

your name up for this most important job and I know that you will devote the same ability, initiative, and energy to the real challenges you have.

I am as concerned, as is Senator Muskie, about the various aspects of water pollution that he has outlined. I was a member of the committee for a while and participated in hearings. As you know, I have been concerned about the pollution problem for many years—one of our greatest national problems. Senator Muskie has outlined some of the problems and various other Senators on this committee have outlined other problems.

I also want to remind you—and I will remind you frequently after you are confirmed—that the greatest pollutant of the waters of American is the Federal Government, itself. We have to get busy. It is going to be your job to get busy and see that the Park Service, the Forest Service, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Federal Power Commission, and others institute corrective measures. In my State, the Forest Service is the greatest pollutant of water of all the Federal agencies. The National Park Service is the principal pollutant of the lake in Yellowstone National Park.

I am delighted that you are taking over. I know of your ability and your capacity. Believe me, I am going to give you some real challenges in the years ahead.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator Metcalf.

The Chair would like to state that Mr. Edwards has filed a financial statement. We will go into executive session to consider this statement, but before we do I want to thank you and compliment you, Mr. Edwards, for your responses here to the questions promulgated this morning.

Mr. EDWARDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(Whereupon, at 10:10 a.m., the committee proceeded to other business.)

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