

and then, if you have further time, we can take up the other matters. I have all the time you want; I am give you information, and the second, to give you opinions. I would very much prefer to-day to give the former. However, I am not averse to giving opinions, but I think that my opinions, in a body of this type, may not be as valuable as they may in some other quarters.

I am going to ask you to reserve, for the purposes of this Committee, anything that I may say, and not to quote me in connection with it. I think these are fair conditions under the circumstances. It is not merely suggesting that I don't want to be as helpful as I can be. I do want to be helpful. It is simply that, as an official of the Government, I am not empowered to speak for the Government.

THE PRINCIPAL: We are appreciative of that situation, Dr. Percival, and I can give you every assurance that what you say here will be treated in confidence. We are not unmindful of the dual position in which you find yourself, and, I repeat, we are very grateful to you for taking this trouble to come and advise us.

DR. PERCIVAL: You have asked me to go through these recommendations. I think perhaps it would be better if I suggest a modus operandi-- if you will interrogate me concerning any points on which you are particularly interested. It is not worthwhile saying something about things which are not of direct interest. The vital subjects would perhaps be the best to deal with,