

that he strongly objected to this and stated his reasons, that I would have recommended to the Secretary of the Army that the permit be denied.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. At the time you made your recommendation, you were under the impression—based on Secretary Black's letter—that the Department had no serious objection to the granting of the permit; is that correct?

General WOODBURY. I'd left the office before we acted on Secretary Black's letter. Had I been there and had I received Secretary Black's letter and had I been the one to act, the answer to your question would have been yes.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. And you were under the impression in April, after this matter reached Secretary Black, that there was not a serious objection to the granting of the permit; is that correct?

General WOODBURY. Oh, no; that is not correct. I knew that there continued to be objection within the Department of the Interior, some of the agencies in the Department of the Interior, to the issuance of this permit.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. You have testified earlier that you have to deal with—when it reaches this extent—the Under Secretary of the Interior, Under Secretary Black?

General WOODBURY. That is right.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. In the channels you were obliged to follow, was it your opinion that the objections of the Department of the Interior had been officially withdrawn?

General WOODBURY. That is right.

Mr. GUDE. In a matter like this then would it be a fair statement that the Corps of Engineers would be governed as to the extent to which it would consult with the Department of the Interior, to the extent that they showed a vigorous interest, or a very light interest in a particular matter?

General WOODBURY. That is right. That is what is called for in our July agreement, sir, and on the basis of these kinds of conversations we have denied permits.

Mr. GUDE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. INDRIITZ. General Woodbury, is it not true that the corps recommends to the Secretary of the Army the action to be taken on an application for permit?

General WOODBURY. We do, sir.

Mr. INDRIITZ. In presenting the material to the Secretary of the Army for his decision, do you forward a summary of the record that is before you to the Secretary of the Army?

General WOODBURY. I think the answer to your question is "Yes." I am not sure what is behind it, but—yes, sir. We summarize the case and send it over with a recommendation.

Mr. INDRIITZ. Do you know why the material that went forward to the Secretary of the Army in a report entitled "Subject: Report on Applications for Department of the Army Permits for Work in Navigable Waters of the United States," dated September 16, 1964, plus some eight endorsements, contains no reference to the fact that the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Udall, had in 1964 written to the Secretary of the Army objecting to the permit?