

southwesterly direction, which shows the northern terminus of the Michoud Canal, and this would be the area of the turning basin.

This is the existing chemical complex of Air Products & Chemicals.

Adjoining it is the cement plant of the Oklahoma Cement Co.

Next here, but not quite so clear in this photograph, is the Louisiana materials construction site.

Over here is the Dundee Cement. That is a plant that was put here since the district engineer prepared his report.

And over here is another chemical plant of the Air Reduction Co. So that the committee will observe that we are dealing on this side of the canal with a very highly industrialized area.

On this side of the canal [indicating] is the NASA facility at its Michoud plant.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Harsha.

Mr. HARSHA. I hate to interrupt you. I know you spent a lot of time and effort in this preparation. From my knowledge of this project, it seems to be a very worthwhile project, and has an extremely good benefit-cost ratio. I see no problems with it, so far as the minority is concerned, whatsoever.

I would like to know from the distinguished gentleman from Louisiana if he knows what HEW's comments are.

Mr. HÉBERT. I do not know what their final comments are. They were received as of today and sent to the Bureau of the Budget. I did not read the report. I was informed it had been submitted by HEW and sent to the Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. HARSHA. Assuming they are favorable, and I would assume from what knowledge I have of it now, I see no problems with this.

And if you gentlemen could consolidate your efforts and put it in the record, I think you are in good shape.

Mr. FERGUSON. Congressman, my statement has been filed, which traces out the history of the exhibits, which I will submit with the report for your further consideration.

(The statement of Mr. Ferguson follows:)

STATEMENT OF JOSEPH V. FERGUSON II, ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ON BEHALF OF AIR PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS, INC., NEW ORLEANS EAST, INC., INTERNATIONAL AUTO SALES AND SERVICE, INC., OKLAHOMA CEMENT COMPANY, DUNDEE CEMENT COMPANY, LOUISIANA MATERIALS, INC., GERTLER-HEBERT COMPANY, PRATT FARNSWORTH, INC., DIXIE MILL SUPPLY

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee on Public Works of the United States House of Representatives.

I am Joseph Ferguson, an attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana. I appear before this Committee to speak on behalf of the local interests sponsoring the proposal to modify the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from its junction with the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet to the Michoud Canal, and the Michoud Canal, to provide, in addition to the water transportation now available by virtue of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet, deep water transportation to a rapidly developing industrial area situated in the eastern part of the City of New Orleans. This project has the whole-hearted support and approval of all of the property owners in the area.

I wish to express my thanks and the thanks of the other parties who will speak to you on behalf of this project for the opportunity to appear before this Committee and to present our views.

A report with respect to this proposed modification has been prepared by the U.S. Army Engineering District, New Orleans, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans, Louisiana dated December 18, 1967, which report has been approved by the Division Engineer, the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors and the Chief of Engineers. A hearing was held by the Committee on Public Works of the