

Who told you that?

Dr. CAIN. I can't be positive of my memory.

Mr. REUSS. Do the best you can.

Dr. CAIN. I believe it was one of my staff assistants who is present here today.

Mr. REUSS. Who is that?

Dr. CAIN. Mr. James McBroom. May I describe him just very briefly for orientation. He served longer as the Assistant Director in the Bureau, in charge of river basins which does this work, than any other man has served. And he has been described by a former Secretary of the Interior as the "father" of the Coordination Act—I put quotation marks around that.

Mr. REUSS. You aren't sure, however, that it was Mr. McBroom that told you that?

Dr. CAIN. I am not positive. My memory isn't that good.

Mr. REUSS. You are familiar with the testimony of Dr. Gottschalk, of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, yesterday?

Dr. CAIN. No, sir; I am not, because I haven't seen a transcript. I was engaged elsewhere, so I don't know what Mr. Gottschalk said.

Mr. REUSS. Mr. McBroom was not in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife as of last year, was he?

Dr. CAIN. Yes, he was, until—when I became chairman of this marine committee that I mentioned, I needed help. And I asked Director Gottschalk and he has lent me the services of Mr. McBroom for a period of about 9 or 10 months, now. And so he is on my staff as of now, from the Bureau, where he was an Assistant Director.

Mr. REUSS. Since you tell me you are not familiar with this testimony, Director Gottschalk testified that it is untrue that the original field report on Hunting Creek was in weak opposition to the permit, or that the values were upgraded here in Washington. In the light of his testimony on that, the information you apparently received was not correct, was it?

Dr. CAIN. May I suggest, this is a question of interpretation. And one of the things I did last night also was to look in part of this record book which I have before me, which purports to contain the various memorandums related to this case. And I find that—the first thing that I find with respect to this in terms of the date is April 6, 1964, a teletype from the Washington office to the regional office of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Mr. REUSS. At Atlanta?

Dr. CAIN. At Atlanta. And if I may, I will read this teletype. It is short:

We understand Corps has issued a notice of application for permit to fill about 60 acres in mouth of Hunting Creek immediately south of Arlington, Virginia bordering the Potomac River. This area much used as waterfowl winter feeding grounds and is of great interest to Audubon Society of Washington, D.C.

Now, this was responded to the same day, April 6, by a return teletype from Atlanta:

Re Mr. White's teletype, application for Department of Army permit, Hunting Creek. We are advised by personnel, Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, that waterfowl values of specific area are small; it is open water; and has little known fishery value. Bureau wetlands surveys maps also indicate insignificant waterfowl value in 1953. Mr. Treschman, Corps of Engineers, informs us that Virginia Legislature has ceded bay bottoms in question to develop-