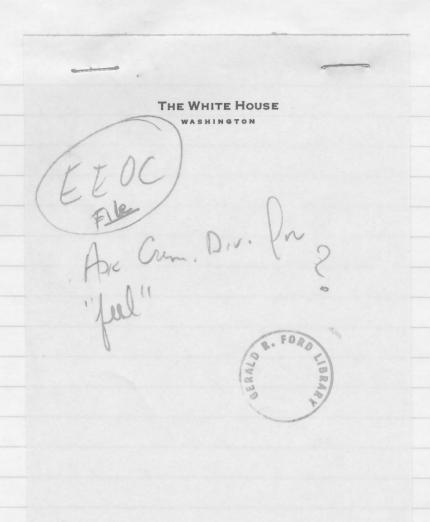
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COMMISSION IN IN A SPIN AND FALLING APART. DRASTIC ACTION MUST BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO REVERSE THIS SITUATION.

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- 6 2. LOSS OF EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL.
- & 3. PORR AND INEFFICIENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING.
- 4. OVER-OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.
- 6. WASTE OF BUDGET FUNDS.
- 6. REFUSAL BY CHAIRMAN TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER COMMISSIONERS
  IN MATTERS OF POLICY AND IN PROVIDING PERTINENT INFORMATION
  TO THE COMMISSIONERS ON FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.
- 7. REFUSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN TO ABIDE BY LEGAL OPINIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL REGARDING SOME POLICY MATTERS.
  - 8. REFUSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN TO ABIDE BY SOME LEGAL DECISIONS

    ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

    (REQUESTED 5/13/74 ISSUED 9/19/74)

- 9. CONTINUOUS AND DELIBERATE HARRASMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF
  THE GENERAL COUNSEL AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.
- 10. ONLY 8% OF 25% ACHIEVEMENT GOAL SET BY THE CHAIRMAN

  ATTAINED DURING FIRST QUARTERS OF PRESENT FISCAL YEAR.

POAR AND EMETERICIENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AMERICAN

11. STRANGE PERSONAL BEHAVIOR OF THE CHAIRMAN.



- 1. HAVE LOST A NUMBER OF TOP EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL. OTHERS
  WANT TO LEAVE AS SOON AS THEY FIND ANOTHER JOB.
- 2. LABOR UNION FILING GRIEVANCES.
- 3. CONTINUOUS BADGERING AND THREATS OF FIRING OF EMPLOYEES BY
  THE CHAIRMAN.
- 4. CHAIRMAN HAS LOST FIVE SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, HAS ONLY ONE LEFT. LOST HIS CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY. HAS PROBLEM FIND REPLACEMENTS.
- 5. UNJUSTLY REPRIMANDING AND EMBARRASING TOP STAFF PERSONNEL
  IN FRONT OF COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER STAFF PERSONNEL,
  AND OUTSIDERS.
- 6. REPORTS FROM PERSONNEL IN SEVERAL DISTRICT OFFICES OF
  IMPROPER QUESTIONING BY A SPECIAL ASSISTANT ON BEHALF OF
  THE CHAIRMAN.
- 7. TRIES TO CONTROL MEMBERS OF STAFF THROUGH CONTINUOUS INTIMIDATION AND THREATS OF FIRING.

#### PERSONNEL PROBLEMS - continued:

- 8. ISSUES ORDERS TO PERSONNEL CONTRARY TO POLICY SET BY COMMISSIONERS.
- 9. TELEPHONE CALLS TO EMPLOYEES' HOMES AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT.
- 10. CALLS TO MEMBERS OF STAFF ON WEEKENDS DIRECTING THEM
  TO REPORT TO HIS OFFICE.
- 11. ON NOVEMBER 12, 1974, THE COMMISSION AS A BODY, WITH A NEGATIVE VOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN, ORDERED THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE MADE OF SERIOUS INTERNAL PERSONNEL PROBLEMS REPORTED WITHIN THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION. REQUIRING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT OF FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN. THE REPORT TO BE ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMISSIONERS.

