

ery of agreement between Secretary Resor and Secretary Udall had been put in this operation. I had perfect confidence in Under Secretary Black. I know that he is in constant communication with the Secretary. The Secretary had, as you said, in effect, at an earlier period of time, left the problem to me. But that had been superseded by the action he concurred in, the formal action between these Secretaries. He is a very busy man, and I don't go to him if I don't feel there is a need. And in this case I didn't feel any need to explain this.

Mr. REUSS. All right, then, let me get to the final subject I have to raise with you. I was quite impressed yesterday when Director Gottschalk vigorously backed up the lifelong career biologist, Dr. Uhler, on the quality of the expertness which Dr. Uhler had brought to bear on the Hunting Creek problem. You are familiar with the reports of Dr. Uhler over the years, particularly in 1964, and this February—you must be familiar with them because you have already testified that Sunday night you read the Saylor-Reuss testimony, and Dr. Uhler's reports are included in that testimony. So you have seen that, have you not?

Dr. CAIN. That is right; one such document I have seen.

Mr. REUSS. Well, if you read the Saylor-Reuss testimony you saw two such documents—one in 1964 and one in 1968.

Dr. CAIN. Well, perhaps I did.

Mr. REUSS. Now, you have dismissed the expert report of the Fish and Wildlife Service on two grounds, I think—that it is not scientific, that there is no real evidence of diving ducks in the Hunting Creek estuary, and also that the observations with respect to Dyke Marsh are just conjecture. That is what you have testified to earlier this morning, is it not?

Dr. CAIN. I can't at the moment lay my hands on the—

Mr. REUSS. I have made a note of it, and if you find that I have incorrectly recapitulated what you have said, you can make that known to the committee.

Now, Dr. Uhler has been down many, many times over a period of more than 30 years to Hunting Creek, and specifically on numerous occasions from 1964 to the present time, during the season—basically December–February—when the diving ducks are there, and he has constantly counted, found, observed, photographed, and otherwise statistically summarized the numerous diving ducks there. I find it, very frankly, a little uncharitable of you, who have seen fit to overrule Dr. Uhler and the Fish and Wildlife Service on the basis of your own "general feeling," without ever having been out in the Hunting Creek estuary—I find it a little uncharitable of you to dismiss Dr. Uhler's statistical methods. And I ask you what the poor man should have done in the last 40 years to have been a better expert on Hunting Creek than he is.

Dr. CAIN. I am sorry, I can't lay my hands on the document. I could explain it a little easier.

But the only quantitative data with respect to ducks is that table of 5 years, I believe, Audubon Christmas counts, is that correct?

Mr. REUSS. On many other occasions and in many other reports Dr. Uhler made estimates, as I did. I have been down there, and Dr. Gottschalk has. I can tell the difference between 10 buffleheads and one bufflehead on the water if I am out on the water among them.