

Alexandria, in which he states this with respect to the Department of Interior:

At the present time it appears that our only course of action, if we are to control the filling operations in Hunting Creek, is to seek specific authority and appropriations of funds in order to acquire interest in the property affected. This eventuality is being considered in the preparation of our 10-year development program for the park system of the District of Columbia.

Now, is that 10-year development program still being prepared?

Mr. BLACK. I do not know that I can answer that—what particular program he had in mind. Maybe we can get some assistance in this room.

Mr. Moss. Is anyone here from the National Park Service?

Mr. Horne, could you answer that question?

Mr. HORNE. No, sir; I do not know whether this item is in the program or not. I think it could be verified.

Mr. Moss. Would you verify it, and we will hold the record at this point to receive the information?

(Subsequently, Mr. Horne furnished the following information:)

Former Regional Director Jett's letter to Mr. A. Z. Shows of January 11, 1966, closes with "This eventuality 'to seek specific authority and appropriation of funds' is being considered in the preparation of our 10-year development program for the park system of the District of Columbia." The 10-year development program referred to in Mr. Jett's letter was a special study then being prepared by a task force to supplement the brochure "National Capital Landscape," released in April 1965. We find that the preparation of this special program was never completed. We also find that our legislative program has not included a request to Congress for the "specific authority" which is required before submission of budget requests for "appropriation of funds" for National Park Service programs.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. The question really goes to this point: Since 1966, the Department of the Interior has been trying to preserve the Potomac River, particularly along this area which is involved here, has it not?

Mr. BLACK. I think that is probably true. The area certainly south of there.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. When you say, "south," would you say down toward Mount Vernon from Hunting Creek?

Mr. BLACK. Yes; I would say that is of considerable significance.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. With respect to that policy, Mr. Black—

Mr. BLACK. And Jones Point, of course.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. Jones Point to the north and east.

In your professional judgment, is it consistent with that policy to grant 9 acres of fill for the construction of high-rise apartments on these 9 acres protruding out into the Potomac?

Mr. BLACK. I think, in the context of the particular area, that it is not inconsistent with that view.

Mr. Moss. Would you yield?

Mr. McCLOSKEY. I certainly would.

Mr. Moss. I believe there has been an expression by Secretary Udall—and I will refresh my memory and correct the record if I am in error—supporting the proposal to develop the area now covered by the Federal Records Center and other shoreline areas in private ownership in the city of Alexandria; but as to high-rise developments, rather vigorous protest has been made by the Secretary and on behalf of the Department of the Interior. I am correct on that.

Mr. BLACK. This is not a matter of my particular familiarity.