

What was the case? What were you trying to do, tell him what we ought to do with the Federal Power Commission in the future, or were you giving him an abstract lecture?

Mr. MORGAN. I was doing exactly what the letter says I was doing. I was reemphasizing once more, as many other people have done, the importance of the caliber of personnel at the top level in regulatory agencies.

Mr. BENNETT. You say in the letter, ordinary men cannot administer these laws. Now, would you describe your fellow Commissioners as ordinary men?

Mr. MORGAN. I would rather not describe them at all, sir.

Mr. BENNETT. I think, Mr. Chairman, we are entitled to this information. This man has made some serious charges here against other members of the Commission.

Now, maybe the charges are true, I don't know. But I think it is our job to find out, and I think this witness is evasive about it. I don't think he is frank with us.

And I don't think he is being honest with us in his statement.

You have used some language in here, and you are smart enough to tell us what you meant by it. And I am going to ask you again: What did you mean, that the other Commissioners, your fellow Commissioners, are ordinary men in the sense that you used it in the last sentence on page 1 in your letter?

Mr. MORGAN. I am sorry, but my responsibilities require me to differ on occasion with my colleagues, and when I do, to set forth my reasons for differing with them, and I have done this. But my responsibilities do not require me to pass judgment on them as individuals, as persons. I described my relations with them at the outset of my testimony. And what I said was true.

Mr. BENNETT. I heard what you said at the outset of your testimony, and I have already read what you said in your letter. And I am having a hard time reconciling the two.

Mr. MORGAN. Have you read the part of my letter which says it does not intend to depict or describe anyone including myself or my colleagues?

Mr. BENNETT. Yes.

Mr. MORGAN. That means what it says, too, sir.

Mr. BENNETT. What category do you put yourself in as a Commissioner? Are you an ordinary man, as a Commissioner?

Mr. MORGAN. I am afraid that I am.

Mr. BENNETT. Is that the reason you are quitting, so the President can put an extraordinary man in your place?

Mr. MORGAN. It is one. And I hope he does.

Mr. BENNETT. Do you think there are any better men in the Commission than you as far as the protection of the public interest is concerned?

Mr. MORGAN. That is a difficult question to answer.

Mr. BENNETT. Would you give it a try?

Mr. MORGAN. I would rather not try to rate the members of the Commission with respect to each other, including myself, sir.

Mr. BENNETT. You want to leave with us the impression, then, that as a matter of fact you are not offering any criticism of your colleagues or their decisions, and that you are perfectly satisfied with the