

"Do you know any way in which the White House has interfered with the administering of any laws or any cases that you have had down at the Federal Power Commission since you have been there?"

Mr. MORGAN. I don't know of a single case. But I have the distinct feeling that it is not impossible for the attitude of the White House regarding, say, economic conditions generally, to be transmitted to the Federal Power Commission through the linkage I have described, and to permeate the staff.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, have you seen any indication that that has been done?

Mr. MORGAN. If you want me to identify a concrete example, I cannot do that.

The CHAIRMAN. That is a great difficulty. These techniques you used, Mr. Morgan, are to me most puzzling. You raise up strawmen here and knock them down. I don't know whether you realize it or not, but in my judgment this kind of charge is rather serious.

Mr. MORGAN. I have not made a charge about this matter. I suggested to you reasons—

The CHAIRMAN. Maybe you term it something else. You make statements, I will put it to you.

Mr. MORGAN (continuing). Reasons why this committee and the Congress should give some attention to the administrative arrangements which now exist.

The CHAIRMAN. We have certainly been trying to do that for the last 6 years.

Mr. MORGAN. I am not saying that it is out of control, or that improper things are happening now. But it is an arrangement whereby an undue degree of influence for political purposes can be brought to bear on the Commission.

The CHAIRMAN. You have served in the Commission, you have served down there a year and a half now right in the middle of this, and you have made these statements today.

And I don't know—I think I am a reasonable individual, but I gather from this, out of your experience with the work of the Federal Power Commission, that there has been some influence from the White House, yet you say you know of none.

Now, you have made the statement. What else could we interpret from it? If there has been any such influence, I want to know it.

Mr. MORGAN. When you have a chance to read the transcript, sir, you will see that I am describing the administrative arrangement which exists and telling you that it opens the door to abuses of greater or less degree. But I am not making the statement that abuses have been committed. It is not necessary to do that in order to examine an administrative arrangement and decide whether it is wise or unwise.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, of course that is the reason I say your reasoning is a little bit puzzling to me. As you have stated in your letter, the Congress makes the law.

Mr. MORGAN. I understand that.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, don't you take into consideration the policies as set out by the Congress when these laws are enacted?

Mr. MORGAN. That is exactly what I do.

The CHAIRMAN. I would think that from the indication here. The impression I get when you disagree in your dissent—which is right,