

MEMORANDUM

February 12, 1974

TO: Senator
Dick
FROM: Sid & Ellen
RE: Budget, Staff and Travel for the Subcommittee

The Labor and Public Welfare Committee approved a budget of \$1.7 million, the same as last year's. If fully funded by the Rules Committee, it will really represent a major increase since we are returning unspent about 20% of last year's budget (\$240,000). There are several ways to make better use of this:

1. Consultants: Last year's budget included \$200,000 for consultants, but the entire Committee spent only \$17,000 for this purpose. We will soon have some specific recommendations about how to make better use of the consultant budget this year. Some of the areas might be adoptions and foster care, or family hearings or whatever.

Consultants can not only be helpful on hearings, but also prepare reports for release to Jack Anderson (the way the Hunger Committee does quite effectively). There are also a number of influential people in the professions who might like very much to be a one day a month consultant to a Mondale Subcommittee.

2. Travel: The budget includes a 30% increase for travel and hearings and Noto knows we may be doing more of this. We will have specific proposals for field hearings in connection with your speaking trips (i.e. Denver)

The other thing about travel is that we and Jim can get Committee funds to travel if you need some help at Conferences or speeches related to any Labor and Public Welfare issue.

We'd like to discuss this idea with you when you have a chance.

Dick
Let's discuss
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