In making these appointments the Government has given no consideration to previous political affiliation. It has made them purely on the basis that the appointee is the most capable one to fill the position to which he has been appointed.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to indicate the previous political affiliation of the particular appointee. Certainly it cannot be suggested that the appointment is of a political nature. It is based solely and entirely upon the fact that the particular appointee has the necessary qualities to deal with the particular matter in which either he or his committee may be engaged.

The Government has in mind that the most efficient appointment should go to one whose experience and qualities indicate that he would be best fitted to perform the particular work which is entrusted to him.

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