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In his role as the executive Assistant to the President, Hamlin fulfilled a political function. His duties were to keep various segments of the Executive Branch and the Republican National Committee aware of each other’s activities. He compiled background reports on the large agencies, current administration problems, pronouncements and goals. These reports were actually in-depth analyses of what the different agencies were doing and what they were spending. Eventually these background reports became progress reports designed to alert the White House Staff and other members of the Eisenhower “team” to developments in different agencies which might warrant study or action, especially if they had economic implications. These reports could be used by Republican members to analyze what the Administration was doing and to provide speech materials.

In addition to the progress reports, Hamlin also compiled a number of studies on the activities of government agencies and departments for the consideration of the Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs. The purpose of the Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs created by Executive Order 10802, January 23, 1959, was to provide a central mechanism in the Federal Government to follow the current activities of the Federal agencies to see whether they were being conducted, insofar as possible, in line with the need for reasonable stability of prices and costs, and to ensure that the Federal Government was not contributing to the Nation’s inflationary problems by the way in which it conducted its business. The Chairman of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers, Raymond J. Saulnier, was designated as the Chairman of the Committee on Government Activities Affecting Prices and Costs.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

1909, June 21   Born in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
1929    Graduated from Stanford University, A.B.
1933    Married Gertrude Smith
        Three daughters: Josephine, Cecily, Gwendolen
1942-45    U.S. Naval Reserve: retired as Lieutenant Commander
1946-51    Executive Secretary, Republican State Central Committee of California
1952-54    Account Executive, Ron Stever and Company
1954-56    Director for Small Business, Department of Defense
1956-59    Executive Assistant in the White House
1959    Executive Secretary, Committee on Government Activities Affecting
        Prices and Costs
1959-60    Research Division, Nixon-Lodge Presidential Campaign
1961    Left for private business following defeat of the Nixon-Lodge Ticket
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