

Mr. REUSS. Before you got off the phone, had General Woodbury made any reply to what you had said?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I am sure he did. I can't remember exactly what his words were, but he acknowledged that this had happened.

Mr. REUSS. You mean that the Department of the Interior had reinstated its former position of opposition to the fill?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. That is correct.

Mr. REUSS. Did he acknowledge it with pleasure, dismay, or equanimity?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I think the general will testify a little bit later and I would prefer to let him recount this. I suppose there was an inflection of surprise in his voice. I wouldn't want to suggest that I could discern any other particular emotion.

Mr. REUSS. Not angry?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. Not at all.

Mr. REUSS. Hurt?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. No.

Mr. REUSS. Then Assistant Secretary Cain got on the phone and what did he say?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. He told the general what had happened, that he had asked for this technical review and after thinking the whole thing over had come to the conclusion that he had made an error in having withdrawn the Department's objection in the first instance and, therefore, was proposing to reinstate the objections of the Department.

Mr. REUSS. Did Dr. Cain have anything to say about his earlier position, as set forth in his letter of October 10, 1967?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I don't recall anything specific.

Mr. REUSS. Could you hear General Woodbury's reply?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. No; I couldn't.

Mr. REUSS. Did Dr. Cain tell you what General Woodbury's reply was?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I am not sure that he did at that time.

Mr. REUSS. When did he?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. Well, later I learned what the reply was.

Mr. REUSS. What was it?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. It was in substance that this would be an excellent opportunity to follow the procedures outlined in the memorandum of understanding which had been developed earlier between the Department of the Interior and the Corps of Engineers on the handling of these permits, which involved the referral of the permit applications that were being contested or in controversy, to the Under Secretary.

Mr. REUSS. Did Dr. Cain say anything in his conversation with General Woodbury over the telephone to the effect that his—Dr. Cain's—position of October 10, 1967, withdrawing opposition to the fill permit, was "naked and indefensible?"

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. I don't recall that he used those specific words.

Mr. REUSS. What did he say in that general connection?

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. Well, he said, in effect, that he no longer felt his previous position was supportable.

Mr. REUSS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Mr. Chairman, may I ask one question?

Mr. JONES. Mr. Vander Jagt.