TO DATE, IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN MADE AND NO REPORT HAS BEEN MADE TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

- 1. HAS AUTHORIZED ON HIS OWN SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN CONTRACTS WITHOUT VOTE OF THE COMMISSIONERS.
  - (a) EEOC GENERAL COUNSEL HAS RENDERED A LEGAL DECISION
    THAT CONTRACTS INVOLVING POLICY MUST BE APPROVED BY
    THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS.
  - (b) THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL ISSUED LEGAL DECISION ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1974 STATING THAT A MAJORITY OF VOTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHES POLICY, AND ALSO DETERMINES WHAT IS POLICY AND WHAT ARE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. ALSO, THAT THE COMMISSION AS A BODY APPROVES CONTRACTS.
- 2. ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974 A RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY,
  INCLUDING THE FAVORABLE VOTE OF THE CHAIRMAN, SETTING UP
  THE NEW ORGANIZATIONAL TOP STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION.
  ON NOVEMBER 25, 1974, THE CHAIRMAN ON HIS OWN ISSUED ORDERS



# REFUSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN TO ADHERE TO SOME OF THE COMMISSION'S POLICIES - CONTINUED:

TO THE STAFF TO DISREGARD RESOLUTION APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 11,

1974 AND TO OPERATE UNDER AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

REJECTED BY THE COMMISSION AS A BODY AND CONTRARY TO

RECOMMENDATION BY CONSULTANTS BOOZ-ALLEN AND HAMILTON.

THE ORGANIZATIONAL TOP STRUCTURE, WAS APPROVED BY THE

COMMISSION AS A BODY, WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED BY BOOZ-ALLEN

& HAMILTON CONSULTANTS. THIS FIRM IS BEING PAID OVER

\$100,000 FOR A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADMINISTRATIVE

PROCEDURES.

- 3. SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR BUDGET SUPPLEMENT TO OMB WITHOUT CONSULTING OR APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION AS A BODY.
- 4. COMMISSION AS A BODY HAS NEVER BEEN CONSULTED ON ALLOTMENT
  OF PERSONNEL POSITIONS OR ON THE APPOINTMENT OF DISCHARGE
  OF HEADS OF MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.
- 5. COMMISSIONERS NOT CONSULTED ON SELECTION OR APPROVAL OF

# REFUSAL BY THE CHAIRMAN TO ADHERE TO SOME OF THE COMMISSION'S POLICIES - continued:

- MOTORS AND GENERAL ELECTRIC. Characteristics.
- PROCESSING OF CHARGES WITHOUT CONSULTING THE COMMISSIONERS

  AS A BODY. THEN RELUCTANTLY PRESENTED THE AGREEMENT TO THE

  COMMISSIONERS WHICH WAS VOTED DOWN 3 TO 1 (CHAIRMAN VOTED

  NO) BECAUSE OF MANY OBVIOUS DEFICIENCIES. ADVISED AFL-CIO

  HE WAS IN FAVOR BUT THREE OTHER COMMISSIONERS WERE IN

  OPPOSITION TO HIM.



#### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

THIS OFFICE IS IN COMPLETE DISARRAY. UNABLE TO PERFORM PROPERLY

AND FAILURE TO ISSUE FINANCIAL REPORTS ON TIME AND REPORTS

ISSUED TO OMB ARE INCORRECT. ALSO, MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS

REPORTS ISSUED FOR THE USE OF THE COMMISSION ARE DEFICIENT AND

CONTAIN MANY ERRORS.

