



Your Congressman REPORTS from WASHINGTON

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QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

The questionnaire I sent to you in February has been tabulated and the final results are listed below. Altogether 89,000 questionnaires were sent out and 10,650 were returned. I want to thank all of you who cooperated in this venture and I hope you will continue to make known your views to me on issues of interest to you.

	Yes	No	Undecided
1. Are you in favor of selling wheat to the Soviet Union on credit terms?	13%	82%	5%
2. Do you favor making concessions in Panama?	19%	76%	5%
3. Do you approve of the manner in which the administration is handling the Cuban situation?	16%	71%	13%
4. In general, do you approve of the way the Administration is handling our foreign affairs around the world?	14%	72%	14%
5. Do you feel foreign aid spending should be substantially reduced?	81%	11%	8%
6. Do you favor U.S. recognition of Red China?	11%	78%	11%
7. In your opinion, is the United Nations an effective organization?	39%	41%	20%
8. Do you approve of the way President Johnson and McNamara cancelled the Dynasoar?	22%	62%	16%
9. Do you favor President Johnson's veto of a bill requiring imported Canadian lumber to be labeled as such?	18%	65%	17%
10. Do you approve of the plan to make our low-cost Pacific Northwest power available to California?	35%	39%	26%
11. As a result of the Bobby Baker scandal, do you feel legislation should be passed to prevent "conflict of interest" by Senators as well as their employees?	74%	13%	13%
12. Would you favor a thorough investigation of the U.S. State Department?	66%	21%	13%
13. Do you approve of Federal legislation requiring registration of firearms?	43%	49%	8%
14. Would you favor compulsory medical care for the aged under Social Security with the cost paid for by increased taxes on employees and employers?	29%	59%	12%
15. Do you approve of Federal aid to education at the high school and elementary levels?	32%	59%	9%
16. Would you favor an amendment to the U.S. Constitution which would reverse the Supreme Court Prayer Decision?	55%	32%	13%

THE WARREN COMMISSION, which is investigating the assassination of President Kennedy, employs as its Assistant Counsel, Norman Redlich, a professor at New York University Law School. Mr. Redlich is listed on a July 1963 letterhead of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as a member of that group's Executive Committee.

In the 1959 annual report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the group was described as follows: "The committee finds that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party."

The Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee said of this organization: "To defend the cases of communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised, making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations is the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee."

It seems rather strange that an individual with this background should be investigating the communist assassin of our late President. I have written Chief Justice Warren, asking that this individual be removed from the Commission.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE AGED - All American citizens should receive the medical care they need, regardless of personal financial circumstances. This is a principle to which I heartily subscribe, and one that is well-rooted in our way of life.

If you know of anyone in the 7th Congressional District who is not getting adequate medical care because it cannot be afforded, please let me know. I will see that he or she gets prompt medical attention. Members of the medical profession have assured me of their full cooperation in making this possible.

A number of medical service programs, both public and private, are available to help needy citizens. The most recent in Washington State, and perhaps the least known, is the Kerr-Mills Program, which provides full reimbursement of all medical expenses of those over 65 who are in need.

Unfortunately, many people are not aware of what is available, and perhaps occasionally some will go without needed medical care for lack of information. My referral service is intended to meet this problem.

ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS - I have just had the privilege of appointing three young men to the Air Force Academy and two to the Naval Academy. After receiving nominations, these young men competed with 25 other 7th District nominees in the Academies' respective examinations. The following earned the highest grades in the examinations and have received the Academy appointments:

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Larry F. Hulvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hulvey, 13258-40th Avenue South, Seattle
Richard Orville Rehmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rehmann, 3146 S.W. 172nd, Seattle
Joe Roderick Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Richardson, 3819 S. 185th, Seattle

NAVAL ACADEMY

Steven Edward Poltrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poltrock, 8708 Rainier Avenue S., Seattle
Leo Steven Kuehn, son of Merrill L. Kuehn, 17333-4th S.W., Seattle

SPENDING RECORD - During President Johnson's first three months in office, December through February, the Government spent \$24,300,000 of the taxpayers' money. Government spending under President Kennedy's peak December through February quarter (1962 - 1963) totaled \$22,300,000. During President Eisenhower's peak December through February quarter (1958 - 1959), Federal spending totaled \$20,000,000,000.

MY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - The Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee is currently investigating the Food and Drug Administration's handling of new drugs. Our purpose is to determine the adequacy of the safeguards of this organization to protect the public from unproven and unsafe drugs.

The Government Activities Subcommittee recently determined that \$28 million per year will be saved when a nationwide government communications system, which was recommended by our subcommittee, is put fully into effect.

WEAPONS SYSTEMS CANCELLATIONS - The House of Representatives recently debated the Defense Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 1965. During the debate I attempted to show my colleagues the waste of the taxpayers' dollars resulting from the great number of weapons systems cancellations Secretary McNamara has made in the past three years. The following contains a portion of my remarks at that time:

"During the three years of Mr. McNamara's term in office not one single new major weapons system has been developed and placed into inventory. I wish to suggest that one of the principle reasons why no new weapons systems have been developed and placed into inventory is because of the large number of cancellations of various weapons systems which Mr. McNamara has accomplished....Undoubtedly, many of the cancellations of weapons systems have been necessary because of obsolescence or because of the development of a competing weapons system developed parallel with the one which was canceled. But the cancellations of some systems by Mr. McNamara are highly questionable. Since Mr. McNamara has control of the office, he has canceled approximately \$4,548,000,000 worth of weapons which were in development but before they became operational. This was in a period of three years. In a period of eight years under the Eisenhower Administration approximately \$3,145,000,000 worth of weapons systems were canceled before they became operational."

<u>EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION</u>		<u>McNAMARA</u>	
1953 - \$	38,000,000	1961 -	\$1,125,000,000
1954 -	100,000,000	1962 -	958,000,000
1955 -	33,000,000	1963	<u>2,465,000,000</u>
1956 -	74,000,000		
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	\$3,145,000,000		\$4,548,000,000

CONGRESSIONAL PAY RAISE - A misunderstanding has arisen about my vote on the pay raise. I did not vote for a pay raise for the Members of Congress.

Sincerely yours,

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