

Mr. REUSS. When did you take office?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. October 15, 1964. All of the things that happened prior to that time happened before I arrived on the scene.

Mr. REUSS. From October 15, 1964, was there any contact between you and the Corps of Engineers with respect to Hunting Creek fill applications, or was that contact by the Corps of Engineers with the Assistant Secretary and Under Secretary or at that level?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. We continued to have staff contacts with the Corps of Engineers on these matters and have had, on this particular one. I had no substantive discussions with members of the Corps of Engineers on this problem. I think that most of the discussions were between the Assistant Secretary or others in the Department, and members of the staff of the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. REUSS. What members of the Fish and Wildlife Service had any contacts with the Corps of Engineers on these applications? You say you did not. Did any official or employee of the Fish and Wildlife Service?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. There were undoubtedly a number of staff contacts. Our records show that a former member of Mr. White's organization, Mr. Lawson, had discussed aspects of this with members of the staff of the Chief of Engineers.

Mr. REUSS. When?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. In late 1963 and the early 1964 period during the time the report was being developed.

Mr. REUSS. Following the late 1963 and early 1964 period, was there any contact or discussion between the Corps of Engineers and any officer, or employee, of the Fish and Wildlife Service?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. The only one that I know of personally, without a greater review of the files than I have made at the present time, was between myself and General Woodbury and this involved a call that I made to him at the time I learned Dr. Cain had decided to change his mind and to again, in effect, reinstate the Department's position in opposition to this project.

Mr. REUSS. On what date did you telephone General Woodbury?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. On or about April 10, 1968.

Mr. REUSS. You called him?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. Yes.

Mr. REUSS. What did you say and what did he say?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. All I did was to call General Woodbury because I knew from staff discussions that the corps was very close to granting this permit and, with the Department's opposition reinstated, I wanted to warn them of this fact and to ask them for a delay in making the decision. I did not have an opportunity to discuss this beyond the introduction of the subject because, as it turned out, Dr. Cain was present in my office at that time. In fact, he hand-carried his memorandum to me and then we discussed it and then I called General Woodbury and—

Mr. REUSS. Would you just tell us what you said: "Hello, General Woodbury, this is Director Gottschalk," I presume?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I said "I was trying to reach General Noble but I didn't expect to get you—" this was rather late in the evening. "And Dr. Cain had advised he is changing his position on this Hunting Creek project," and that was about the end of my personal discussion because Dr. Cain said, "Let me talk to the general."