

Mr. BENNETT. Well, he did have a problem, and I, in some respects, sympathize with the problem that he had in getting you confirmed, but he stuck with it and got you confirmed.

But I still can't see—why you felt it necessary to give him 6 months' notice that you were going to leave him.

Mr. MORGAN. I have just given you the answer, sir.

Mr. BENNETT. Did you think he was going to appoint somebody else who would be as hard to get confirmed as yourself?

Mr. MORGAN. I have no way of telling, but that is the reason why I did what I did; to give him time, including such delays as I encountered, to have a replacement by the time my term expires.

That is the reason and that is the only reason.

Mr. BENNETT. Well, you knew, when you wrote this letter, that you were going to create friction among your fellow Commissioners.

You knew, when you sent this gobbledegook up to the President it was going to create a lot of furor as far as this Commission is concerned and yet, as badly as you apparently feel about your job and as badly as you feel about the shortcomings of your other Commissioners, you still want to stick around with them for 6 months after it has apparently become intolerable to you, from the tone of your letter to the President?

Mr. MORGAN. I don't concur in any of your statements, Mr. Bennett.

My differences with my colleagues are on the basis of policy. And we are all men with enough self-discipline to associate amicably and conduct our business smoothly regardless of those policy differences.

Mr. BENNETT. But would you call your letter a mythical letter?

Mr. MORGAN. A mythical letter?

Mr. BENNETT. Yes.

Mr. MORGAN. No, sir, I would not.

Mr. BENNETT. You weren't talking about anybody or you weren't talking about anything in particular; just sat down and wrote the President some platitudes about who should be on the Commission.

Mr. Morgan, I don't think you are being fair with the committee. You obviously, from this letter to the President, can be referring only from your own knowledge to people on the Federal Power Commission because you haven't had experience on any other regulatory agency in the Federal Government and you haven't had any contact with them as far as this record shows.

And yet you come here and go ring-around-the-rosie about what you meant by writing the President of the United States a letter 6 months before your term expires, telling him about the great need for having extraordinary men on these commissions, the great chances there are of fraud, the great chances there are of injuring the public interest, and all of that business.

And yet, you are not willing to be straightforward enough to tell us what you had in mind except on yesterday, very briefly, you mentioned one instance where your fellow Commissioners slipped off the straight and narrow and rendered a decision or two without telling the public the real reasons for their decisions.

But aside from that, it is just a lot of platitudes here.