

EVIDENCE

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The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: Gentlemen, I see a quorum.

I think we can start our deliberations. Last week—I do not remember precisely the name of the member—a member of this Committee raised the question of why when we are sitting in camera that we could not keep our counsel with us. I have tried to get information on that point, and there is nothing to prevent our counsel staying with us while we deliberate in camera.

I think references to the Rand Report as prepared by our counsel have been circulated. At the time of the adjournment last Thursday, some hon. members were asking questions of our counsel. I must, with my Co-Chairman, at present advise hon. members that the main purpose of the summary of the Rand Report was to draw hon. members attention to some parts of the report, and for that purpose only.

I would like to remind hon. members as well, even though I know very well our counsel will surely avoid it, to try to avoid asking questions in such a way that would seek his personal opinion. We may seek his opinion in certain matters but the conclusions which we reach, are to be our own. That is our personal duty, not the personal duty of our counsel.

I will ask members, if they have any other questions to ask our counsel, to signify their intentions?

Mr. Justice Landreville: May I advise you of my decision, Mr. Chairman?

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: Of your decision, yes.

Mr. Landreville: I have made a decision since I last attended this meeting. May I speak on that very briefly?

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: Is it agreed?

Senator Fournier (de Lanaudière): If he has some remarks to make to the Committee, I am prepared to listen to the gentleman.

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Landreville: I wish to disclose that at your convenience, and the convenience of this

Committee, and subject to the objections already noted on the record, I will tender, under oath, my evidence, subject myself to the cross-examination of counsel and any member of this Committee, and call witness and produce documents to this Committee.

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: We have, Mr. Justice Landreville, taken due notice, and I really think, without even consulting the members, it has already been agreed. We have asked many times if you had any witnesses, or if you wanted to appear yourself, that you would be allowed to testify before us. To continue in order, I think it would be appropriate now to ask members if they have any other questions to ask of our counsel with regard to brief analysis made of the Rand Report.

I take it that there are no other questions by members. I will ask Mr. Justice Landreville who the witnesses are that he wants to call before us? Do you have a list of those witnesses?

Mr. Landreville: Mr. Chairman, yes, I have a file—a list of witnesses—but at this time much of it will hinge on the nature of the cross-examination and those points which, to the members of the Committee, appear necessary to be clarified. First, Mr. Chairman, following your suggestion, I wish to tender myself as a witness.

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: Would you be ready to—

Mr. McCleave: I wonder if the judge could give a list of all the people whom he might wish to have called as witnesses. Perhaps some of them will be found to be unnecessary, and he would not be bound to bring in all these people.

The Joint Chairman Mr. Laflamme: This, Mr. McCleave, is what I wish to point out at this time. Standing Order 69, paragraph 1, reads as follows:

No witness shall be summoned to attend before any committee of the House unless a certificate shall first have been filed with the chairman of such committee, by some member thereof, stating that the evidence to be obtained from such witness is, in his opinion, material and important.