

Because perhaps General Woodbury was—
awaiting a paper report from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife * * *
I am sending with this memorandum a copy of my memo to the Bureau of
April 10 * * *.

Then he went on to say that Under Secretary Black—
is anxious to get this issue resolved, because he is getting numerous telephone
calls on the matter.

We would like to know from whom Secretary Black was getting
those telephone calls. He was not getting them, so far as we knew, from
any of the conservationists or public interest people. He was certainly
not getting them from Congressman Moss, Congressman Saylor, or
myself, because we were unaware at that time of Under Secretary
Black's sudden involvement.

Then on page 18 of our summary—the day before Dr. Cain, on
April 16, sent General Woodbury the memo saying "Hurry up, Gen-
eral Woodbury, get us that request so that the machinery can start
to work"—General Woodbury had in fact written a long letter to
Under Secretary Black, according to the "machinery" setup, which is
set forth on pages 18 and 19. I won't read the letter, but its essence is
"OK, Under Secretary Black, give us the Department of the Interior's
views."

The Woodbury letter contains its share of inaccuracies. For instance,
it says: "The Bureaus of the Department of the Interior concerned
with parks, conservation, recreation, and pollution have withdrawn
any objections and have indicated that the project will not adversely
affect the area from these standpoints." General Woodbury well knew
from his April 10 telephone conversation that, far from withdrawing
their objections, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park
Service had dug in their heels and said, "Over our dead bodies."

Nevertheless, he states that the Bureaus have withdrawn their ob-
jections.

Then, Under Secretary Black sent back a letter to the Corps of
Engineers on April 26, which is set forth on page 20 of our statement,
simply saying that he had made a visual inspection of the affected
area and there was an indication that he had seen no ducks. Well, I
will tell the Under Secretary why he saw no ducks. It is because the
ducks arrive in November and leave in March. The time to go see the
ducks is when other Members and I have seen them by the thousands—
in November, December, January, and February, not after the ducks
have gone.

So, seeing no ducks, the Under Secretary of our "Conservation De-
partment" announced that they were flip-flopping for the second time
and "Go ahead, Corps of Engineers, grant the permit," which the
Corps of Engineers, in the last item in this sorry commentary, did on
May 29.

I want to thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommit-
tee, for bearing with me. You will note that this chronology is made
up largely from Department of the Interior documents.

Mr. Saylor and I ask that the subcommittee compare the record of
the career men of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National
Park Service with the record of the higher appointees in the Depart-
ment of Interior and with the record of the Corps of Engineers. We
hope that having made such a comparison the subcommittee will vindi-