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not meet

Nov 30 '53

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As long as Congress continues to  
favor investigations <sup>as to the subversive activities</sup> of the foundations, including the one  
in which I serve, it seems to me that any connections  
I have had with advisory bodies in the Federal government  
might logically and agreeably be suspended. Consequently  
I beg you to excuse me from the Task Force for  
Medicine. You can easily find a substitute whose  
connections are completely free from any suspicions  
whatsoever, and who could serve you better for  
having no doubts whatever attached to the integrity  
of the work he would like to do for his government.

Yours sincerely,

November 30 '53

Dear Mr Hoover:

Ditto

I have recently learned that the legislative branch of the Government has decided to investigate the foundations again and to raise questions of whether their activities have been subversive.

While I do not for an instant challenge the right of Congress to do that repeatedly, I would feel my presence meanwhile on any advisory committee to a government that even indirectly challenges my loyalty might be an embarrassment to the Commission as well as <sup>being</sup> a humiliation to me.

I am consequently withdrawing from the other five government advisory committees I have served on and beg you to excuse me from further service on the Task Force for Medicine. This decision is based on a purely personal feeling. I held it in abeyance during

the Congressional investigation<sup>of foundations</sup>, sponsored by the late  
Congressman Cox. <sup>But</sup> I find a continuation of such  
feelings unnecessary since you can readily find a  
successor for me who could serve you better for  
having no doubts whatever attached to the integrity of  
the work he would like to do for his government.

Yours sincerely