

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS
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QUESTION: Should Pentagon brass be restricted by the Department of Defense in testifying before Congressional committees?

ANSWER: I believe that officers testifying before Congressional committees should be completely free to express their views without fear of reprisals from civilian leaders in the Department of Defense. After a final decision has been made, then, regardless of the opinions of the military personnel, they should exert every effort to implement the policy in the most effective way.

QUESTION: Should Sherman Adams be fired or asked to resign?

ANSWER: The President must set the ethical standards for his own office. No one else can do it for him. I cannot set the standard for the White House, but I can say that I would not permit a member of my staff to behave in the manner in which Mr. Adams has behaved.

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