

Mr. Moss. I made a note here throughout this discussion of his, that you would repeatedly say, "Mr. Morgan knows that I have done this or that or proposed or suggested this," which was an avoidance of the merits or dealing with the merits of these recommendations or suggestions he made.

Mr. SWIDLER. You understand, Mr. Moss, that I do think I was attacked or I would not have responded in that way. I have no desire to bring in personalities if it can be avoided.

My judgment is that these attacks were personal.

Mr. Moss. You know, tanners use salt water to toughen the hide. Maybe you had better do that, because you are going to have other people who will perhaps express wrong opinions, and they will do it without perhaps the slightest prejudice to you as an individual.

I think you have to learn to roll with the punches and take it.

I think that is all the questions I have at this time, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Springer?

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Chairman, I was very much interested in what you had to say and I have counted, I believe, on four occasions, that you said that you believe that the letter was an attack.

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. On you and on the Commission.

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. Well, after all that was said yesterday, I am happy to find one person who agrees with me that it was an attack.

That is what I said it was here yesterday. I am certainly not impugning anybody's motives who does not believe that.

The reason I did, and as I said to Mr. Morgan yesterday, in my district, there were headlines in every paper reflecting exactly what you have expressed.

I will quote one of them—

Member says FPC not regulating public interest.

Another one said:

Member attacks Power Commission.

Now, I had some pretty strong language yesterday, and I think there were some people who thought that maybe I overstated it. After listening to you, I think it is about right. I would have had no objection if he had taken those recommendations which he stated here yesterday and put those in the form of a statement and forwarded them to the White House as recommendations for helping the Commission by improving it.

But I think the press, I think everyone who read this letter came to exactly the same conclusion, that this was an attack upon the Commission.

I said yesterday that this was an attack upon the Commission, unsupported by any evidence and I said that was the worst form of McCarthyism, and I want to repeat it today.

Let me ask you just these questions:

How many other members are there on the Commission?

Mr. SWIDLER. There are a total of five, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. Has there ever been a decision down there that has been rendered, so far as you know, in which any members of the Commission, including Mr. Morgan, has ever been overcome by unusual pressures and rendered a decision accordingly?