

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Horne.

Mr. HORNE. I saw that in the newspaper, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MOSS. I saw it in the newspaper, and I know that as a result, in one section, at least, the City Council of Alexandria has approved the building of townhouses down on the waterfront.

Mr. HORNE. I believe that is the article I saw, sir.

Mr. MOSS. But not high rises. Now, this is another one of those interesting inconsistencies which attach to this approval.

Mr. BLACK. It could conceivably be an inconsistency, but again I think you would have to look at the specific area, you have to see the specific outlook, you have to note the condition of the water, what uses of it that are made.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Secretary, I am extremely familiar with it.

Mr. BLACK. Well, I am not, so I cannot express a view of whether it is or is not inconsistent.

Mr. MOSS. I have great affection for it. I do not propose to retire to it or to live there. I maintain my home in California. But I have a great deal of affection for the whole Potomac shore and have established firm friendships with the people at Mount Vernon, including its director, Mr. Cecil Wall. At the present time, I am engaged in a little battle with the Federal Aviation Administration to have flying over Mount Vernon prohibited, which it is not at the present time. So I am concerned with the way the development goes there in preserving that area of authentic Americana, and I am concerned with this eating away which is going to destroy it. I thank you for yielding.

Mr. McCLOSKEY. I share the chairman's feeling of Californians that we will generally return there to retire. I think that probably includes your own wishes, does it not, Mr. Black?

Mr. BLACK. I am from the Pacific Northwest, and an earlier witness suggested that I would have to hang my head in shame if I were to go back home again, so I do not know where I am at the moment.

Mr. MOSS. I would like to ask, Mr. Horne, that you supply for the record the statement of the Secretary and of the Department with reference to the Alexandria waterfront development high-rise intrusion on the development from the Vepco powerplant south to Jones Point. That is the second, the farthest north Vepco powerplant.

Mr. HORNE. Yes, sir. I think, Mr. Chairman, if I might suggest, the chairman might have misunderstood me. I did not intend to give the impression that I had seen any such document cross my desk.

Mr. MOSS. You recall the same newspaper account that I did.

Mr. HORNE. I recall reading the same newspaper account.

Mr. MOSS. I also recall a more recent one for the Alexandria City Council, which had authorized the construction of townhouses rather than high rises in one of the areas.

Mr. HORNE. If there were two articles, Mr. Chairman, I believe it was this latter one that caught my attention.

Mr. MOSS. I would appreciate it if you would check the Department and let us know about the policy, because I recall there was a recommendation on behalf of the Secretary, and I want the record to be accurate on that point.