

I was going to ask for anybody else who, No. 1, if you did not fill out a slip, those of you who came in toward the end, we would like to get you to fill out one of these slips before you leave so we will have a complete record of attendance at the hearing.

We will start now with anybody who will like to say anything.
You did not indicate such on your slip. I will call on you at this time.

STATEMENT OF JOHN SCHWARTZ, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Mr. SCHWARTZ. Colonel and ladies and gentlemen, I own an important part of the land under question here.

What I am concerned with is the statement that the Congressman made that there is a connection between Hunting Towers and ourselves. This is definitely untrue. We have no connection with Hunting Towers.

I just wanted to make this statement to you, so that you would have it on the record.

Thank you.

Colonel RHEA. Are you part of Hoffman Associates?

Mr. SCHWARTZ. Yes, sir.

Colonel RHEA. We have a slip on you. Thank you, sir.

Anybody else in the audience that would like to make a statement or present anything?

STATEMENT OF LOUIS ROBERT

Mr. ROBERT. I have lived here many years. I have used the park adjacent to where this building is going up or proposed. I have painted many pictures out there. I am an artist. It is quite beautiful or it was beautiful before they put Hunting Towers there. It seems to me that the beauty, something that we don't have much of any more in this tired world, and everybody is money crazy in trying to get on every inch of land—it seems to me besides what it would do to the ducks and the wildlife, there are birds in the park. I think the closer you encroach on the park with buildings, of course, the birds will go away.

I go to that park every day, walk my dogs, walk around. It is refreshing.

I fear what adding a lot more people to the area will do to the traffic, will do to the park, will do to the wildlife, and for that reason, I oppose it.

Colonel RHEA. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Holland, do you have something else?

Mr. HOLLAND. Just two facts for the record, Colonel. I apologize for having imposed on you so severely at the beginning of the meeting.

I think the records of your office show that throughout the years, since 1964, and about June, that two people, two clients, came to me at about the same time and I do not know their compulsions to come to me at the same time, and asked me to file with your office permits for two operations.

Since they had at that time much in common from an engineering standpoint—no legal connection, no other connection, I did process them, the two separate permits, at the same time.

In the number of years past, on advice of the Hunting Towers people, which stemmed from many reasons, none of which have been mentioned here tonight, no connection with Howard Hoffman Associates, I informed your office that they did not wish to proceed with their application at this time and that Mr. Hoffman did wish to proceed.

Those are simple facts. Some were financial. Some were for various other reasons, but it was a coincidence that the two people arrived at the same time and I, as an engineer, recognized the advantage of processing them simultaneously though they were always separate applications and treated so by me and have courteously been so by your office.

I just want the record to show that that was the fact.

The correspondence in your file I think will clearly show that fact.

Just one thing: I strongly regret in the early part of the evening when I first started that I did not go to this map and make clear to many of the speakers here in the audience what we meant by the north part and the south part. And many of the speakers who spoke said things that I know I agree with and they were precise about the south part.

I wouldn't agree with them—I don't say they are wrong, I just don't agree with them—about things in the north part.

If I may go to the board here to point one fact out—when we refer to the north part, we are talking about the channel that comes under the Memorial Highway