

Mr. MORGAN. How did you form that impression, Mr. Springer?

Mr. SPRINGER. That is what I understood you to say. In fact, I think in your testimony in the Senate you thought it was a good laugh. In fact right now you laughed about it; you thought it was a big joke. I can get that out if you want it, but I think those were the words you used.

Mr. MORGAN. Did you read it?

Mr. SPRINGER. Yes, I read it. Do you want to pursue it? I don't necessarily want to, but you seem to want to tell these gentlemen about the nature of these two incidents. It is perfectly all right—I don't want to pursue it.

Mr. MORGAN. My exact words were:

I will cooperate with you, Mr. Springer, but it is ironic to have to go through this to take a Federal appointment and then have to go through it again in order to leave.

Mr. SPRINGER. I am willing to leave it and go ahead with the questions if you want to.

Mr. Morgan, when this matter arose in the White House you did not have to fill out a form, did you?

Mr. MORGAN. That is correct.

Mr. SPRINGER. Do you remember what you told them down there?

Mr. MORGAN. Do I remember—

Mr. SPRINGER. What you told about your past at the White House.

Mr. MORGAN. I don't recall telling them anything about it.

Mr. SPRINGER. Did you tell them anything?

Mr. MORGAN. They had the normal and usual report from the FBI. I did not think there was anything left I could tell them about it.

Mr. SPRINGER. I quote from the Senate report:

Mr. Morgan did not tell the White House about one of his arrests, nor about his concealment on the form 57 until the committee's hearings had started.

Is that the truth?

Mr. MORGAN. I think that is the truth.

Mr. SPRINGER. Do you believe that if President Kennedy had known all of these facts with reference to what you did on these form 57's on seven different occasions that he would have appointed you?

Mr. MORGAN. It happens that I believe he would, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. You are entitled to your opinion. I just asked you a question.

Mr. Chairman, I ask the indulgence of the committee to read a short statement in opposition.

Mr. Chairman, I have listened with interest to 2 days of testimony of this witness, Howard Morgan. If sustained, these charges which I believe he has made, would well warrant the removal from office of a large number of members of regulatory commissions over which this committee has jurisdiction.

First, if we can believe what Mr. Morgan has said in this letter, he has left the Federal Power Commission because the men now serving on the Commission, in his own words, "yield too quickly to the present-day urge toward conformity, timidity, and personal security."

Second, the witness has inferred that a commission or Commissioners are afraid of a campaign against them when they are up for reconfirmation by the Senate.