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## RICHARD L. DUNHAM

- Q: Why did the President pick Dunham for the FPC chairmanship when he has absolutely no experience in the power or energy fields?
- A: It is precisely for that reason [REDACTED] that the President selected Dick Dunham as his nominee for chairman of the Federal Power Commission. Dick's credentials as an administrator and manager are widely recognized by this Administration and by those with whom he was associated during the eight years he was either director or deputy director of [REDACTED] New York State's budget bureau. He is not known as an advocate of federal power or private power or [REDACTED] as a spokesman for consumers. Therefore, he will, if confirmed, be able to bring a fresh look at the issues before the commission, as well as being able to have a good working relationship with the Congress and the White House while still maintaining the necessary independence.
- Q: Won't the fact that he is not a lawyer hurt him?
- A: The President certainly doesn't think so. Keep in mind that the commission chairman is the chief executive officer of [REDACTED] the Power Commission. The President wanted someone with solid credentials in management, and Dick has them.
- Q: By appointing a key member of his staff to a regulatory commission, isn't the President undercutting its independence?
- A: No, the laws under which the Federal Power Commission operates are clear. The integrity of Mr. Dunham also is clear. I don't see any [REDACTED] conflict.