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The Special Committee on Defence of Canada Regulations met this day at 11 o'clock a.m. The Chairman, Hon. J.E. Michaud, presided.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, are you ready to proceed now? Gentlemen, I understand that you are here for the purpose of enlightening us on certain matters of national importance, and we have elected to hear you.

MR. BLACKWELL: We are representing the committee of the Civil Liberties Union of Toronto. I want to express regret to the committee that Mr. D.L. McCarthy whom we had hoped would appear to express our submissions had to go to Cuba for the International Bar Association. He is the treasurer of the Law Society of upper Canada. We particularly wanted him here. We also had been hopeful that Mr. J.M. MacDonald would be here this morning, but he was unable to leave Montreal. We had hoped also that Mr. B.K. Sandwell would be able to be here, but he was unable to be present. In order to save the time of the committee we have arranged that Mr. Brewin will make certain statements on behalf of our committee with reference to regulation No.15, part of 21, 22, 39(a) and 39(b). As far as our committee is concerned he will deal completely with these sections, and Mr. Clifford Sifton will deal with 21(c). If that meets with your convenience I would ask Mr. Brewin to proceed with the material with respect to which he is to make a statement.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before you proceed may I ask if by chance you have a brief already made up about what you want to tell