

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: No, any ministers of the Crown. You see, that does away with the difficulty of searching one type of file. That would be different; it would not be so difficult.

Mr. DUNTON: I would like to suggest that we are quite prepared to do it if the committee so orders, but I do not think it could be done without searching every file. You might find a letter on any file on any subject.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I suggest, Mr. Dunton, with all respect, that there should be someone there who could make a search. I hear that explanation given the House so often, about the difficulties. This is one matter in which there should be no difficulty.

The CHAIRMAN: If a letter were written in 1938, Mr. Diefenbaker, upon some subject and it went into that file and that file has long since been filed away, they could not say there were no letters on it.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Well then, Mr. Chairman, I will restrict it some more and they can take the letters from Dr. Frigon or the chairman of the C.B.C. Letters of that type would not be in unused files.

Mr. DUNTON: Excuse me there, Mr. Chairman, that would include before my time.

Mr. COLDWELL: I was going to say, "or to Mr. Murray."

The CHAIRMAN: That would be filed in the file relating to the subject, would it not?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Well, Mr. Chairman, there is one letter of which I know that did not find its way into any general file. It was found last year. I just happened to run on that letter.

Mr. DUNTON: May we ask when that was?

The CHAIRMAN: That related to the *Star*, perhaps?

Mr. DUNTON: That was on the general file.

The CHAIRMAN: That is just where it was, you see.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: It was not on a general file, it was on the *Star* file.

Mr. DUNTON: That's what I mean, the subject file. That is an example, Mr. Chairman, of how we would have to search thousands of files, separate files. During the war, for instance, I imagine, I don't know, there must have been a good deal of discussion and correspondence about things relating to the war.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: It is either usual or it is not usual, it is not general. Either Dr. Frigon in his official capacity, or his predecessor, know whether they got letters from ministers, and unless there are so many that it is a general thing they certainly would remember if they had received confidential letters from a minister regarding the operation of the C.B.C. in any particular; because it either would be usual or it would be unusual. Both Mr. Dunton and Dr. Frigon can tell us whether that was the usual thing or not, and I suggest it would not be difficult to find if it is unusual. The very fact that it is unusual would make it easy to locate. I make my motion in that way.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion.

Mr. Ross (*Hamilton East*): If it is going to be done, going back to 1937, I would like to have it go back to 1930.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: There was no C.B.C. in 1930, you would have to go back to the beginning.

Mr. Ross (*Hamilton East*): I don't care; let's have it all if we are going to have any of it.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I think that if you take another look at this you will realize there is a very great deal of work involved. I wonder if it would not be possible for Mr. Diefenbaker and Mr. Ross to confer with the officials first and then bring in a motion covering something which is according to their