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Honorable Percy Hartman,  
Vice Chairman, STVA,  
Court House, Box 1087,  
Sinton, Texas.

My dear Hartman:-

In re: Attached House Affairs Committee Print No. 189,  
dated April 1, 1964, and Print No. 40, dated April  
12, 1961, both prints appear to be an exercise in  
typing for want of information and something to do in  
absence of the CHIEF.

No. 189, appears to be turn down on the hearing held in Corpus  
Christi and Harlingen, Texas, July 28, 1963.

No. 40, is a turn down to a hearing held in Washington, D.C., on  
April 12, 1961, which you will note is dated the same day that the hearing was  
held in Washington. Several County Commissioners and County Service Officers  
from our section attended this meeting and testified in behalf of a need for a  
hospital in South Texas.

Sent a \$11.00 night letter to Chairman Teague objecting to the  
allegations contained in number 189 print.

Sent a letter to the Director of the Budget in Washington requesting  
his office to examine and digest the minutes contained in the meetings held in  
Washington, D. C., on April 12, 1961 and San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Harlingen,  
during the month of July, commencing July 28, 1963, before the Director of the  
Budget makes its report to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

This office has been advised that the Veterans Affairs Committee  
will take no action on House Bills 1718 and 2019, until they hear from the Accounting  
office and other interested executive branches of the government. Such information  
was contained in the letter which transmitted to me print No. 189. I immediately  
searched my predecessor's files and found print numbered 40, as well as copies of  
of the minutes of the aforestated Washington meeting.

I have been advised that I will be notified concerning any future  
action that may be taken by the House Veterans Affairs committee.

I have also requested copies of the minutes of the meetings held in  
San Antonio, Corpus Christ and Harlingen, now of record with the Veterans Affairs  
Committee in Washington. This is a large order. Whether same may be mailed without  
expens to me, remains to be ascertained.

As, if and when such minutes are received they will be turned over to  
Attorney's in the valley who presented the testimony at the Harlingen, Texas, meeting for  
digest.

I am also advised as of yesterday that the Administrator of the Veterans  
Administration, Mr. John S. Gleason is now making a so-called current economy review,  
which may turn out to be road block for our hospital in South Texas.

I shall mark time until I hear further from Washington.

Enclosure:

Sincerely,

Prints 189 and 40,  
as stated.

Harry M. Carroll