- 1. IMPOSSIBLE TO APPROVE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS
  SINCE THE TRUE AND CORRECT STATUS OF FINANCES IS NOT KNOWN.
- 2. FOR EXAMPLE: AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1974, THE FINANCIAL
  REPORT COMPILED INDICATED TOTAL OBLIGATIONS OF \$435 MILLION
  DOLLARS AS AGAINST A BUDGET OF \$53 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS
  REPORT WAS REVISED DOWN TO A SUM OF \$13 MILLION DOLLAR
  OBLIGATIONS, BUT STILL IS INACCURATE AND SHOWED AS ONE
  EXAMPLE, A HEALTH BENEFITS ITEM OF \$1,350,000 WHICH IS
  COMPLETELY OUT OF LINE.

ALSO, THE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER SHOWED TOTAL OBLIGATIONS ON



### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION -- continued:

PER DIEM TO BE \$252,671.00; HOWEVER A MONTH LATER THE OCTOBER REPORT SHOWED TOTAL OBLIGATIONS ON PER DIEM OF \$5,343,000.

AN INCREASE OF OVER \$5 MILLION DOLLARS IN ONE MONTH, WHICH IS GROSSLY INCORRECT.

ON NOVEMBER 12, 1974 IN VIEW OF THE DEFICIENCIES CONTAINED IN
THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS, THE COMMISSION AS A BODY ORDERED
THE AUDIT STAFF TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTING AND
REPORTING FUNCTIONS OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION. THIS
AUDIT WAS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE CORRECT FINANCIAL STATUS
OF THE COMMISSION IN ORDER THAT ACTION COULD BE SAFELY TAKEN IN
THE APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS. THE
RESOLUTION REQUIRED THE ISSUANCE OF A REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN
AND THE COMMISSIONERS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE CHAIRMAN REPEATEDLY REFUSED TO HAVE THE AUDIT MADE, HOWEVER,
WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOW IN PROGRESS. ALSO, IT IS OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT AT LEAST TWO INTERIM REPORTS HAVE BEEN
ISSUED TO THE CHAIRMAN ON THE AUDIT. THE CHAIRMAN REFUSES TO
HAVE COPIES OF REPORTS ISSUED TO THE COMMISSIONERS. HAS
THREATENED TO FIRE THE CHIEF OF THE AUDIT STAFF IF HE PROVIDES
COPIES TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

## AUDIT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION - continued:

IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE REASON FOR HIS ACTION IN WITHHOLDING
INFORMATION FROM THE COMMISSIONERS IS THE FACT THAT THE
REPORTS INDICATE OVER-OBLIGATION OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974.

#### OVER-OBLIGATION OF FUNDS - FISCAL YEAR 1974

HAVE REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT ONE REPORT (11/18/74) LISTS THE OVER-OBLIGATION OF \$200,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974 IN CONNECTION WITH INDEBTEDNESS TO GSA.

THE SECOND REPORT (11/27/74) LISTS ANOTHER OVER-OBLIGATION OF MORE THAN \$200,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974 IN CONNECTION WITH COSTS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRAINING ACADEMY (DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.).

IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT OTHER SUBSTANTIAL OVER-OBLIGATIONS MAY BE UNCOVERED WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE AUDIT.

AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO TRANSFER THE OBLIGATION ON THE TRAINING ACADEMY TO FISCAL YEAR 1975 ALTHOUGH CONTRACTED IN FISCAL YEAR 1974, HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS NOT LEGAL THIS SUM REMAINS AS AN OVER-OBLIGATION AGAINST FISCAL YEAR 1974.

THERE MAY BE VIOLATIONS OF THE ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT, AND THERE-FORE ACCORDING TO THE ACT SEVERAL STEPS HAVE TO BE TAKEN:

# OVER-OBLIGATION OF FUNDS - FISCAL YEAR 1974 - continued:

- 1. VIOLATIONS MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESIDENT THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF OMB.
- 2. THOSE RESPONSIBLE MUST BE IDENTIFIED AND APPROPRIATE
  DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

#### ISSUE OF CONTRACTS

CONTRACTS ISSUED AMOUNTING TO SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS, NOT

PRESENTED TO OR AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION AS A BODY. SEVERAL

CONTRACTS ISSUED ON A SOLE SOURCE BASIS.

