

Yet, it can't be construed, I don't believe, as anything but an indictment of your fellow Commissioners on the Federal Power Commission and, as far as I am concerned, on the basis of the testimony you have given in reply to the questions I have asked you, I think your letter is just a lot of hot air.

That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Moss.

Mr. Moss. Mr. Morgan, I say that I think it is possible for men to be different and do so with a great deal of respect for each other and a feeling of sincere affection even, because I am going to disagree with my very distinguished colleague from Michigan.

I don't regard the letter as gobbledygook. In fact, I think an objective reading of the letter spells out advice which is sound and with which very few men could disagree.

I think it is time to look at the letter and not a lot of extraneous matters which are not embodied in the letter.

I read it through with great care a number of times.

First, you give not 6 months but 5 months' notice that you do not desire reappointment. I think that is very considerate.

I think when a man reaches the conclusion that he is not going to seek reappointment that he should, in fairness, inform the appointive authority.

I think the action here is a commendable one. Rather than waiting until the last minute and having these Commissions operate as they have on numerous occasions, understrengthened, you gave this much notice.

Now, you say you have reasons. Some of those reasons clearly relate to the letter sent to the distinguished gentlewoman from Oregon prior to the time that you permitted your name to be submitted for appointment, where you spelled out the type of job you would like to have the opportunity of doing if you were going to serve.

I know it is no great secret to those who were acquainted with your work, that you were imposing certain standards as objectives to be sought as a member of this Commission.

Is that correct?

Mr. MORGAN. Yes, sir. And I think you will find, if you refer to the letter I wrote to Mrs. Green after I had served as Commissioner in Oregon and before I took this appointment, I felt the same way on this subject then as I do now.

Mr. Moss. I am not an expert on regulation.

I have never sat on a regulatory body. I have served on this committee for 6 years and I have served on the old Oversight Committee, and the Administrative Agencies' Subcommittee, and this subcommittee.

The jurisdiction of all three is virtually the same.

I have very clear convictions as to the character of regulations we have had. In some instances I have been very critical not only of the caliber of the personnel in some of the Commissions but in the almost inbuilt certainty that there is going to be far too much delay and procrastination in handling these very significant issues which come before it, whether it is the Federal Power Commission or Federal Trade Commission or Federal Communications Commission, and in all of them we have too much delay, too much indecision.