record is complete and so that we know what the Secretary has been asked to testify to.

I withdraw my reservation.

Mr. JOHNSON. I want to say if I had had a copy of it I would have placed it in the record. Having received a copy, it is now placed in the record.

(The material referred to follows:)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN,
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Hon. STEWART L. UDALL,
Secretary of the Interior,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: The Irrigation and Reclamation Subcommittee is resuming its consideration of the Colorado River Basin project legislation on January 30 and the remainder of that week.

As you know, the Committee has completed public hearings on this legislation. However, because of events that have taken place since these hearings, there are several matters on which the Committee needs additional or up-to-date information as well as the Department's position. A few of these matters are discussed hereinafter.

I hope that you can be present on January 30 along with members of your staff to furnish the Committee the required information and answer the Committee's questions.

The one really new matter on which the Committee has received no testimony is your Department's proposal for prepurchase of a block of thermal generating capacity to meet the pumping requirements of the Central Arizona Project. The Committee will need a full statement on this proposal, showing its advantages over other means of supplying the necessary power and energy, and outlining the Department's plan for marketing energy which is in excess of the needs for project pumping.

In view of the likelihood that both of the Colorado River dams will be eliminated from the legislation, the Committee needs information on the financial assistance that might be available from a Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund which is accumulated from other sources. The Department's statement on this matter should include the Department's recommendations as to what other sources should be considered and what part of the fund, if any, should be available for assistance to the Central Arizona Project.

As you know, Mr. Secretary, there has been considerable disagreement on the water supply that will be available for the Central Arizona Project and other Lower Basin projects from the Colorado River. Several Members of the Committee have indicated that they are somewhat confused because of the different figures that have been given them. Since there is no appreciable differences of opinion with respect to the physical data for the River System, and the differences in the water supply figures given are primarily the result of assumptions made in various operation studies, there is no reason why the Committee should not have a clear understanding of the Colorado River water situation and what factors cause the difference in the figures. Thus, it is important that you have your best water experts at the forthcoming meetings.

As you know, I believe the Department is being unrealistic in using streamflow records prior to 1922 in estimating the availability of water from the River. The Department itself has conceded this in the past.

Also, in my opinion, the Department study showing that a major portion of the Central Arizona Project water supply will come from Upper Basin spills is not realistic in view of the fact that the study itself shows that the only spills during the 60-year study were interspersed in the 24 years prior to 1929 and that the study shows no spills during the last 37 years. In addition, the reservoir operating principles that have been agreed upon and included in the legislation would negate to a great extent the use of spilled water.

The other point in connection with water supply which, as you know, I have disagreed with the Department on, has been the rate of Upper Basin development and the corresponding stream depletion. The Bureau's estimate of Upper Basin