

judgment reasonable with respect to the particular search and then make the motion. The motion is in order. There is no question about that; but I do not think any member of the committee wants to try to effect a search into thousands of files in which there might be such letters and, possibly, might not be.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Possibly the simplest way would be if I were to ask Dr. Frigon, did he ever get any letters from ministers?

Dr. FRIGON: I cannot recall any letter of unusual significance.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Oh, I am just asking for the minister in charge of the department; did he receive any letters from ministers of the Crown?

Dr. FRIGON: Yes, we did.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Those are what I want.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you start it like this, Mr. Diefenbaker . . .

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Mr. Chairman, possibly if I asked Mr. Dunton a question: Have you received any, Mr. Dunton?

Mr. DUNTON: Oh yes, I have.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Within your time, you have no difficulty in recollecting; is it usual, or unusual to receive them?

Mr. DUNTON: We get them very seldom.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: How many would you have received since you have occupied your present position?

Mr. DUNTON: I cannot say; I can remember some.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Would there be a dozen?

Mr. DUNTON: I do not know. I can think offhand of half a dozen fairly recently about radio business.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Those are what I want.

Mr. DUNTON: To be sure to give a complete answer we would have to search in every file that I have dealt with in the last year.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: You might start with those which you remember.

The CHAIRMAN: That is what I was going to suggest. Now, will you leave it this way: that all letters that these gentlemen know of or can think of will be produced by them?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: That will suffice for the moment at any rate.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: That would be a start. I still want my motion put.

The CHAIRMAN: Pardon?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I still want my motion in general terms put.

The CHAIRMAN: Of course, if you put your motion then you have no right after that to say, "Now I will be satisfied with something different," because that becomes a committee order.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: That is right, I would like to have it put.

The CHAIRMAN: Why not just talk it over for the time being, reserving the making of the motion until later. I think we are all agreed that we are going to avoid as much unnecessary work as possible.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Now, Mr. Chairman, this is very necessary; if there has been any correspondence with ministers, or letters from ministers.

The CHAIRMAN: I want you to understand clearly what I mean, and I felt that you yourself would think a search of thousands of files was unnecessary work; yet, if your motion is put, in the form in which it is, that is what it will amount to. I am just suggesting this as a starting point, do you see. Why not talk it over for a moment without prejudice to making the motion later; they will