

ambience, in the atmosphere in and around, let us say, this date in October. And I do not profess any expert knowledge myself about this particular area, but I think I have described the circumstances.

Mr. MOSS. You state that on approximately October 10 a letter was brought to you for signature, which would indicate that it was drafted elsewhere.

Dr. CAIN. It was. This letter was drafted——

Mr. MOSS. Was the letter drafted on your initiative?

Dr. CAIN. It was not.

Mr. MOSS. It was not. On whose initiative was it drafted?

Dr. CAIN. It was drafted in the Office of the Solicitor at the request of somebody else in this office.

Mr. MOSS. And you do not know who?

Dr. CAIN. I do not personally know. But I do know what the man who drafted the letter told me.

Mr. MOSS. Was it discussed with you before it was drafted?

Dr. CAIN. No, sir. The first contact was when this letter came to my desk asking, would I be willing to sign it.

Mr. MOSS. You have just told us that it reflected your views.

Dr. CAIN. It did.

Mr. MOSS. That is a remarkable individual that drafts letters reflecting your views without discussing them with you.

Dr. CAIN. I have endeavored to explain that I had a very loose general sort of information such as one gets about problems that are somewhere else. I described that I knew that there were differences of opinion in Congress. And I have described that in my own judgment I did not think that this was a great issue to stand and fight on. That is all I meant. I had nothing to do with the drafting of this letter, sir.

Mr. MOSS. I know, you had nothing to do with the drafting of the letter, and yet you say that it reflected your thinking.

Dr. CAIN. If I had not thought myself, by taking into consideration all aspects of this, that the permit should be granted, I would not have signed the letter.

Mr. MOSS. Did you talk to Dr. Gottschalk or Dr. Uhler before signing it?

Dr. CAIN. No, sir. I went up first to the Secretary's Office to talk about it.

Mr. MOSS. You mean you reversed the——

Dr. CAIN. That is correct. This all happened very quickly.

Mr. MOSS. It all happened very quickly?

Dr. CAIN. Right.

Mr. MOSS. We were told yesterday that there was no urgency, and yet in General Woodbury's letter the term "urgency" was used. I want to be precise on that. He stated:

I would appreciate your comments at the earliest practicable date since the applicant has indicated the urgency of a prompt decision.

So this was also brought to you as urgent?

Dr. CAIN. That is quite right.

Mr. MOSS. How was the sense of urgency conveyed to you?

Dr. CAIN. When this letter was brought to me I got the definite impression that there was urgency about getting a signature on it. And when I went to the Secretary's office and talked with one of the