

Mr. VANDER JAGT. You told Mr. Indritz when Dr. Cain withdrew the objection you were surprised and that you then had a conversation with him. Didn't you ask him, "Why did you withdraw these objections?"

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. Not necessarily in those terms, although I am sure that the reason for my visit in his office was apparent, but I felt it obligatory that I point out to him that we would be placed in a rather awkward position, and this I attempted to do.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. When all of the data pointed in the other direction, then suddenly he goes in an opposite direction; he must have given some explanation as to why. It would be very logical for you to ask him about it while you were there.

Dr. GOTTSCHALK. He did not choose to inform me about these things. I know that if he had felt it would have helped the situation any he would have confided in me. I think—and again this comes to speculation—that he felt that the future development of this project was going to result in oppressive political pressure on the Bureau and that he would step in and relieve us of the pressures by taking them on himself. My personal opinion is that Dr. Cain thought that he was helping our organization by making it unnecessary for those of us—myself and Dr. Uhler—who are more or less professionals in the field—to have to try to withstand this kind of pressure.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Thank you very much and thank you for very helpful testimony.

Mr. JONES. Thank you very much, Dr. Gottschalk, and also Mr. White. You are always a great advocate and a fine witness.

Our next witness is Dr. Francis M. Uhler, biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

STATEMENT OF DR. FRANCIS M. UHLER, BIOLOGIST, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Dr. UHLER. I am Francis M. Uhler, as indicated, of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. JONES. If you are the man folks say you are, you are a Jim Dandy, I will tell you. There has been a lot of bragging on you, Dr. Uhler. It is a pleasure to have you, sir.

Dr. UHLER. Thank you, sir. I should blush but I have blushed for a considerable period and it is probably not apparent at the moment.

Mr. JONES. It is well for you to hear good things said about you. We are pleased too.

Dr. UHLER. Thank you.

I have been employed by the Fish and Wildlife Service and its forerunner agency, the Biological Survey, since 1924. Much of that period has been connected with the conservation of waterfowl and the early establishment of our waterfowl refuges throughout many parts of the United States.

I have conducted research on the food habits of waterfowl with other aquatic biologists, in our old Biological Survey, and reported on such, and have conducted research on the methods of developing waterfowl breeding grounds and feeding grounds in many parts of the United States.

My contacts with the Potomac estuary and its embayments, including Hunting Creek, go back to the late 1920's and I have spent many