

Mr. Dowdy. At this point in the record, the reporter will insert the remarks of Mr. Whitener in the House, including exchange of correspondence he had with the National Park Service respecting his request on behalf of the Boy Scouts.

(The material referred to follows:)

[Excerpt from Congressional Record of May 23, 1968, pp. H4221-H4222]

BOY SCOUTS DENIED USE OF NATIONAL PARK AREA LAND

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Chairman, on April 25, I addressed a telegram to the Secretary of the Interior requesting permission for several troops of the Boy Scouts of America from North Carolina to have an encampment on National Park area land within sight of the Washington Monument for the period July 18-20, 1968.

Today I have received the final reply of the Director of the National Park Service in which he states:

"I regret very much that I cannot accede to the request for a Boy Scout encampment in this area at that particular time."

In order that my colleagues may have full information as to the request and subsequent correspondence, I insert at this point my entire file on the matter:

APRIL 25, 1968.

Hon. STEWART UDALL,
Secretary, Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.:

Would appreciate your advising whether it will be possible for several troops of Boy Scouts from North Carolina to have an encampment on National Park area lands within sight of the Washington Monument on July 18, 19, and 20, 1968. Housing in regulation type Boy Scout tents would be anticipated.

Will appreciate prompt reply.

Sincerely yours,

BASIL L. WHITENER,
Member of Congress.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., April 26, 1968.

Hon. BASIL L. WHITENER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. WHITENER: We are pleased to acknowledge your inquiry in behalf of several Boy Scout troops concerning their plans for an encampment in the Washington, D.C. area on July 18-20. We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. HARTZOG,
Director.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., April 29, 1968.

Mr. GEORGE B. HARTZOG,
Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. HARTZOG: I appreciate having your letter of April 26, 1968, with reference to my telegram to the Secretary of the Interior regarding an encampment for Boy Scout troops in the vicinity of the Washington Monument during the period July 18-20, 1968.

My constituents are pressing me for a reply, and I assure you that any action you might take to expedite an answer to my request to Secretary Udall will be deeply appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

BASIL L. WHITENER,
Member of Congress.