

Mr. KENNEDY. On that point, I wonder, then, in view of the statement which Judge Prettyman submitted for the record, because this problem of cost does concern us some, that Congress appropriated about a quarter of a million dollars, which is your approximate figure, and, in addition to that, it is my understanding the agencies contributed some funds to get the Conference started, and that would be about \$30,000. Then, as I understand it, the Department of Justice absorbed quite a bit of the payroll of the executive staff of the Conference.

So would we be safe in assuming that in view of all those additional expenses and the appropriations, that it would still be around \$250,000, or is it more likely to be over that amount?

Mr. STAATS. Well, my guess would be—and I would want to stress the tentative character of this because until the Chairman were designated and had formulated his plans, it would be hard to be too definitive—but I certainly think we would be safe in assuming it would be less than a half million dollars a year.

I think that once the Conference is set up, you would not have the same kind of expenditures involved that we had in the temporary Conference, getting it organized, getting it underway. They had more meetings than you would probably have during the course of the year.

I am talking about an annual cost, I think you are clear on that.

Mr. KENNEDY. Yes; that is one of the concerns of the budget-minded Republicans.

Another question that was suggested to me, and I think the Bureau of the Budget is peculiarly well able to answer, is whether the purposes of this Conference and the establishment of it could not be achieved under the reorganization act, the authority given to the President.

Mr. STAATS. I do not believe that you could do it technically under the reorganization act. I think there would be some problem of accomplishing all we wanted to do.

Mr. Seidman here is very familiar with all of the aspects of the reorganization authority.

Mr. KENNEDY. Perhaps Mr. Seidman could give us the answer.

Mr. SEIDMAN. First, as you know, at the moment we do not have a reorganization act. We hope that the Senate will act favorably on the bill that has passed the House.

Mr. KENNEDY. Assume that it is extended——

Mr. SEIDMAN. Under the reorganization act we cannot provide for the establishment of any new functions. I think that some of the authorities of the Conference would be construed to be new functions.

Mr. KENNEDY. What parts of it would be a new function? I think we ought to get clear just what the actual scope of this proposed Conference is.

Mr. SEIDMAN. Well, the function of bringing people from outside of Government together to provide advice to agencies.

Now, some of this work, it is true, is now in the Office of Administrative Procedure in the Department of Justice, and without, of course, analyzing all of the functions here, it perhaps would be possible under the reorganization act, but would be extremely awkward. I don't know, for example, whether under the reorganization authority we would be able to authorize the participation of outside people in such a Conference. This would be a key point.