

1 MR. MELVIN: I think so, too. I think these  
2 are very valuable to the Commission at this point. I am  
3 not prepared to answer them right now.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think anybody is really  
5 prepared to answer them right now and that again is re-  
6 flected in the research questions that we have asked for  
7 and the value of that information once it is obtained,  
8 because it is going to be a matter of aiding. I think  
9 the help that we've gotten insofar as Mr. Ratchford and  
10 Mr. Thompson is concerned helps us along the line of  
11 eventually making these decisions which eventually we are  
12 going to have to make. However, again, I do feel, Ridge,  
13 it is important to us to keep the thinking of the Com-  
14 mission as a whole, the tenor of the thinking of the  
15 Commission, if for no other reason, that we get on stage  
16 for a little while and get the reasons from somebody here,  
17 somebody there, and somebody here.

18 There are other valuable members on the Com-  
19 mittee, such as Mr. Thayer. His thinking and reaction to  
20 a lot of these questions would be important. He really to  
21 some extent is an expert in this field of local