

Mrs. BOLTON. May I use that please in responding to my correspondents?

Mr. FOSTER. You may.

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. Zablocki.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Foster, do I understand that, in addressing yourself to the budget, in reply to the questions asked by the chairman, your answers were to the increases over fiscal years 1965, 1966, and 1967? The chart on page 10 of the summary presentation indicates that the 1968 and 1969 amounts also increased, particularly for contract research, by over \$2 million.

Mr. FOSTER. That is correct, sir.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Will the same justification apply to the answer that you gave the question of the chairman?

Mr. FOSTER. In the 1966 request I referred to those four items which have led to most of the increase on the research activities, and in 1967, 1968, and 1969 we believe that particularly two of them will continue their increase; namely the design of specialized equipment and also the increase in field tests as well as the increase in the economic studies as we move down this road.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. There will be no other plans in 1968 and 1969 to justify the increase?

Mr. FOSTER. We have no specific major plans other than those to which I have referred. This in other words is a continuing process of increasing our ability to verify and inspect and to develop and understand new proposals leading to arms production and disarmament.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. If, then, you would decide after 2 years of operation that you would need additional projects you would have to come back to Congress for authorization?

Mr. FOSTER. That is correct.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Therefore, there is no real reason for having a 4-year authorization at this time since your planning for 4 years would be the same or substantially the same? And 2 years' authorization would be sufficient for whatever plans you now have?

Mr. FOSTER. We would not have the same assurance of long-range planning in many of these studies which do continue from one year to another and on which the development of expertise and the buildup of not only our own personnel toward this end but also the buildup in the hands of contractors who are now becoming a very important part of this activity.

The other item of course is the fact that in attempting to recruit the kind of highly trained personnel in both the scientific and political field that we have to, the longer period of authorization is an incentive to those people to come aboard in our organization.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. You have anticipated my next question.

In your justification on the last paragraph of your presentation you did state that a longer authorization would be conducive to recruiting and keeping key personnel. How many key personnel have you lost since 1961?

Mr. FOSTER. Since 1961? I can't answer that. We have probably lost 25 good people we had in 1961. I can give you that exact figure for the record.