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Security Commission Picks General Counsel

The new Commission on Government Security yesterday announced appointment of Samuel H. Liberman, city counselor of St. Louis, as its general counsel.

The Commission also has named Stanley J. Tracy, retired assistant FBI director, as associate counsel; D. Milton Ladd, retired top assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, as administrative director; and L. Dale Coffman, University of California at Los Angeles law school dean, as consultant.

The 12-member Commission was created last Aug. 9 by Congress to investigate the Federal loyalty-security program. Its members were named Nov. 10 and have held three meetings in as many months. The Commission's final report must be written by Dec. 31 and its business wound up by March 31, 1957.

"We started from scratch and the fact that it was so close to the holidays didn't help us. But we're off the ground now and flying," Loyd Wright, Commission chairman, said yesterday.

The Commission has been granted \$50,000, but has asked an additional \$200,000 to carry

it through June 30 and is now working on a supplemental budget for the next fiscal year. The present payroll of 15 employees is expected to be increased to 60 or 80. It is housed on the third floor of the General Accounting Office Building, former quarters of the Hoover Commission.

The Commission will collect security information from existing statutes, interview Government agencies and their prime and sub-contractors in private industry and funnel the correlated data through citizen-group task forces. The Commission itself is not only empowered to send its report to Congress, but also to make legislative recommendations.

"It's not our job to snoop out Communists," Wright explained. "The procedure is all that we're dealing with—to see that it is fair, that it is American, that every citizen has his rights preserved, and that at the same time the security of the Nation is preserved."

Other members of the Commission staff, disclosed last month are: Executive Director Douglas Price, 26, formerly assistant to the deputy director of the International Cooperation Administration and before that an employee of the Republican National Committee; Research Director, Richard A. Edwards, associate professor of government and law at Lafayette College, Pa.; Associate Counsel Robert A. Collier, Washington attorney, former FBI agent and associate counsel in the Army-McCarthy hearings; Assistant Counsel Elwyn J. Darden, New Albany, Miss. attorney and former legislative assistant to Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.).

Carl McFarland, president of Montana State University, originally was selected as general

counsel last month but later declined.

Other members of the Commission are:

Senator Stennis, vice chairman; Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N. H.); and Susan Riley, education professor at George Peabody College, Nashville. These—with Wright—were appointed by Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

James P. McGrannery, former Attorney General; Louis S. Rothschild, Under Secretary of Commerce; Carter L. Burgess, Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Franklin D. Murphy, chancellor of the University of Kansas—all appointed by President Eisenhower.

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.); Rep. William M. McCulloch (R-Ohio); Edwin L. McChes, former New Mexico Governor, and James L. Noel Jr., Houston attorney—all appointed by Speaker Sam Rayburn.