

Mr. NUGENT: I am a little surprised, Mr. Chairman, that although there has been difficulty in locating Air Marshal Curtis or General Simonds, nothing has been done to see if Air Chief Marshal Miller and Vice Admiral Dyer were available. I am sure that at least those four names were suggested as the minimum number of witnesses we thought we would call, and I hope that the Chair has asked the Clerk to see if they are available.

The CHAIRMAN: No, I have not.

Mr. NUGENT: This would be another possibility for tomorrow, because I am sure that either one of those gentlemen would be perfectly suitable for tomorrow.

The CHAIRMAN: Let me clear up that point. The only names that were given to the Chair to look into this morning were the names of General Simonds and Air Marshal Curtis. While other names have been suggested by individuals, I am in the hands of the Committee and guided by the consensus of the Committee as to what names we will approach. I am sure if I were to take the names given to me by individuals as they come to mind, I would have a very long list; that has been the history of this Committee and one of its difficulties in making progress.

Mr. FORRESTALL: Partly on a point of order, it was my understanding when General Allard was before us—not that I particularly want to inconvenience the General again, necessarily—but we did find ourselves left in a very embarrassing position a week ago Thursday night with regard to evidence given by Commodore Porter, which was not in any way open to any member of the committee, other than one member, to ask questions, and I had certainly hoped that there was going to be some interval where we could get back at this. To my mind it is very basically important that evidence like this, or the atmosphere which surrounds evidence left hanging in the air like that, is cleared up. Frankly, I would like to know whether we are going to have an opportunity to talk further with either Commodore Porter or the Commander of Maritime Command.

The CHAIRMAN: I will ask the Clerk of the Committee to make sure he has notes on the recommendations for other witnesses that ought to be called and that have been brought up at this time.

Mr. FORRESTALL: Where will this be decided, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: The committee, I hope, will instruct the Chair before it leaves here tonight as to how it wants this decided. I would like to suggest that the Steering Committee could possibly meet this evening, once we have finished this, and have a chat on it and see whether we can make some progress.

I recognize Mr. Winch and then Mr. Nugent.

Mr. WINCH: I had asked previously this morning about Air Chief Marshal Miller, but unfortunately I cannot personally proceed on that because of a commitment which I cannot escape on the Penitentiaries Committee, and I will be unable to be here for the next three days. So, I do not feel that I can forward that in view of the fact that I, most regretfully, cannot be here for the next three days on this Committee.

Mr. NUGENT: This was not just my personal suggestion, Mr. Chairman. These two names have cropped up most frequently as being in key positions at the most appropriate times, and therefore have been alluded to as the best