- 1. THREE CONTRACTS ISSUED TO OPPORTUNITY SYSTEM, INC. (OIS)

  TOTALLING \$530,000 ON A SOLE SOURCE BASIS AS 8-a CONTRACTS.

  (\$320,000 \$60,000 \$150,000) CONTRACT AWARDED ON 3/11/74.
- 2. INTERIM REPORT ISSUED BY THE AUDIT STAFF LISTED EXCESSIVE
  CHARGES BY THE CONTRACTOR, INEQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF COSTS,
  UNLAWFUL SUB-CONTRACTING WHICH INCLUDED DOUBLE MARGIN OF
  PROFIT TO THE CONTRACTOR, AND FAILURE TO PERFORM IN
  ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT.

MEMORANDUM DATED AUGUST 13, 1974 ISSUED TO THE CHAIRMAN ADVISING HIM OF SERIOUSNESS OF THIS MATTER.

ALSO, RESOLUTION WAS PASSED ON NOVEMBER 12, 1974 BY

APPROVAL OF ALL COMMISSIONERS WITH THE ABSTENTION OF THE

T. FORD LIBRAY

CHAIRMAN, THAT NO CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE AWARD

OF ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS TO OPPORTUNITY SYSTEMS, INC. THIS

ACTION WAS NECESSARY DUE TO OSI'S BAD PERFORMANCE ON

PREVIOUS CONTRACTS AND ALSO THERE WAS AN INDICATION THAT

CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO THE AWARD OF AN ADDITIONAL

\$360,000 CONTRACT TO THIS FIRM. SINCE THEN ONE OF THE

THREE ORIGINAL CONTACTS (\$150,000) HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

3. AT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE
CHAIRMAN ON JUNE 18, 1974, IT WAS AGREED BY ALL, INCLUDING
THE CHAIRMAN, TO BRING A NUMBER OF CLINICAL TRAINING
PROGRAM CONTRACTS BEFORE THE COMMISSION AS A BODY FOR
CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. INSTEAD, ON JUNE 26, 1974,
EIGHT DAYS LATER, THE CHAIRMAN AUTHORIZED AND SIGNED SIX
SUCH CONTRACTS TOTALLING \$575,548.

A CONTRACT WAS ALSO AUTHORIZED BY THE CHAIRMAN WITH IAOHRA

FOR THE SUM OF \$181,000.



- CONTRACT TO NU-WAY INC. ON A SOLE SOURCE BASIS FOR THE SUM OF \$280,000 AS CONSULTANTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRAINING CENTER. THE COMMISSIONERS REJECTED THE CONTRACT AND DIRECTED THAT PROPOSALS BE REQUESTED FROM SEVERAL QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS. AS A RESULT A CONTRACT WAS ISSUED TO A BETTER QUALIFIED FIRM (DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.) FOR THE SUM OF \$207,000 OR A SAVING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF \$73,000.
- 5. LAWYERS COMMITTEE CONTRACT \$338,873.29.

THE CHAIRMAN ON HIS OWN APPROVED AND PAID \$52,000 ON A

PROPOSED AND YET APPROVED CONTRACT WITH THE LAWYERS

COMMITTEE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION AS A BODY.

AT A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON 11/26/74 THE CHAIRMAN

REQUESTED THE COMMISSIONERS TO RATIFY HIS PAYMENT OF \$52,000

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AND ALSO APPROVAL OF THE TOTAL CONTRACT FOR \$338,873.29. IN VIEW OF THE EVIDENT ERRONEOUS FINANCIAL REPORTING BY THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION, THE COMMISSIONERS REQUESTED A BRIEFING BY THE CHAIRMAN'S TOP FINANCIAL STAFF ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO APPROVE THE LAWYERS COMMITTEE CONTRACT. THE BRIEFING WAS TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY AND UPON QUESTIONING, ONE OF THE CHAIRMAN'S TOP FINANCIAL STAFF MEMBERS ADMITTED THAT THE FINANCIAL STATUS PRESENTED WAS ONLY AN "EDUCATED GUESS" AND THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THE CORRECTNESS OF THE INFORMATION, AND FURTHER THAT HE COULD NOT HONESTLY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONERS UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. IN FACT, HE STATED THAT THE COMMISSION WAS IN A FINANCIAL CRISIS.

IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT DURING THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING,

A RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AS A BODY, WITH

THE NEGATIVE VOTE OF THE CHAIRMAN, TO DIRECT MEMBERS OF THE

AUDIT STAFF TO COME TO THE MEETING TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF AUDIT ORDERED OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND ALSO TO REPORT IF POSSIBLE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE LAWYERS COMMITTEE CONTRACT. CHAIRMAN ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO HONOR THE ORDER OF THE COMMISSION AND REFUSED TO DIRECT THE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT STAFF TO APPEAR. (I MIGHT ADD THAT THE RESOLUTION APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974 ON THE TOP ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE INCLUDED THE AUDIT STAFF WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED AS AN INDEPENDENT FUNCTION REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMISSIONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAO REGULATIONS.)

THE LAWYERS CONTRACT WAS TO COVER FIVE EEOC DISTRICT OFFICE \$

AREAS (WASHINGTON, D.C., BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS, PHILADELPHIA

AND SAN FRANCISCO). THREE OF THESE DISTRICT OFFICES OUT OF THE

FIVE STATED THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE CONTRACT WITH THE

LAWYERS COMMITTEE.

NOTE: IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THIS SERIOUS CONTRACT SITUATION, A RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 12, 1974

BY THE COMMISSION AS A BODY, AND ONLY THE CHAIRMAN VOTED NO,

TO HAVE ALL CONTRACTS OVER \$2,500 SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION

FOR APPROVAL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE INVOLVING DAILY

ROUTINE OPERATING EXPENSES. TO DATE ONLY TWO CONTRACTS HAVE

BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. (LAWYERS

COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW; TRAINING CENTER SPACE.)

1. CONTRACT FOR \$125,000 WAS ISSUED TO FORWARD MANAGEMENT, INC.

TO PRODUCE A CONTRACT MANAGEMENT MANUAL ON A SOLE SOURCE

BASIS. IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED BY PERSONNEL IN THIS FIELD

THAT SUCH A MANUAL CAN BE PRODUCED IN HOUSE FOR \$5,000 TO

\$10,000.

ON 10/22/74 THIS MATTER WAS REPORTED TO THE CHAIRMAN. OTHER THAN A MEMORANDUM ISSUED ON THIS REPORT, WITH A WEAK EXPLANATION, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN OTHERWISE.

2. MOVE OF EEOC HEADQUARTERS TO THE COLUMBIA-PLAZA BUILDING.
(THE MOVE INCLUDES BOTH THE GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH.)

THE COMMISSIONERS WERE NOT CONSULTED OR ADVISED. A REQUEST FOR NECESSARY FUNDS WAS NOT PRESENTED TO OR APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

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## WASTE OF FUNDS - continued:

NO REPORT HAS EVER BEEN MADE TO THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE

ESTIMATED COST OR THE COST TO DATE. THE BEST INFORMATION

THAT CAN BE OBTAINED INDIRECTLY READS AS FOLLOWS:

ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST TO MOVE \$300,000.

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OFFICE DIRECTORS -CARPETING, DRAPERIES AND RE-UPHOLSTERING OF OLD FURNITURE (FLOORS 1, 3 and 4)

PHYSICAL MOVE 23,500

SPACE STUDY 187,900

TOTAL TO DATE.....\$1,003,673

PLUS COST YET TO BE DETERMINED ON DECORATION FOR GENERAL

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#### WASTE OF FUNDS - continued:

COUNSEL'S OFFICES.

