

one part, and Mr. Rykert on the other; and I may say further, that all papers and documents required have been supplied me with the least possible delay. I am not aware that any books or papers necessary for the proper investigation of this matter have been withheld, or delayed unnecessarily; and it is very gratifying indeed, to be able to state that, and state it officially as a fact. I also must say this, that whatever may be my conclusion in reference to this investigation, that the Senator has shown a large amount of patient investigation in this matter; but I think that Mr. Ellis is to be congratulated upon the fact that he has had so able a counsel looking after his interests. Mr. Rykert's knowledge of the canal, and his knowledge of all the circumstances, have added very much to the great ability he has shown in bringing this matter before the Commission in such a way as at least to give the views that would be held by him of Mr. Ellis' position. If I do not reach a satisfactory conclusion, it will not be because I have not had the matter laid before me, I think, in a very careful manner. I shall probably find it necessary to make further enquiries in connection with this matter, in regard to the official management in detail, and perhaps the management of the office, but possibly not this week.

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