructive matter. I pass this thought along to you for such action as you deem proper.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

Mellon E.

[Signature]