

Mr. SIM: I am told the treasury board have some kind of scale for living allowances that is based on the salary of the official. The more salary he gets, I think the higher is his living allowance. I think there is a presumption that, the higher the salary, the more is expected of him. But this can be tabled, if you like.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you like this tabled, Mr. Hales?

Mr. HALES: I do not wish to take time on it.

Mr. SIM: I can assure the committee that there is no money wasted in this \$30,000.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you like this tabled?

Mr. HALE: Yes, I think I would.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, are there any further questions on page 352?

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): In respect to the appraiser at Prague, what grade is he?

Mr. SIM: Excuse me; could I revert to Mr. Hales' remark? I do not want to undertake to table a treasury board document. I am not sure if it is a public document or not. I think it is. But with that caveat it will be tabled, if it is a public document.

Mr. HALES: I would be satisfied if you would take one particular case.

Mr. SIM: I will be glad to do that.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): What grade would the appraiser be at Prague?

Mr. SIM: He is a grade 2 appraiser.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): What freedom of movement does he have? To what extent does he travel to other centres in that part of the world?

Mr. SIM: I have indicated that, in a general way, he has a roving commission behind the iron curtain, if I might use that phrase just to identify the countries that would be in your mind. As occasion demands, we have him in Poland, but mainly in Czechoslovakia.

I cannot speak with too much assurance about the freedom of movement he enjoys, however. I would imagine he is fairly restricted as to his movements, as are most foreigners, I think, in those countries. But he does get around to the places to which he is supposed to go to look for information, as evidenced in his periodic reports to the department.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): Does he travel only in the countries you have mentioned, or does he go to the U.S.S.R., Rumania and Bulgaria?

Mr. SIM: We are not doing much with the U.S.S.R. at the moment, and we have not had occasion to ask Russia to let us send somebody there.

Actually, this is something we had to insist upon, because we wanted to be sure that we had someone in a position there, if questions were asked—as they are asked periodically—who was able to go right to the departments concerned, talk to senior people there and get direct answers to our inquiries.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, this is page 352. If you are through with it, we will carry it and leave the general item open so that you may return to any other item.

Mr. MORRIS: Mr. Chairman, I do not ask that this be tabled, but I would just like to ask what ships reporting officers do report.

Mr. SIM: I would like to suggest that this is a naval matter and I do not know whether the navy would permit us to give a list of reporting officers. It would be a security matter. However, I would be very glad to make inquiries and see if we could give information in this regard.

The CHAIRMAN: We will put it on this basis, that if it is not restricted, then the information will be provided.