

1 with politics and people who have to collect taxes neces-
2 sarily requires pressures to be brought, or results in
3 pressures being brought, and in the overall is not in
4 the public good.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I don't think that holds true
6 in your office, because the top tax collection officials
7 are merit system employees, and have had long tenure.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: That is true, but following it
9 up, isn't it possible to conclude that since you are the
10 Comptroller, or "X" is the Comptroller, again let's not
11 personalize it, "X" is going to be able to exert some
12 influence on his department heads in a given case, if he
13 feels like doing it?

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I don't know of any instances.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: I understand that, Louie. I
16 know that you have not done it and wouldn't do it, but
17 isn't it possible that it could be done?

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Anything is possible, if you
19 have got weak people.

20 MR. ENEY: Not necessarily weak people. Sup-
21 pose you had right now instead of what you do have,