

they will take care of the necessary drainage which is our major concern and I, therefore, feel that our letter of April 14, still holds.

Sincerely yours,

P. B. HALL,
Director of Public Works.

July 5, 1968.

I certify that this letter is a true copy taken from the files of the Public Works Office, city of Alexandria, Va.

JOSEPH J. PESSA,
Administrative Assistant, Department of Public Works.

JULY 18, 1968.

Lt. Gen. WILLIAM F. CASSIDY,
*Chief of Engineers,
Corps of Engineers,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR GENERAL CASSIDY: Paragraph 3 of the Baltimore District Engineer's report of September 16, 1964, concerning the applications of Hunting Towers Operating Co., Inc., and Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., for a permit to fill in part of Hunting Creek, Virginia, states:

"3. Has necessary State or other primary authority been obtained? The General Assembly of Virginia, on March 31, 1964, approved house bill 591 (copy inclosed), which authorized the Governor and attorney general to execute, in the name of Commonwealth, deeds conveying unto Francis T. Murtha, trustee, and Hunting Towers Operating Co., Inc., certain formerly submerged lands in the city of Alexandria. The act became effective on June 27, 1964, but it is understood that the Governor, at the request of the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, agreed to withhold action on execution of the deeds of conveyance in order to give the Department of the Interior time to study the situation regarding U.S. riparian rights in Hunting Creek adjacent to U.S.-owned land at Jones Point. The status of the agreement is not known. (Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., is the contract purchaser of the property to be conveyed to Francis T. Murtha, trustee.)"

We would appreciate your promptly advising us, on the basis of information in the possession of the Corps of Engineers, as of May 29, 1968, when the Hoffman permit was issued, your answers to the following questions:

1. What proof did the corps have that Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., is the contract purchaser from Francis T. Murtha, trustees, of any land described in the Virginia Act of Assembly of March 31, 1964?

2. What proof did the corps have that Howard P. Hoffman Associates is a corporation?

(a) In what State, if any, is it incorporated?

(b) Is this corporation licensed to do business in the State of Virginia?

Sincerely,

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

JULY 26, 1968.

Hon. ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This replies to your recent letter regarding the permit issued to Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., to construct a bulkhead and fill adjacent to Hunting Creek at Alexandria, Va.

At the time of issuance of the permit on May 29, 1968, the only information available to the Corps of Engineers that Howard P. Hoffman Associates, Inc., was the contract purchaser from Francis T. Murtha, trustees, of the land described in the Virginia Act of Assembly dated March 21, 1964, were letters dated March 12, 1964, and April 30, 1968, received from Mr. Edward S. Holland, agent for the corporation. In addition, Mr. Stanley Irwin Bregman, attorney for