

I don't know that security had anything to do with it. It was merely an occupation and a very temporary one, and not a very secure one, I might add.

Mr. BENNETT. Maybe it has nothing to do with security but it had a connection with the experience you gained in the military service?

Mr. MORGAN. Insofar as I had a—

Mr. BENNETT. It had nothing to do with the connections you made in the military service?

Mr. MORGAN. I don't think I ever met again in my life anyone I worked with in Washington or in the Bureau of Yards and Docks after I left Washington to go in the Naval Air Transport Service.

Mr. BENNETT. Okay. Now, just one or two other questions about your letter.

What is the basis for your comments in your letter to the President as they relate to commissions other than the Federal Power Commission?

Mr. MORGAN. I tried to make it plain yesterday, Mr. Bennett, that I was simply reemphasizing a point that has been emphasized and reemphasized by many people before. And, I am sure, will be again.

I feel it strongly. My experience here has reinforced my feeling and you may describe the letter in part as an abstraction or a reiteration of a well-known principle; that is what it was.

I am sure that what I said is true of all the agencies.

Mr. BENNETT. Well, you are posing as a great expert in this letter to the President.

I don't think there is much question about that, as an expert in the field of regulatory matters.

Mr. MORGAN. I don't think I used that word.

Mr. BENNETT. Not only for the Federal Power Commission but for every other commission in the Federal Government.

Mr. MORGAN. I don't think I used the term "expert."

Mr. BENNETT. Well, I say that you are writing here as an expert.

You are telling him what people—what qualifications people should have to be on these commissions.

Now, would you say that it required some expertise to determine the qualifications for these jobs? Some knowledge?

Mr. MORGAN. Well, you can draw your own conclusions, Mr. Bennett, as to whether I am an expert or not.

Let me help you. I served for 2 years as commissioner in Oregon. It is the only State in the United States that has a one-man commission.

In those years I issued a little over 2,500 orders of which, in the ensuing 4 years since I left that position, exactly 2 have been overturned by an extremely conservative Supreme Court, both by split decisions with long minority dissents.

I don't know whether that entitles me to call myself an expert, and I don't know that it is important, because I never have.

But it isn't a bad record.

Mr. BENNETT. Well, it is important to me, as one member of the committee, to find out what you were driving at in this letter; whether it was just a lot of hot air that you were giving the President or whether you had some facts to substantiate what you were telling him.