

The officers and employees of the Corps of Engineers responsible for the review and processing of the application for the permit will be present and available to testify at the hearing.

Inclosed is a copy of my letter to the permittee requesting them not to construct bulkheads and any other structures or engage in filling operations under the permit, pending the subcommittee hearing and consideration thereof.

Sincerely yours,

F. J. CLARKE, *Major General, USA,
Acting Chief of Engineers.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,
Washington, D.C., June 13, 1968.

HOWARD P. HOFFMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.,
New York, N.Y.

GENTLEMEN: I refer to the permit issued by our district engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Baltimore, Md., on May 29, 1968, authorizing the construction of a bulkhead and fill in Hunting Creek at a point on the northwest shore at Alexandria, Va.

The Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., is investigating the circumstances surrounding the issuance of the permit and has scheduled a hearing for Monday, June 24, 1968, at 10 a.m. in room 2203 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

It is requested that no action be taken to construct the bulkheads or any other structures or engage in filling operations under the permit pending the subcommittee hearing and consideration thereof.

Sincerely yours,

F. J. CLARKE,
*Major General, U.S. Army,
Acting Chief of Engineers.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
NATURAL RESOURCES AND POWER COMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C., June 12, 1968.

Hon. MILLS E. GODWIN,
*Governor of Virginia,
Richmond, Va.*

DEAR GOVERNOR GODWIN: The Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee has scheduled a hearing to inquire into the circumstances of the issuance of a permit by the Army Corps of Engineers to Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., to fill in a portion of Hunting Creek in Alexandria, Va. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 24, in room 2203 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

By act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 31, 1964 (chapter 546), the Governor and attorney general were authorized to convey the submerged land now embraced in the permit, plus certain other submerged land, to Francis T. Murtha, trustee, and to convey certain adjacent submerged land to Hunting Towers Operating Co., Inc. Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall in 1964 requested your predecessor to defer making the conveyances, but on November 28, 1967, informed you of the withdrawal of his objections as to that part of the area described in the act of assembly which has now been included in the Hoffman Associates permit.

We would very much appreciate receiving your advice on whether or not any deed of the Commonwealth to the land in question has yet issued. If it has, may we have a copy for our record? If the deed has not been issued, would you inform us of any legal or policy questions on the State level which have delayed its execution?

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee.