

Mr. REUSS. You have rejected my description of your duties. I said it was to protect wildlife and to protect parks. Leaving aside the commercial fisheries, which is an added duty, would you restate your job description?

Dr. CAIN. Let me add that since Congress passed the Marine Resources and Engineering Development Act in 1966—it will be 2 years in August—I have been, in addition the Administrator of the Department of Interior's marine program, which involves nine bureaus; and since about 16 months ago I have also been Chairman of a National Marine Council Committee on the Multiple Uses of the Coastal Zone, appointed to the Chairmanship by Vice President Humphrey. And these duties which I have just described, which do not appear anywhere in the manual description, take at least half of my time. So let me say that probably in my working week, which seems to me to be a fairly long one, the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife I would estimate take between a quarter and a third of my time. And they are much more diversified than what you have just described.

Mr. REUSS. All right. Thank you very much.

Let us get back to October 10, 1967. Was that the first time that you heard of the Hunting Creek controversy?

Dr. CAIN. No. I said that previous to that I had very peripheral information in the sense that—and I really cannot describe it—I knew nothing about it in a real sense, but I knew a problem existed.

Mr. REUSS. When you signed that letter on October 10, 1967, you did so with the knowledge that both the National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service were opposed to the fill; did you not?

Dr. CAIN. Yes, sir.

Mr. REUSS. Yet, you nevertheless, in your letter to the Corps of Engineers, used the word "we" rather than saying that you as Assistant Secretary now favored the fill, but that the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the National Park Service were still opposed to it; is that correct?

Dr. CAIN. That is correct. I testified to that.

Mr. REUSS. Now, after you went into the Secretary's office and were there informed that you were supposed to handle it, what steps did you take before reversing the historic position of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service? You said you did not speak to anybody from either the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service; is that correct?

Dr. CAIN. That is correct.

Mr. REUSS. Did you speak to anyone other than this Mr. Bernie Meyer?

Dr. CAIN. Yes; Mr. Meyer brought me the letter, and Mr. Pozen in the Secretary's office.

Mr. REUSS. Anybody else?

Dr. CAIN. No, sir.

Mr. REUSS. Just those two?

Dr. CAIN. Not as I remember.

Mr. REUSS. Did you go down and make an inspection of the area?

Dr. CAIN. No, sir. I have stated that I have been up and down and through and around there, and I had general information. I did subsequently go out. As a matter of fact, I went back again last Sunday to take another look. I had to get the feel of things.