

concern in the urban center of the metropolitan region. The plans being prepared by this group will hopefully contain guidelines for handling the planning and development of these sensitive areas.

We recognize that any development of the submerged lands in Hunting Creek will produce an impact on areas which have been dedicated to the public interest. Therefore, we hesitate to encourage continued discussions when such proposed developments infringe on these interests.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in submitting the brochure and for your consideration of our position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

W. POZEN.

*Assistant to the Secretary.*

HOWARD P. HOFFMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.,  
New York, N.Y., February 21, 1966.

Mr. WALTER POZEN,  
*Assistant to the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 18th and E Streets NW., Washington, D.C.*

DEAR WALTER: You are aware that we had a meeting, before the Christmas holidays, with the Department of Parks and representatives of your Office. It was agreed that we would prepare all the architectural plans and designs, together with pertinent data, and that Mr. Holland, our engineer and the highway engineer for the Department of Parks would collaborate on a feasibility plan to be submitted to your Office.

Enclosed herein I am taking the liberty of forwarding the presentation of the proposed project which our architects have completed. It is interesting to note the changes which have occurred in the 1½ years that we have been meeting; that is, the change of layouts in order to conform with the wishes of the Department of Parks as well as the Department of Interior. We are proud of this presentation and hope that you will feel as we do—that it can only add to the beautification of the Potomac River.

I have been following the controversies of the other two waterfront property-owners who were recently turned down by the city council in Alexandria. I believe, however, that we have worked closely with your Department and the Department of Parks to solve all the problems that were raised at these zoning hearings; such as, traffic congestion, layouts, height restrictions, conformed uses, and most important of all, the beautification of the Potomac waterfront. Furthermore, we are sacrificing approximately 380 units in order to conform with the wishes of the Department of the Interior and to justify your decision that this project will be an asset to the city of Alexandria and that this asset will be developed with private funds.

I am available at any time, and at a moment's notice, to visit with you and the Secretary, if you feel that this would be a necessary step after you have received the remainder of the report which is currently being prepared.

There is no doubt that the Corps of Engineers would welcome this project, as would the city of Alexandria and the State of Virginia.

We have tried to the best of our ability to conform to your wishes and we urgently request that you lift your objections at this time in order that we may proceed with construction.

I want to thank you again for all your courtesies and attention to this very pressing problem.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD P. HOFFMAN.

Mr. REUSS. Now, on April 8, 1968, you wrote a memorandum to the Director of the National Park Service. And in that memorandum you said that you wanted to clarify your role in the Hunting Creek controversy. Then I quote you:

I was told by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife that the original field report on the area under discussion was in weak opposition to the permit and that the fish and wildlife values claimed for the area were "upgraded" here in Washington.