

I think, in considerable detail, and give much thought to, the wishes, notably of Mr. Moss and Mr. Reuss, and we do keep a record of these communications. It was in the file that I reviewed.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. Are you absolutely certain that the names you have given us today are the only names of Congressmen or Senators who had expressed an interest, or made an inquiry, on this subject?

Mr. BLACK. It may be that Congressman Saylor—there were communications from him in the file. I was aware generally of his opposition.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. Do you understand my question?

Mr. BLACK. Well, maybe you had better repeat it.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. Could you repeat the question, Mr. Reporter?

(Whereupon, the preceding question was read by the reporter.)

Mr. BLACK. I think I am certain that the only ones that I mentioned, at least, were the ones that called me. Ordinarily, a call from a Senator or Congressman does not slip my mind.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. Do you recall, since you assumed your present position, sir, any other applications for fill permits anywhere in the United States that have come to your personal desk for decision?

Mr. BLACK. Yes.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. Can you state where those are located?

Mr. BLACK. There are a couple of them, and I might have to get some help here. This is under the memorandum of understanding arrangement.

Mr. MANGAN. Largely dredging permits involving Lake Erie. The general area of Detroit harbor, and the Ashtabula harbor area are two cases that have been at issue with the corps. They have applications for permits under circumstances which threaten to bring the wheels of commerce to a halt if they cannot dredge some of these harbors. They want to dump the spoil in the lake, and we have consistently objected to this practice.

Mr. BLACK. There was one—

Mr. MANGAN. We have one fairly longstanding debate on dredging in one of the gulf coast harbors which involves oystershell dredging and the disturbance of the marine environment there.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. I take it in both these cases you have denied approval to the permit?

Mr. BLACK. To this point.

Mr. MANGAN. Yes. On the Great Lakes dredging situation, in general, we have a cooperative agreement with the corps to carry on studies to really establish what the influence of dumping dredge spoil in the lakes is from a pollution standpoint.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. Do you understand my question? My question is solely on any of these previous applications: Have you granted a permit or approved issuance of the permit by the Corps of Engineers?

Mr. MANGAN. We have; yes. And I have a note here from one of the staff that indicates at least two cases on the Connecticut coast where there were marina dredging permit applications. On final analysis it was determined that the value to the community and the value to the entire area was greater than the minimal damage that would be done to wildlife values, and the Department did not object to the permit.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. Now, Mr. Black, can you enumerate for this committee the beneficiaries, and the identity of the beneficiaries, of this permit application being granted?