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AS MENTIONED BEFORE - THE COMMISSIONERS WERE NOT CONSULTED OR ADVISED ON THE MOVE, AND REQUEST FOR NECESSARY FUNDS WAS NOT PRESENTED TO OR ACTED UPON BY THE COMMISSIONERS. IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION, AS MENTIONED HERE, OBTAINED INDIRECTLY BY THE COMMISSIONERS, A RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AS A BODY ON NOVEMBER 11/12/74 TO HAVE AN AUDIT MADE OF THE COSTS TO DATE AND FINAL TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE MOVE. A REPORT TO BE ISSUED TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE COMMISSIONERS SIMULTANE-OUSLY. FURTHER, IT WAS ORDERED THAT NECESSARY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL BE PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT STAFF. TO DATE NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTIVE OF THE COMMISSION.



## HARRASMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL AND HIS STAFF BY THE CHAIRMAN

- 1. INTERFERENCE WITH LITIGATION PROCESS.
- 2. GIVING DIRECT ORDERS TO MEMBERS OF GENERAL COUNSEL'S STAFF.
- 3. ATTEMPTS TO FIRE SENIOR MEMBERS OF GENERAL COUNSEL'S STAFF.
- 4. INSTRUCTING MEMBER OF GENERAL COUNSEL'S STAFF TO SIGN THE
  GENERAL COUNSEL'S NAME TO MEMORANDUM INVOLVING VERY
  DELICATE SUBJECT.
- 5. REDUCING PERSONNEL SLOTS WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH GENERAL COUNSEL.
- 6. INSULTS UPON THE PERSON OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL BY THE CHAIRMAN.

- 1. GUARD INCIDENT
- 2. AIRLINE BUMPING
- 3. BULLET PROOF GLASS FOR CAR
- 4. SIREN AND RED LIGHT FOR CAR
- 5. CALLS TO STAFF MEMBERS AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT.

JOHN H. POWELL, JR. - CHAIRMAN, EEOC

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DATE APPOINTED: JANUARY 1974

NOTE:

The EEOC has no agency classified position descriptions for Members of the Commission or the General Counsel. Descriptions of their duties are contained in the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 (Page 6 Attached).

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October 17, 1974

Mr. Robert L. Warlick
Vice President
Civic and Government Relations
Purex Corporation
5101 Clark Avenue
Lakewood, California 90712



Re: EEOC vs. Purex Corporation Case No. YSL 2-104

Dear Mr. Warlick:

I have in my possession a letter to you from John H. Powell, Jr., Chairman of this Commission, which says among other things, that he has taken the above styled matter from the General Counsel's office with a view toward returning it to Compliance with assistance of the District Directors offices where your companies are located.

This is to advise, that it is not within the power of the Chairman's office to transfer any matter from the General Counsel's office, absent of a mandate from the full Commission. The authority given to the General Counsel to proceed in such matters emanate from a vote by the Commission. This vote cannot under any circumstances be modified, nullified, or abrogated by the Chairman or anyone else. Therefore, the Chairman's letter to you of the 16th of September is of no effect on the above styled matter and any further dealings should be through the office of General Counsel. I am

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Colston A. Lewis
Commissioner

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# EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506 MEMORANDUM



IN REPLY REFER TO

.TO: The Chairman

DATE: September 30, 1974

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RE: EEOC v. Purex Corp., Civil Action No. 73 C 458(2).

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At the heart of this memorandum is the fact that the Office of General Counsel and its staff (which of course includes the Chicago Litigation Center) were wholly unaware of your intervention as set forth above until you wrote Purex with a carbon copy sent to the Chicago Litigation Center. You never informed me, William Robinson or Ron James of these matters. As you know, Mr. Robinson is the Associate General Counsel in charge of all OGC litigation matters and Mr. James is the OGC's Regional Attorney whose staff is prosecuting this case.

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materials. Please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library for access to

these materials.

