

Mr. SWIDLER. Not that I am aware of, sir, no, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. Have you had a chance to talk with the other Commissioners about this letter?

Mr. SWIDLER. Informally, yes, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. Informally?

Isn't the belief of those members, other than Mr. Morgan, that this was in the nature of an attack upon the Commission?

Mr. SWIDLER. I hesitate to speak for the other Commissioners, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SPRINGER. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I am sorry to learn that the gentleman was ill this morning, but we got a report that he could not be here, but I made the statement that other Commissioners who felt they might have been attacked would be given the opportunity, if they desired, to come before the committee.

Mr. SPRINGER. Has there been any occasion in the Commission where you felt that any member of the Commission yielded on his own conviction because of a desire to conform with the other members, because of timidity, or for any desire or from any desire for personal security?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. Do you know of any Commissioner who has ever rendered a decision who modified his conviction in that decision because he might arouse an industry campaign against his reconfirmation by the Senate?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir; I do not.

As applied to me, in particular, and I do not want to get personal beyond what is appropriate here, I would think that was particularly misdirected. As it happens, I was not a political appointee, my confirmation hearings reveal that I informed my Senators that I had been offered this post, and they heard it from me. They did not solicit the position on my behalf. The President offered it to me because he thought that I was the man he wanted, mistakenly or otherwise.

I left a good law practice. I have worked for the Federal Government now for many years. At the end of this term, my Government will provide me with a generous pension, and I have a law practice to go back to. I do not need to stay in this position if I cannot make a contribution to it.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Chairman, do you know of any member of your Commission down there who has become neurotic with worry after having cast a vote for the public interest?

Mr. SWIDLER. We are all at our desks every day, sir.

Mr. SPRINGER. Would you answer that yes or no?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir; I do not know anybody who is neurotic.

Mr. SPRINGER. I just want this record to be clear, because Mr. Chairman, these have been the nature of the attack, the very things you pointed out as an attack were the same things I pointed out as an attack yesterday.

Surely the news does interpret what a man says in a letter as long and involved as this.

I did not mean to cut you off. Did you have something else?