

Our estuarine areas contain some of this Nation's most productive wildlife and fish habitat which is being degraded at a rapid pace. We believe that the issuance of the permit would not be within keeping of the objectives of the National Estuarine Preservation System which is sponsored by the Department of the Interior and the administration. We also feel that the Hunting Creek proposal is in direct contradiction of the President's March 8 proposal for a Potomac National River.

The halting of the private development of the Potomac estuary at this point would not only be of great benefit to both the native wildlife of this area and those who enjoy it, but would go a long way toward making our Nation's Capital truly an area of national pride by reducing the chances of future attempts at commercialization.

Sincerely,

FRANK C. DANIEL, *Secretary.*

HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA FOUNDATION,
Alexandria, Va., July 2, 1968.

HON. ROBERT E. JONES,
*Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee, Rayburn Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. JONES: On behalf of the Historic Alexandria Foundation, I have been asked to write to express our opposition to the filling in of the Hunting Creek estuary, which I gather is currently under review by your subcommittee.

The Historic Alexandria Foundation is keenly concerned with all matters pertinent to the maintenance of an attractive environment in the vicinity of the historic district of Alexandria and particularly along the approaches to Mount Vernon. We feel that a proper aspect of our concern includes the vista which is, or ought to be, maintained along the George Washington Parkway as it continues through Alexandria and down the Potomac shore toward Mount Vernon.

It is our feeling that the allowance of the erection of additional high-rise structures on filled land in the area under consideration would be detrimental to these objectives and that no further filling of the Hunting Creek estuary should be permitted at this time.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. MONTAGUE III, *President.*

RIVER BEND ESTATES CITIZENS ASSOCIATION,
Alexandria, Va., July 3, 1968.

HON. ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CONGRESSMAN: I am writing to express my appreciation and the appreciation of the members of the River Bend Estates Citizens Association to you and the members of your committee for your interest and efforts in connection with conservation problems in Virginia, and more specifically, Fairfax County.

At present, we are most vitally interested in the preservation and improvement of the Hunting Creek estuary. A statement has been prepared representing the opinions and expressing the hopes of the vast majority of the people residing in this area concerning the solution of the Hunting Creek problem. This statement will be presented to your committee on July 9, 1968. It would serve no useful purpose for me to elaborate on this statement, but I want you to know that all members of our association wholeheartedly concur and support the statement as it will be presented.

We earnestly hope that you and the members of your committee will agree with our position and will do everything possible to prevent this usurpation of the rights of the many for the benefit and profit of the few. We preach democracy and the benefits of democracy all over the world and even fight for it. This is an excellent opportunity to make it work right in our own community. The vast majority of us who will be most affected certainly do not want to see Hunt-