

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
NATURAL RESOURCES AND POWER SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C., June 27, 1968.

HOWARD P. HOFFMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.,
New York, N.Y.

GENTLEMEN: This subcommittee is continuing its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the permit issued to you on May 29, 1968, by the Army Corps of Engineers to fill in a portion of Hunting Creek at Alexandria, Va. The hearing will resume on Monday and Tuesday, July 8 and 9, 1968, in room 2203, Rayburn House Office Building, at 10 a.m.

In our letter to you of June 12, we indicated that if you desire to present your views to the subcommittee, either by submitting a statement for the record or by having your representative testify personally, we would appreciate your advising us. We have not received a response to date. If you do desire to have your representative testify on either July 8 or 9, please let us know the name, address, and telephone number of your representative so that we can schedule the time of his appearance.

Sincerely,

ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee.

McCORMACK & BREGMAN,
Washington, D.C., July 5, 1968.

Congressman ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee, Committee on Government Operations, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: As attorney for Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., I would like to thank you for your letters of June 12 and June 27 inviting Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., to present their views on the issuance of the permit to them by the Army Corps of Engineers to fill a portion of Hunting Creek.

We assume the purpose of the hearing concerns the possibility of future legislation in the general area of the issuance of permits by the Army Corps of Engineers. We do not believe that Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., is particularly qualified to give its views on the need for such legislation and that the Army Corps of Engineers and the Interior Department are the people who can best speak to this matter.

The views of Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., on the issuance of the particular permit concerning Hunting Creek were expressed at the hearing of the Army Corps of Engineers on February 21, 1968, in Alexandria, Va. Those views, which were supported by facts that if application were granted it would help in flood control, decrease the silt and pollution in the area, not be detrimental to wildlife, and not be a hindrance to navigation, are recorded in the transcript of that hearing, and we do not believe anything could be added to that position at this time.

If there are any specific questions that you believe that our client can supply the answers to, we will certainly attempt to do so.

Thanking you again for your courtesy in this matter.

Yours very truly,

STANLEY I. BREGMAN.

Mr. JONES. Our first witness today is Dr. John Gottschalk, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife of the Department of the Interior, a distinguished ecologist and biologist.