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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF A.R.R. PAYMENTS TO DEPENDENTS AND BENEFICIARIES**

### Committee

14. On 19 July I was called by Mr. James Farnsworth of the General Counsel's Office. He said a letter from the Department of Revenue (Minority Whip of House Ways and Means Committee) to Mr. Elmer Shultz had requested information as to what was the tax status of 100 percent receiving payments through the AFL-CIO complex. He wanted to know specifically what their liability was to the Internal Revenue Service and what steps, if any, had been taken by this Agency to insure compliance with federal tax laws.

2. Mr. Betherhart requested my presence at a meeting held at 2:30 P.M. in Room 226 East Building to determine the tax status of the payments made to the Indians in the tribal council.

3. Present at the meeting were the following persons:

James E. GREGORY, Office of General Counsel

George C. RY, Assistant Legislative Counsel

Joe SIEFF, Assistant Legislative Counsel

**03** Marvin JENNINGS, Director, Office of the U.S. Asst. Atty. Gen.,

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5. I told the members of the AMIRIS committee at a meeting held in January 1961 attended by [ ] (Chair, Secret Tax Branch), [ ] (Chair, Regan) (General Counsel, Office) and [ ] (Chief, Support, JMWAVE) it was decided that payments made to designated dependents of trainees were not salary payments but were subsistence payments not taxable. At this meeting, Mr. [ ] stated that any salaries paid to council members of AMIRIS would be the personal responsibility of the individual receiving the salary and that reporting to Internal Revenue would be in accordance with existing laws. He also stated there was no policing to be made by this Agency. (b) No withholdings for taxes were made by AMIRIS. (c) AMIRIS has no official or corporate status in the U.S. (d) Subsistence payments represented living allowances to dependents of foreign nationals who were training for the project primarily outside of the U.S. (e) There was no evidence of official notice to AMIRIS of any tax liability.

6. After a general discussion as to how Representative Kersten would be briefed to his satisfaction, the meeting was adjourned.

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