If this proposal is granted it would add to the water pollution problem and make expansion of facilities of Arlington, Fairfax County, Alexandria, and Fort Belvoir—the counties' largest employer—virtually impossible. Traffic problems, even without the attendant extension of rapid transit rail or minibus system, will require additional land for right of way. The current proposal would impose another traffic burden similar to the Landmark condition and aggravate an already serious problem. In addition, this project will cost more in taxes to the city and county than the revenue it will produce. We ask the subcommittee, in terms of equity, in terms of our legal right, in terms of public safety, in terms of future public planning, in terms of controlling water pollution and public health, to deny approval of the application for the purpose stated. All of these are in consonance with the long-established policies and procedures of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of the Interior, and in addition they are in consonance with the program of the President.

In view of the foregoing, speaking for myself and the citizens, we ask that in view of the fact that Hunting Creek is a navigable stream; that its bed is held by the State of Virginia in trust for all the citizens to be used as a common area for recreational purposes; that the State, as the title holder, has not sought a fill permit and is not represented in these proceedings; that permits to fill granted by the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, neither convey nor affect title or other property rights, action by the applicant to fill any part of the bed of Hunting Creek encompassed within the plat filed as a part of the fill application would be beyond the jurisdiction of the said corps, and action purporting to be taken with knowledge of this jurisdictional deficiency would be arbitrary, capricious, unreasonable, and void.

Enclosure 1. List of citizens associations in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts.

Enclosure 2. Copy of Virginia bill H 591.

Enclosure 3. Maps of Hunting Creek area.

Enclosure 4. Petition covering law cases.

Enclosure 5. Commonwealth of Virginia's letter dated March 11, 1964.

Enclosure 6. Letter to Congressman John Dingell, dated May 27, 1964.

Enclosure 7. Letter to President Lyndon B. Johnson dated February 17, 1965.

Enclosure 8. Brief No. 9760.

Enclosure 9. Photographs of the damming of Hunting Creek.

Enclosure 10. Newspaper clippings relative to Hunting Creek.

Enclosure 11. Stenographer's notes (court reporter) Chancery No. 19088.

[Subcommittee note—The enclosures listed above are in the subcommittee files and are not reprinted here.]

LANHAM, MD., *June 26, 1968.*

GENTLEMEN: Please allow us to be very concerned about the proposed land fill at Hunting Creek.

We will never be able to understand why the Army would allow such a thing and hope that the project can be stopped.

My repeating of all the arguments would be redundant, I'm sure you have all the information on hand.

Sincerely yours,

HAL MAGARGLE AND FAMILY.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA,
Washington, D.C., June 26, 1968.

Hon. ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee, Committee on Government Operations, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN JONES: The National Rifle Association of America would like to state its opposition to the issuance of a permit to bulkhead and fill that part of the Potomac Estuary near Hunting Creek in Virginia.

As other conservation organizations have pointed out, the filling of that area would have an extremely adverse effect on both migratory and resident wildlife and fish species. Little by little, many of our estuaries are becoming little more than sterile waterways through unwise commercial development. We believe that the best interest of the public would be served if your committee decides that the permit should be withdrawn.