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The Associate Committee on Wildlife Research was formed in 1948 to provide the National Research Council with an informed body of opinion on matters in the wildlife field, and to aid Council in stimulating research in this field by recommending the best allocation of grants for this purpose.

The WITNESS: All I wanted to say was that I think that it is quite important with these committees that one does not try to line up a committee unless there is a clear job for it to do. We have had a lot of these committees when the necessity arose. A very good example is the petroleum committee which is now dead.

In Canada one oil company is doing research. The other oil companies are dependent upon research done by their associates; so under those circumstances there is no particular research co-ordination needed. During the war the question of petroleum specifications became very important because each of the various services was specifying different brands of grease, for example, and this cluttered everything up. So a committee was set up for industry and the armed forces to get together in order to establish petroleum specifications, and I think their work was very successful. At the end of the war it tottered on for a year or two, and then it became obvious that as a result of war-time experience the services no longer needed it, so it was disbanded at its own request.

I might say one further thing; that these committees are operated in such a way that they may have funds at their disposal. Some committees have no