

General WOODBURY. Yes. The permit record at that point—the formal record at that point—had in it as the last action of record by the agencies you enunciated, a letter from Secretary Cain speaking, I thought, for these agencies that you have enumerated, in which he stated we withdraw our objections. But you will note in my letter in the next to the last paragraph, I said notwithstanding what we have received officially through the mails and the hearings I understand you now have an objection. So I sent it over to him to consider that in the light of this new evidence that he might have had.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Then what you were doing here or, what you were intending to do, was merely to convey what the record said at that point?

General WOODBURY. Yes. I sent over all the record, the hearings, all the permit action. This goes over for their review. I was summarizing the record in the early part of that letter, and then indicating that in spite of that I understand there are some later developments, and I call those to his attention.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. That is what I would like to be clear on. You did not intend to say in this letter that the Department of the Interior was taking the position that it would not adversely affect conservation and recreational values?

General WOODBURY. No. If in fact I had thought that, I would not have sent the letter in the first place because there would not have been any objection over there.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. That is what I wanted cleared up. In this period of time, there did appear to be a certain sense of urgency, did there not?

General WOODBURY. Urgency? Conflict of views, perhaps.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Was there any sense of a necessity of hurrying the process up?

General WOODBURY. Not that I am aware of; no, sir.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. You were not aware of any haste in dealing with this matter?

General WOODBURY. I was aware of considerable interest. I do not think that is haste. I think it would be wrong to call it haste.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Where was that interest coming from?

General WOODBURY. As far as I was concerned, the interest was expressed by Mr. Moss and Mr. Reuss, in the meeting in their office some time in early December.

I understand in my informal conversations with Dr. Cain that he was experiencing considerable interest. But at no time did the Governor call me, for example—I know he had an interest—or the permittee or any of his people.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. So you were not aware of any interest of those who wanted the permit to be granted. The ones you have just told us were the ones who were opposed to the issuing of the permit. That would not have necessitated any haste, would it?

General WOODBURY. No, nor do I think there was any haste in this permit. There had been interest expressed by Senator Bayh's office in connection with the permit, again not as a matter of haste, but rather to find out what the status was, when I expected it would take the next step.

Mr. MOSS. Would you yield to me for a moment?

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Gladly.