

Mr. FLEMING: I do not hold with that at all. We are a parliamentary committee, and the CBC is professing to be responsible. Surely it is responsible to parliament.

The WITNESS: Oh, yes.

Mr. FLEMING: Surely nothing should be withheld from a parliamentary committee.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: It has been decided before, not only during the sittings of this committee but also in previous committees—and I know that from reading the proceedings of the committees—that even the minutes of the corporation are not available to the members. They are not available to be filed or anything like that. You question the witnesses on whatever you may want to ask them. They bring the files here and the minutes in order to help themselves in answering your questions, but they have never been filed. There were rulings on that.

Mr. COLDWELL: I should think that letters between the corporation and the newspaper or any department of government should be produced. I am not saying that letters between two employees of the organization—chits that are passed, as we sometimes call them—should be produced, but I think that it is a reasonable request that Mr. Diefenbaker is making.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: As a matter of fact, I do not want to have anything passing as between employees making observations on any decisions made or the basis of decisions. So we will not be arguing it all out, I will move that the file be produced to the committee of communications between the *Toronto Star* and the CBC since the 1st January, 1937.

Mr. COLDWELL: That is fair.

Mr. FLEMING: May I ask, Mr. Diefenbaker, what about communications between the CBC and a department of government in relation to that same matter?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Well, at the moment I am just narrowing it down to this one question so that there can be no dispute about the right of this committee to have it.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: I think, Mr. Diefenbaker, that there is no objection to the request that you are making. I take it from Mr. Dunton's previous answer that someone has already started to put this file together. It is spread between two departments, the Department of Transport and the CBC; and also we were told there might be some material on the files of the commission which they took over when the CBC was created.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Mr. Chairman, I just want to be clear on that, so that we will know what we are going to get. I am not going to reveal any personal conversations at the moment.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Oh, no.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I just want a declaration, I think, that this committee is entitled to that, if we just have the communications that were passed between the *Toronto Star* and the CBC since 1937.

Mr. COLDWELL: That is fair.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And the correspondence passing between them, with a view to ascertaining just what the situation is and how from year to year this plan is renewable, if it is.

Mr. COLDWELL: Would you not go back right to the beginning, if it is possible to get the correspondence?

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: Yes, but they have only certain correspondence here now; so I thought I would just go back as far as the correspondence is available.