

EDITOR'S COMMENTS — — — —

As this issue of *The Kingbird* goes to press the writer received a communication from a member of the Advisory Committee on Conservation to the Secretary of the Interior. This committee met the first week in November and offered the following recommendation:

"The Committee is opposed to the invasion of wildlife refuges by major engineering developments, unless it has been fully demonstrated that no other alternative exists, and that the public and interested organizations are informed of proposed action prior to any commitment thereon. With reference to Montezuma Refuge, the Committee recommends that no final permit be issued until the lack of a reasonable alternative is proved."

We sincerely hope that this will add further weight to all that has gone before, in urging the Secretary of the Interior to prohibit any violation of Montezuma Refuge.

Truly the "Montezuma Story" is a lesson for us all to remain alert and not to take-for-granted heretofore inviolate areas. We must dedicate ourselves to renewed vigilance, so that other "Montezumas" are nipped before they disappear in the paths of so-called progress.

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