

Mr. Moss. Was it concurred in by you?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I participated in the discussion which led to the conclusion that it would not be appropriate for the Department to have a representative.

Mr. Moss. Did you concur in the decision that it would not be appropriate?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. Yes.

Mr. Moss. Or was your concurrence asked?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I do not know that my concurrence was asked, but let me say that the Secretary—the Assistant Secretary—having made a determination, I concurred in his conclusion that it would not be appropriate to be represented. One reason for this lies in the fact that the Corps of Engineers conducts these hearings in order to get all the information it can about a particular project.

As far as I was concerned, at my level of responsibility in the Department, we had done all that we could do to inform the Corps of Engineers about the significance of the project. We had submitted our report to them.

It was a matter of record. I felt there was nothing further that we could do to aid the corps in coming to a decision as to whether it should or should not grant the permit applied for.

Mr. Moss. There is no use in belaboring the point. It is quite clear that the Department decided not to appear, and while the record of the Department's study is excellent, and it fully acquainted the Corps of Engineers with the reasons for its conclusion that the permit should not be granted, when it reversed its position, it did not give them equal information as to why it had changed its position, did it?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I do not have—let me put it this way: I do not have specific information on that subject.

Mr. Moss. To your knowledge there was no filing of any kind of an amended finding upon which the Department's reversal would be based?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. Not at the time of the hearing. Or course, subsequently Secretary Black did write to the Corps of Engineers on this subject. But that was substantially later.

Mr. Moss. We had a reversal of the original position and then a reversal of the reversed position; is that correct?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. Yes, sir.

Mr. Moss. We had two reversals. I wonder if you could just give us a brief outline of your own background as an ecologist.

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I went to work for the Indiana Department of Conservation in 1930 in the Dune State Park. I have an A.B. degree in biology. I have a master's degree in zoology from Indiana University. From 1934 until 1941 I was employed by the Indiana Department of Conservation full time as a biologist, finally became superintendent of fisheries in the department.

During the war, I served as a biologist and chief of the analytical laboratory for Schenley Laboratories in the manufacture of penicillin. Subsequently I joined the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1945 and have been with that agency ever since. I do not claim to be an ecologist as such, although my academic work was in the field of ecology. I am, as you can tell, an administrator, but I am interested in and concerned about the preservation of our out of doors. Much of my work is oriented around this central concern.