

15 July 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Pforzheimer

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946

As you requested, I have examined the Bill introduced into the House of Representatives on June 29. The Bill appears to be substantially the same as previous drafts submitted to us by the Bureau of the Budget, although the material has been extensively edited. There are, however, three points of difference between this and former drafts:

a. In previous drafts the words "temporary storage" were to be stricken from Subsection (a) of Section 1 of the Act. In this draft "temporary storage" will remain an allowable expense.

b. The Act presently deals with an employee's "household goods and personal effects." On Page 2 of the present draft the Act is stated to apply to "baggage and household effects" of members of the uniformed service, and "furniture, household, and personal effects" of employees of the foreign service. Although these different items may mean the same thing, we may be forced by the fact of their presence to engage in future exercises of definition to establish the reasons (if any) for the different wording for different types of employees. This I would not like.

c. On Page 6 of the draft, on lines 9 and 10, there appears a statement concerning the storage of automobiles, which to me indicates that they may be stored for only three months. While I have no particular feelings on this subject, I am sure that there will be some violent objection to it, and I would suggest that we find out if it is true.

*apparently results from present definition for each service. Ref*



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