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one of the big firms in New York. I don't think that it is any particular impediment. And we thought we would take a look at him and I think we ought to run checks on him as well, but I think the Chief Justice has the feeling that he was a man well within the scope of our general demands for persons who would do the arduous work of this Commission. This doesn't mean that we're recommending him above all others, but we have felt that probably it would be well to take this view in regard to Lee Rankin, as well as perhaps some others, but realizing the importance of getting started we have the thought that we ought to concentrate on him.

Another man that was mentioned, I don't know whether any of you gentlemen know, some of you do, I know, who practices here in Washington, a youngish man, his name is Lloyd Cutler. I don't happen to know him although I know something about his background, as his name was cropping up as a young, forty year old type of lawyer who seems to be very brilliant and who has had a very fine legal education. He was for a while in New York practice but came down here to Washington and is well thought of in the legal areas.

This doesn't, I say, exclude the possibility of your looking at some other people, but we are not, in short, able to present to you this afternoon a definitive, well-documented recommendation for the lawyer because most of our time was spent, between the last meeting and this meeting, in checking up. I doubt if there are any further questions in regard to Mr. Olney. If anybody has any I guess I could give you some of the details that we have gotten in this connection. But I do want to accent what the Chief Justice has said, that there wasn't the slightest suggestion this man was not of the highest character and discretion, there were no other elements in there that we felt wouldn't fit to comport

among all of you. I would like to have another look at Herman

Flayden a little older than the age limit that has been suggested.

CHAIRMAN: Little older than forty, he's seventy-four about.

MR. DULLES: He's about that exactly, but he's a vigorous seventy-four. I just checked on him recently as far as his health was concerned. Cutler I have had very, very well described to me. I don't know him personally. There is a man in the younger bracket named Bill Gaud, who came down with Hamilton and made a great impression here, who is a lawyer. Whether he's available or not I don't know. He's in Government now and is working with the AID.

MR. MC CLOY: He's in the War Department. G-a-u-d. MR. DULLES: He's been highly recommended. I'm very apologetic, Mr. Chairman. I won't do this again. It just happens I have this commitment.

CHAIRMAN: But Allen, you say if they want to go ahead with Rankin --

MR. DULLES: -- I give you my full power of attorney to act.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Allen, sorry we delayed you.

MR. DULLES: If I go out I hope you would allow me to say that I have been dismissed from the Committee.

CHAIRMAN: Yes. Thank you.

SEN. RUSSELL: Have a safe trip.

(At this point, approximately 3:30 PM, Mr. Dulles left the conference room.)

REP. BOGGS: I would like to mention a name for General Counsel, who is one of the most brilliant men I have known. His name is Lawrence Williams. His background, of course, is in the tax field, but from the standpoint of thoroughness he's the most

thorough man I have met in my life in the realm of the complex area of taxes. He is a thoroughly analytical man. He has never had a fear in twenty years.

REP. FORD: I don't know him that intimately but I know him as a fine person.

REP. BOGGS: Another fine man that I know, but because of politics it may not be good, and that is John Lindock's brother, his name is David. He's a New York boy. Now, of course, John is so active in the political arena that I would not think it would be wise for us to consider it. I throw that name out. Mr. Williams has no idea that I'm doing this but he does fit into that category.

MR. MC CLOY: The youngish category?

REP. BOGGS: About forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty.

CHAIRMAN: He's with the Government now, Gaud?

REP. BOGGS: [Gaud] was a Government man, not [Williams] yes.

MR. MC CLOY: Do you know this fellow Lloyd Cutler?

REP. BOGGS: Yes. I think a great deal of him.

MR. MC CLOY: Do you know him, John?

SEN. COOPER: No.

MR. MC CLOY: He's with a fellow named Richard Wilmer and Cutler I think it's called. I know Dick Wilmer very well but I don't know this man. Do you know him, Judge?

CHAIRMAN: No, I don't. Never heard of him.

REP. BOGGS: In the case of each one of these people though you should do a little checking.

MR. MC CLOY: I think this is right and I think everyone knows Lee Rankin. There is no question about that. I wonder. This question occurs to me, Mr. Chief Justice. Do you think we ought to have any contact with the Department of Justice in connection with this choice. The thing that makes me want to get their slant

men know each other very well having worked together in the Department of Justice, do you think he would be all right about that?

MR. MC CLOY: The thing that scared me off more than anything else was the report I got that he was at swordspoint with J. Edgar Hoover, and also that he sort of has a disposition, apparently, which makes it difficult for him to get along with people, and I would not think that we ought to commit ourselves. I don't say we should not do it, I think we ought to see if we can get Rankin, let Rankin have a choice.

SEN. RUSSELL: The Chief Justice is concerned about getting space, getting furniture, and things of that kind. Mr. Chief Justice, if you would just call the General Services Administration and tell them what you want I think it would work itself out. I realize that is putting a burden on the Chief Justice of the United States.

CHAIRMAN: Until we have a counsel who can organize this thing in some way and find out what we need we can't do much.

MR. MC CLOY: I have organized a few departments and if you get them thinking about it, if you can get the Budget people to thinking, or to start thinking about it, they can move a lot faster.

REP. BOGGS: Is there any thought when we may meet again?

CHAIRMAN: Well, that's up to you. Now, if we have a counsel we can meet pretty soon. If we don't maybe we'll have to meet so get a counsel.

SEN. COOPER: I think it should be soon.

MR. MC CLOY: Sunday I leave for London.

REP. BOGGS: When will you be back?