You might take a look into Powell's empire. You may be interested in the astronomical and wasteful cost of moving BEOC from G street to the Columbia Plasa building. The ridiculous cost includes around \$20,000 for a private bathroom and \$15,000 for a private kitchen in Chairman Powell's office. (I saw them yesterday - automatic dish washer, 3-plate electric stove, regular sink and metal cabinets). This whole move and cost authorised by Powell, probably well over one million dollars.

These facts can be verified with Ms. Yvette Duggar - EEOC Director of the Office of Management.

You can also ask the other Commissioners.

You can also ask General Counsel Bill Carey.

To top it all, the morale of EEOC personnel throughout is extremely low.

Jack Anderson could really blow up this kind of information if he ever got a hold of it.

Someone interested in the welfare of the Commission and The White House



### Jack Anderson

# Tortured Greek Hero Due in U. S.

WASHINGTON — A Greek military hero, who fought beside American troops in Korea and later was tortured unmercifully by the Greek dictatorship, is now seeking treatment in the United States.

He is Maj. Spyridon Moustaklis, now 48, who began his military career against the Nazis in World War II and

counsel of the General Services Administration has spent thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money on a whirlwind romance with another man's wife.

The government Lochinvar is Harold "Ted" Trimmer, who flew with a beautiful associate on romantic escapades and charged the expenses to the taxpayers as official business. He was

us there was no relation between the romance and her promotion to the national coordinator's job. Mrs. Riordan, now divorced, made the same point. Both their friends and GSA spokesmen assert that both are competent in their jobs and that they put in long, daylight hours for the government during their trips.

## Goodell Slated to Be Attorney General

By Jack Anderson

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Privale file November 14, 1974 MEMORANDUM John H. Powell, Jr. TO: Chairman William A. Carey FROM: General Counsel I am in possession of irrefutable evidence (including times, places, and persons present) that you have been telling government officials and others that I have a serious drinking problem. It seems to me that little purpose would be served by engaging in discourse on such an issue since you have so clearly drawn non-negotiable lines. It is enough to say that I do not believe that government employment either diminishes my rights or enlarges yours. Accordingly, it is my intention upon the next such occasion to obtain private legal counsel to assert my rights to the full extent. WAC:mhb 11-14-74



## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506 November 29, 1974

MEMORANDUM

TO:

John H. Powell, Jr.

Chairman

FROM:

William A. Carey (1)

General Counsel

RE:

Signature Authority - Lawyers' Committee Contract

I understand that on November 27 you instructed a member of my staff to sign my signature to a memorandum involving the very delicate subject of the funding of the Lawyers' Committee. Quite properly this staff member refused to do so. Apparently, you believe that there is no limit to your authority, a belief that I suggest you re-examine. Your instructions to sign my name to a document involving a very delicate matter to me is unprecedented.

When that approach failed you ordered my staff member to give you her personal advice on this matter. While I agree with her personal advice contained in her memorandum to you of November 27, it remains just that: personal advice.

This office issues legal opinions and advice thru its staff and General Counsel as a unitary body. While I do not doubt your statutory authority to order a member of my staff to give personal advice that seems to me to be a procedure that can only fragment an office.

I can anticipate that your response will be, among others, that I was not available for advice. I was. Between 1:00 and 2:15 p.m., I was keeping a luncheon date of long standing. However, my secretarial staff knew where I could be reached during that period and with the exception of that period I was in the office the entire day until after 6:00 p.m.

cc: Commissioners





### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 19, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

John H. Powell, Jr. Chairman

RE:

Discrepancies in Overtime Claimed by Charles Crawford

In reviewing the complete record of the above styled matter, as presented to me, it is apparent that a concerted effort has been made to seize the opportunity to take a simple violation of Commission Rules and Regulations by an employee, and attempt to utilize an employee's misconduct in an effort to demean, insult and impugn the character of a fellow Commissioner.

