

Wouldn't you agree that that is more important than the locus from which he is drawn the fact that he would have the ability to perform the job as outlined?

Mr. CURRIGAN. I could not argue that. I think that is obvious.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. If he could be a local man also, you have the ideal situation.

Mr. CURRIGAN. If you don't have the capabilities or the knowledge, it is a hopeless cause whether he is local or not.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. This should go to a man who can do a job on behalf of the cities that need help.

Mr. CURRIGAN. I could not agree more.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Reuss?

Mr. REUSS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Mayor, you set forth in your testimony this morning the remarkable planning that Denver has been doing looking toward just such a demonstration city. On page 4 you say,

Both our long-term guide and our immediate program plans will be completed within the next 6 weeks—

And you go on to say—

I mention this specific planning program in some detail because it meets all the criteria so ably set forth by President Johnson.

I gather from what you say that if we had today a demonstration cities grant program in effect, Denver could be in tomorrow with a completed application.

Mr. CURRIGAN. We believe, yes.

Mr. REUSS. If that is so—and I am delighted to be told that it is so, and it is certainly a tribute to you and your associates in the city—do we need any special planning bonanza in order to put you in a position where you can qualify? It seems to me you have been able to do this with your regular Federal 66⅔-percent shared planning grants.

Mr. CURRIGAN. Of course the example that I spoke about in my remarks definitely was specifically the Platte River Valley Basin which suffered severely as a result of the June 26 flood.

Now, the feasibility, the planning, and the study on this 10-square-mile area, which runs right straight through the heart of Denver, as well as the metropolitan area—the feasibility study that is being financed by an advance from the Federal Government of \$240,000, this will be completed hopefully now within the next 5 or 6 weeks. But the planning, as I would look at it—our planning for that project will be contained within what we have already received from the Federal Government. I do not believe we would need additional help for planning. This we have already got.

Mr. REUSS. The help, Mayor Currigan, that you got, the \$240,000, that was pursuant to what is called section 701?

Mr. CURRIGAN. An advance; right.

Mr. REUSS. An advance in which the Federal Government ultimately pays two-thirds.

Mr. CURRIGAN. And we one-third; right.

And as far as the future is concerned on any other projects, I would see nothing incorrect about that same principle.