

source of information for what was going on in the planning, and where we were at that stage, by so many of the witnesses here that it had been in my mind that it was the general consensus, by the time we had heard this evidence, that these would have been the two most useful witnesses.

When I heard the discussion of General Simonds and Air Marshal Curtis, I assumed that perhaps Air Chief Marshal Miller and Vice Admiral Dyer were not available and I would certainly hope that the Committee is in agreement with me. I do not know them myself, but I got this impression from the evidence we have heard here. I still think from what we have heard they are the two key people we want to hear and I hope they will be given priority in being brought here.

The CHAIRMAN: Anyone else, before we adjourn?

Mr. ANDRAS: Mr. Chairman, we have had some discussions during Committee and we have made excellent progress today. In the interest of seeing whether we could continue this progress, I would certainly subscribe to your suggestion that we try to deal with the last point in a Steering Committee meeting at the very earliest opportunity, tonight or first thing tomorrow morning, and I am certainly willing to do it tonight.

Secondly, tentatively I think it is also a good suggestion to see if there is any way—tomorrow is going to be most difficult under any circumstances to arrange for witnesses because of the inability to contact Air Marshal Curtis and it seems logical, if we could reach agreement here, to start on the Judge Advocate General's explanation of the legal aspects of the bill, subject to what the Steering Committee is able to decide on this other matter this evening.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I think we have had a good round of questions here and unless there is anything further anyone has to say—

Mr. McNULTY: I just wanted to corroborate, with Mr. Andras, that due to the fact Mr. Winch will not be here for another three days, that we do to try to get a Steering Committee meeting in and come to some agreement.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. McNulty, I am going to suggest that the Steering Committee meet tonight; immediately this Committee rises, if that is possible. I think all the members are here and we will meet for the next ten or fifteen minutes to see what progress we can make. I thank you all for assisting in the "spring thaw"; the daffodils are coming up and I look forward to warm weather tomorrow.

The meeting is adjourned.