The fact that this matter is still viable, even in light of the overwhelming evidence indicating the employee's misconduct, is evidence which indicates to me you have no respect for the fellow members of the Commission or for the position which you hold. In addition, the attached memorandum from the General Counsel demonstrates that you are no stranger to character assassination. I find your conduct in this regard to be of a very questionable nature.

Colston A. Lewis

Commissioner

Attachment

cc: All Commissioners General Counsel

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

10/4/74

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Had a call from Len Garment on the Powell matter.

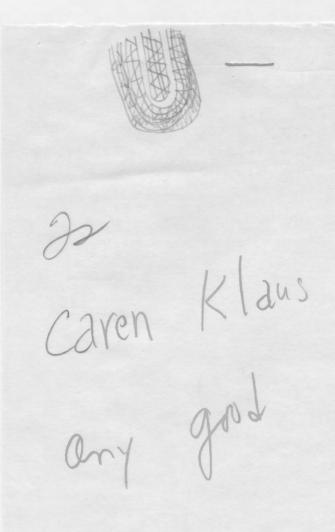
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December 2, 1974

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PHIL BUCHEN

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1:00 We have scheduled the meeting on EEOC for 5 o'clock this afternoon (Tuesday 12/3).

The following people will be attending:

Larry Silberman
Paul O'Neill (available between 5 and 5:30)
Dick Cheney
William Walker (has a 4 o'clock with two Senators but hopes to
get back by 5 o'clock)
Stan Scott

The meeting will be held in the Situation Room Conference Room.

cc: Mr. Areeda



12/4/74 bang Franch

RE: Chairman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

This memorandum is for the purpose of informing you of certain alleged misconduct on the part of John Powell, Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Powell was appointed in January 1974 for a term of five (5) years.

The allegations, generally characterized by the labels of mismanagement, unlawful conduct and obvious improprieties, have been made by the Commissioners of the EEOC and its General Counsel. The majority counsel of the House Education and Labor Committee is aware of the charges.

#### In particular:

- (1) The Chairman met with an officer of a corporation, that was then a defendant in a case brought by the Commission's Counsel, without informing the counsel's office. At this meeting he agreed to take the case from the counsel's office and handle it in a different manner.
- (2) During his tenure, the Chairman has issued several million dollars in contracts without the approval of any other member of the Commission. As an example, a contract for \$125,000 was issued to produce a contract management manual. The same manual could have been produced "in house" about \$10,000.

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- (3) The Chairman unilaterally decided to move the Commission's headquarters at a cost of \$1,000,000. Of this amount \$23,000 was the cost of the physical move, while \$23,000 was to install a kitchen and bath in the Chairman's office and \$187,000 was for a "space study."
- (4) The members of the Commission have directed that an audit be held of the Financial Management Division. The Chairman has refused to supply copies of interim reports of this audit and has threatened to discharge the chief of the audit staff if he provides copies to the Commissioners. It is alleged that the Chairman has arbitrarily fired personnel and harassed others by phone calls at home and public abuse. Morale is very low and experienced staff members are resigning their positions.



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John Powell, Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission, was appointed in January, 1974 for a statutory term of
five years. You may designate someone else as Chairman at any time.

You can also remove a member for cause. Whether a member may
be removed at your pleasure is being researched.

Various allegations of impropriety have been made against Powell by the other Commissioners and by the Commission's General Counsel. (The Majority Counsel of the House Education and Labor Committee is aware of the charges.) The allegations include the following; personal irregularities in his travel and expense accounts; meetings with defendants in cases brought by the Commission without the approval or participation of the Commission's members or litigating officers; contracting on behalf of the Commission without competitive bidding and without the approval of other Commission members; moving the Commission's headquarters at a cost of \$1 million without the approval of the Commission; "wasteful" expenditures; expenditures in excess of appropriated funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act; refusal to supply Commission members with audits ordered by the Commission of the Financial Management Division; harassment and arbitrary discharge of Commission personnel; public abuse of other Commissioners and of the staff; and comprehensive mismanagement.

