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SECRETARY SEATON LAUDS FORMATION OF OIL INDUSTRY CONSERVATION LIAISON GROUP

Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton today expressed pleasure at the creation of a committee, composed of oil industry leaders, to work with the Department of the Interior and other agencies and organizations on conservation matters.

Formation of the committee, to be known as the Wildlife Conservation Liaison Committee, was called to Secretary Seaton's attention in a letter from Frank M. Porter, President of the American Petroleum Institute. Members of the Committee are:

Charles S. Jones, President, Richfield Oil Corporation (Chairman of the Committee)
Morgan J. Davis, President, Humble Oil & Refining Company
J. C. Donnell, II, President, The Ohio Oil Company
Paul Endacott, President, Phillips Petroleum Company
R. G. Ellis, Chairman of the Board, Standard Oil Company of California
L. F. McCollum, President, Continental Oil Company
W. C. Whaley, Chairman of Executive Committee, Sunray Mid-Continent Oil Company

In a letter to Mr. Porter, Secretary Seaton thanked the industry for its constructive contributions in the field of natural resource planning. The Department of the Interior and oil industry leaders have been working closely on cooperative conservation programs since May of 1958, when Secretary Seaton convened an industry-conservation meeting to discuss methods of solving mutual problems. Formal creation of the new industry liaison group is an outgrowth of that meeting and one that followed in January of 1960.

Correspondence between Secretary Seaton and Mr. Porter follows:

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May 13, 1960

Dear Frank:

Your letter of May 9 telling me of the American Petroleum Institute having formed a "Wildlife Conservation Liaison Committee" is most heartening. I congratulate you and the Institute for this demonstration of initiative and interest.

Your new Committee under the chairmanship of Charlie Jones, certainly will make a significant contribution to wildlife conservation. It pleases me that the formation of the Committee has been an outgrowth of our industry-conservationist meetings in May of 1958 and January of 1960.

I have passed along the contents of this letter to Ross Leffler, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, who assures me that he will establish liaison immediately with Mr. Frank L. Dennis, staff assistant to your committee located here in Washington, D. C., and Mr. Dennis will be placed on the Department's mailing list. The national conservation organizations headquartered in Washington also will be apprized of the creation of your new committee and of Mr. Dennis' availability as Washington representative.

Regarding future meetings of the type held in 1958 and 1960, we do not at this time have another get-together firmly scheduled. We are hopeful that something can be arranged before too long. In any event you are assured you will be kept informed.

Thank you again for your cooperation and for your continuing positive contributions toward the solution of our mutual problems.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Fred A. Seaton

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Frank M. Porter, President

May 9, 1960

The Honorable Fred A. Seaton
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Fred:

Early in 1958 you made arrangements for a committee of the petroleum industry to meet with you and with a group of leading conservationists for the purpose of discussing in principle the compatibility of joint land use. There is no doubt that the meetings held under your sponsorship in May 1958 and January 1960 have helped to bring a better understanding on problems of common interest.

It is the desire of the petroleum industry and the Institute to further cooperate with your Department and, looking to that end, we have formed what we have termed the "Wildlife Conservation Liaison Committee," composed of seven members of our Board of Directors, with our Mr. Frank L. Dennis, 1625 K Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., as staff assistant to the committee. Attached is a roster of committee membership.

I hope this will fit in with your thinking as to industry participation. With that view in mind, we would like to be advised and to participate in any future meetings of this type.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Frank M. Porter

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