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MEMORANDUM -

To: Dr. Klein.

From: C. K. Moser.

Subject: Hearings Before the House Naval Committee on Karl Bickel's Request for Lower Press Rates Over Navy Radio to the Far East.

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In accordance with Mr. Isaac's request, Mr. Shoup and I attended the hearing on the above-stated subject this morning. We were present in the status of "observers" only. In addition to the Naval Committee there were also present Admiral Craven, Capt. Hooper, in charge of the Naval Radio Service, and a Dr. Stewart, representing the State Department as observer also.

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Mr. Bickel said that he had been unable to get a rate reduction from the private radio companies. In the interests of American business he requested of the Navy Radio Service a rate of 4 cents per word on messages of "spot" news between San Francisco and Manila, and 2 cents per word on deferred messages. He explained that his own selfish interest lay in the desire to compete with Reuter's, and other European press agencies in the Far East; while Navy and general interests would be served by the great increase which lower rates would mean in presenting the views of Washington and New York to Far Eastern peoples.

After deciding to invite the private radio corporations to state their position at a future hearing to be held sometime after the holidays, the hearing adjourned.

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