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SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

## MEMORANDUM

August 30, 1944

TO:

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

FROM:

GEORGE MEADER

SUBJECT: BOSTON TRIP

The trip to Boston is set for September 6, 1944, and will consist of a one-day hearing on three complaints, as follows:

- 1. Complaint of Ark-Les Switch Corporation that the Nevy, in the procurement of electrical switches, has favored Arrow, Hart and Hegeman over other suppliers. Executive.
- 2. Complaint of Leon Coment that the military services have opposed the adoption of a process of vulcanizing rubber to leather soles for military shoes, because of the opposition of the United Shoe Machinery Corporation, which has a monopoly on sole stitching and nailing machines which might become obsolete through the wide-spread use of the vulcanization process. Executive.
- 3. Charges of waste and extravagance in the construction and operation of the Boston Army Port of Embercation. Executive.

The party will leave Washington on Tuesday, September 5, 1944 at 11 P. W. and will return from Boston on the night train, Wednesday, September 6th.

The hearings will be held in court room No. 5 on the 12th floor of U. S. Post Office and Court House in Post Office Square. Daytime reservations have been made at the Statler Hotel in Boston.

GEORGE MEADER

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