

clear, by letter and by personal contact months before with the Department of the Interior, our interest in the matter. We were not told of either Dr. Cain's suddenly finding his soul or his losing it again a few minutes later, or Mr. Black's intervention.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. In the efforts of the three of you to obtain the facts and the information regarding this matter, you made the statement that Dr. Uhler was having difficulty forwarding material to you in an official capacity. Is that right?

Mr. REUSS. That is correct. Let me be clear here that Dr. Uhler was not a volunteer. We wanted to get the man who knew most about this area, and Dr. Uhler happens to be a 40-year career biologist stationed here at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center who all his life has known and worked the Hunting Creek area. We got hold of him in 1964, made an inspection at that time, and then again we asked him to make a further inspection this last December, and this January, because the matter had revived again.

And we also asked him for an official report, and as our testimony indicates, his efforts to get that to us officially were unsuccessful. Nevertheless, and to his credit, having been asked by Congressmen to give us a report, he gave us that report, which we then introduced in evidence at the February 21 Alexandria hearing.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Why would a career man who made a study, and was requested by the Congressmen for that study, have difficulty transmitting that information to you?

Mr. REUSS. It does not speak well. The only explanation I can offer is one that is inherent from the chronology we presented to you—that the “political considerations” of which Dr. Cain speaks, the “more than meets the eye” of which Dr. Uhler speaks, must be the explanation.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. It would appear that many of the answers to our questions would necessitate the appearance of Dr. Cain.

Mr. REUSS. Yes, I am sorry he was not able to be here and I hope that the subcommittee will have an opportunity to hear his side of the story and have him explain his actions.

Mr. JONES. He has asked to be heard, Mr. Reuss.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no further questions.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Gude?

Mr. GUDE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I had the opportunity to visit the Hunting Creek area Friday afternoon, and I certainly want to commend the three Congressmen who have done so much in this fight. We in the metropolitan area of Washington are very fortunate to have a great river going right through the center of our city, as well as the C. & O. Canal and the wonderful features that are associated with it. I found Hunting Creek to be a very handsome area of low shoreland and I do not think there is any doubt that the intrusion of high-rise apartments right at that juncture would harm the park out on the point.

We visited the site of the lighthouse there that is to be restored when we have sufficient funds. It is a beautiful area. We did not see any ducks naturally—as you point out you have to get there in the wintertime—but we did see a heron and he seemed to be happy and able to make out in his feeding. So I think this is great. This is the “camel with his nose