President Reagan has nominated Tom Ellis to serve on the Board for International Broadcasting.

Tom Ellis was a member and director of the notorious Pioneer Fund, which has financed research on the genetics of race, including the work of William Shockley and Arthur Jensen. Tom Ellis has said on the record that "radicalized Blacks" are one of the groups controlling the Democratic Party; he has labeled Jesse Jackson's voter registration campaign in North Carolina as "racist"; and he has said that "I'd feel like I was in the wrong pew if I was endorsed by the NAACP."

I would be in the wrong pew if I was sitting with Tom Ellis. By nominating an individual of his reputation and views, the President aligns himself with a discredited and dangerous theme in American life and politics. In an interview with this committee's staff, Tom Ellis said that he didn't know anything about the Pioneer Fund's activities when he was asked to serve on the Board. He said he never learned that Shockley and Jensen were major recipients of grants; he said he didn't know that the Fund was founded in 1937 for the purpose of "racial betterment"; he said he never knew the character of the many grants he voted for by proxy resolution. But in 1977, when two newspapers exposed the sinister activities of the Fund, Tom Ellis said, "As best as I could tell, they were studying the IQ's of all sorts of racial groups".

It is hard to imagine that a man of Mr. Ellis' sophistication and political instincts would not know something of the Pioneer Fund and its purposes. I intend to question him extensively on this inconsistency between what he told Foreign Relations staff this year, and what he told a reporter in 1977.

This nomination is more than just a mistake. It has been pending before the Committee for months, more than enough time for the facts to be known and for the nomination to be quietly withdrawn. But the President has persisted. He wants Tom Ellis. Now it is the duty of this Committee to determine the facts and vote its conscience.