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## United States Senate

SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING  
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

### MEMORANDUM

August 16, 1944

To: Hon. Harley M. Kilgore  
From: Rudolph Halley

Mayor LaGuardia has been very anxious to speak to you about New York City's problems in obtaining surplus properties. Their problems are similar to those of other municipalities. It is understood with the New York authorities that in the course of your discussion with Mayor LaGuardia, you will arrange for him and his officials to appear before the Committee at an executive hearing to take place in New York City, Thursday, August 24, probably around 9 A. M.

At this hearing he will have an opportunity to put on the record the matters about which he desires to complain to you generally today.

Your plane leaves National Airport at 1:15 P. M. and arrives at LaGuardia Field at 2:45 P. M. You will be met at the airport by Commissioner Playdell and a New York City limousine to take you to the City Hall.

Commissioner Playdell will be right at the plane gate — he will have a gray suit and a brown straw hat — and a <sup>NY city</sup> Cadillac limousine. I told him you would look like a senator!

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