

as a green light to go ahead with the permit in October, why wasn't it enough for you as a red light to stop the permit in April 1968?

General WOODBURY. I need to correct the record, sir. It was not a green light for us to go ahead in October. We did not go ahead in October. We attempted to resolve the outstanding differences from October until May.

Mr. REUSS. You didn't resolve any of them, did you?

General WOODBURY. We resolved some of them. Congressman Dingell withdrew his objection, I understood.

Mr. REUSS. No; that letter from Congressman Dingell was back in July 1967.

My question was, What outstanding differences that prevailed in October 1967, did you thereafter resolve? You didn't resolve that of the Fish and Wildlife Service; you didn't resolve that of the National Park Service; you didn't resolve that of Congressmen Saylor, Moss, and Reuss. You didn't resolve that of the National Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, the Izaak Walton League and a dozen other organizations. What did you resolve after October 10, 1967?

General WOODBURY. There remained substantial differences and that is why in April of 1967 the matter was referred to the Under Secretary.

Mr. REUSS. April of 1967?

General WOODBURY. 1968.

I would like to go back to your earlier questions, sir, which I didn't have an opportunity to answer. You indicated why didn't I accept the telephone call from—and the subsequent communication from—Secretary Cain, as being a final action by the Secretary of the Interior—

Mr. REUSS. So the record may be clear as to what communication we are talking about, I referred to, and I gather you do too, the memorandum of Assistant Secretary Cain dated April 10, 1968, of which you received a copy, saying "I am now reversing the position I took earlier"—referring to the October 1967 position?

General WOODBURY. Yes, sir. You see, there are other Bureaus in the Department of the Interior having an interest in this case, other than those under Assistant Secretary Cain.

Mr. REUSS. I know; but here you had Assistant Secretary Cain who had supervision over Fish and Wildlife, and Parks, the two affected agencies. What do you care if the Bureau of Mines says "Hooray, let's grant a permit" or any other irrelevant bureau?

General WOODBURY. We don't consider the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration irrelevant, sir, and they are not under Secretary Cain.

Mr. REUSS. But you had Assistant Secretary Cain saying—

General WOODBURY. He didn't speak for the FWPCA.

Mr. REUSS. That is right but your logic escapes me. Since you had Assistant Secretary Cain, who does control Fish and Wildlife, and Parks, saying "No, don't do it," why did you therefore fool around with Under Secretary Black? You did have Assistant Secretary Cain, the man who controlled the two relevant Bureaus saying, "No, don't do it." Why were you so zealous in trying to find someone who would overrule Assistant Secretary Cain?

General WOODBURY. I wasn't trying to find somebody who would overrule Assistant Secretary Cain, sir, and I think it is unfair of you to