



THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1954 (Cont'd)

2. Bobby Cutler then brought up a suggested statement by the President re-emphasizing the need for the citizens of this country to report to the FBI any spying in this country. Brownell explained it was necessary because some Democratic Senators had been trying to play politics with McCarthy matter and William Fulbright had issued a statement saying he was urging the people not to report to the FBI because they were passing stuff on to McCarthy -- That charge, of course, is false. The President thought the best way to handle it would be to have question raised at next press conference, and I will arrange that.

Had several discussions during the day with President and Adams on Counsellor Adams' testimony at hearing in which he mentioned Governor Adams, Lodge, Morgan, Rogers and Brownell as participating in a conference with him and urging him to put down on paper Cohn-Carr-McCarthy threats against Army -- Daily Mirror carried story quoting McCarthy that he was going to subpoena White House Personnel - Official stand here through my office is "No Comment." Attorney General is readying a decision that White House personnel in advisory position to the President cannot testify before Congressional committees - President feels very strongly and said "This is one we will fight out right up and down the line." In conference with Governor Adams and myself President said that it might be necessary to send one White House man, probably Adams, before Committee to give his name, his title and then refuse to answer all questions under Presidential order to prove our point -- that he was acting in a confidential capacity to the President. He would say that he is under Presidential directive not to answer and let the chips fall where they may. Another alternative is that the Attorney General appear and explain the same position. McCarthy, ofcourse, may be bluffing but if attempt is made to subpoena White House personnel, we will fight it.

In meeting with Brownell, discussed request he has from Mundt and McClellan on whether any criminal violation has occurred in Army officer giving McCarthy classified information. Brownell is of the opinion that such violation has occurred, but after discussion we are not going to take full step at this time. Brownell first to answer letter from Mundt and McClellan by saying he will study the entire matter further. Eventually, however, we will have to press violation charges and bring them before the Grand Jury. Then if the Grand Jury wants McCarthy to appear before them, the Senate will have to pass a resolution so directing and order McCarthy to appear and waive immunity. This is going to cause quite a furor, but we will handle it when the time comes.