

Mr. SPRINGER. These jobs take extraordinary skill and ability, isn't that correct?

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Springer, these jobs will absorb every iota of expertise, brains, education, experience, and character that a man has; I don't care who he is, these jobs will drain him of everything he has. It is impossible in my opinion to exaggerate the need for outstanding men in these jobs.

Mr. SPRINGER. And this is the reason that you are leaving the Commission, isn't it?

Mr. MORGAN. I was asked that question yesterday, and I think the question ended this way:

"Are you leaving for this reason, so that the President can appoint an extraordinary man in your place?"

And I said, "It is one of the reasons, and I hope he does."

Mr. SPRINGER. Would you consider yourself above the average of those serving on the various regulatory agencies in Washington of whom you have knowledge?

Mr. MORGAN. I know very few of them, and I would not presume to rate them against each other or myself any more than I would my own colleagues.

Mr. SPRINGER. Do you consider that you are a man of ability, character, courage, and broad vision, Mr. Morgan, again using your own words, and that you have the same viewpoint as the authors of the legislation that you have been called on to administer?

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Springer, these words also were accompanied by the statement that they were not meant to describe my colleagues or myself.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Morgan, let me put you in the President's position for just a moment with a hypothetical question, because I think it is important.

Mr. MORGAN. I would much rather that you did not.

Mr. SPRINGER. Are you a lawyer, Mr. Morgan?

Mr. MORGAN. No; I am not.

Mr. SPRINGER. If you were the President making appointments to the Federal Power Commission, would you take into consideration a man's past reputation for truthfulness and veracity to be an important factor in his appointment?

Mr. MORGAN. Yes; of course I would.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Morgan, if you were the President and were to make an appointment to the Federal Power Commission, would you have confidence in the prospective appointee if you knew that he had concealed upon his personnel forms past Government employment information which would have made a difference to you in making the appointment?

Mr. MORGAN. This certainly would be a matter I would want to investigate, of course.

Mr. SPRINGER. Would it make any difference to you as the appointer of a Commissioner to the Federal Power Commission if that applicant had sworn falsely on six or seven occasions with reference to matters contained in the personnel form in violation of the law?

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Springer, all this was gone into at the time of my Senate confirmation.

Mr. SPRINGER. I am just asking for an answer, is all.