

Mr. CHURCHILL: The portion that was out in June, 1966, was one of the most vital parts of the evidence that you had expected to give to the Committee. Is that correct?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Yes.

Mr. CHURCHILL: Has there been any attempt to intimidate you with regard to any evidence that you might, give to this Committee? I know you would not respond to intimidation, but has that happened at all?

Mr. LANDYMORE: No, sir.

Mr. CHURCHILL: I think you mentioned in the earlier brief you submitted to us that there was some suggestion that you would be subject to a court martial. A very mysterious figure who appears from time to time in press reports called a "spokesman for the Minister" is alleged to have made this threat. We had a spokesman for the Minister unmasked by Scott Young. I wonder if that is the same spokesman that you mention in your brief?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I think I named him in my brief.

Mr. CHURCHILL: No, you called him a "Minister's spokesman".

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Yes, that is so. I thought you were referring to something else.

Mr. CHURCHILL: And was there a threat of court martial at that time?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: Not in any correspondence or contact with me; such a statement I read in the press.

Mr. CHURCHILL: I think I read it in the press too, and it was attributed to this mysterious spokesman of the Minister. Well we will get something that is not hearsay then, if the Committee wants it. With regard to civilian control and the great scaring of the public that the Minister attempted last summer, about July 16, I will read from the *Winnipeg Tribune* of that date, which quotes Mr. Hellyer directly. The article reads:

Mr. Hellyer said the law said the Minister and the government were responsible for the running of the armed forces. . .

And then the next words are a direct quote of the Minister:

. . . This is the law, and this is the way it will work. . . for a change. . .

That is the end of his direct quotation. The article then goes on:

He said in the past the military people have run things.

And then the direct words of the Minister:

"This is strictly an issue of civilian control."

I would like to ask this question of you, Admiral: In your long, distinguished service under I do not know how many ministers of the Crown, has it been your opinion over the years that the military people were running things in this country and not the civilian authority?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: No, never.

Mr. CHURCHILL: It never came to your attention?

Rear Admiral LANDYMORE: I do not say it never came to my attention. I just said that the military at no time attempted to run this country in any way, shape or form, that I know of.