

There is one additional problem that I hope we can resolve within the administration and can present language to you which will achieve the desired end. The reason that we did not get this problem in sharp focus until very late in our preparations is that there has been uncertainty with regard to the Orme Reservoir damsite which is the proposed small regulating reservoir near Phoenix where the water will be pumped and stored before it goes out into the irrigation systems. This reservoir, if located at the site we anticipate, would have a very beneficial impact on one Indian reservation and a very harmful one on a second Indian reservation.

The latter is the Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Indian community. This is a small Indian group, one of the few I know that does not have a lawyer. When they do not have a lawyer, I end up as their lawyer and I am afraid that up to the moment, I have not done my job right—I want to be frank with the committee about it. This tribe is interested in the same thing that other Indian tribes are interested in under like circumstances. This reservoir would take nearly two-thirds of the land of the Indian reservation.

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Secretary, would you share some of that responsibility with the junior Senator from New York? I have noticed recently he has become quite interested in the Indian problems.

Secretary UDALL. We have a lot of help these days, Mr. Chairman.

The problem is a simple one. I am not throwing this at the committee as some new idea. In the earlier bills that had the Hualapai Dam in it there were three pages of language to cover the rights of the Hualapai Indians. These Indians would like to have some additional land. They want to keep their land base. I think this can be worked out.

I spent a substantial part of yesterday with the Department of Agriculture people, with the Bureau of Land Management people, and with the Bureau of the Budget people. I think we can work up an amendment that although it will not enable them to retain the same land base, it will provide, by exchange, an appropriate Indian reservation land base. We also would propose the same thing that we did at Yellowtail and which was proposed for Hualapai—to give recreational development rights to the Indians whose land is being taken.

So we are working on this. I would hope, Mr. Chairman, that by the time the subcommittee gets to markup, we can present an administration amendment that we are all agreed upon. If we are not able for any reason to do that, I think we all ought to agree that the Indian Affairs Subcommittee in due course can handle this matter and that we can get satisfactory legislation.

So I want to make it plain that this is not a controversial matter that I am raising. I think it is a matter for us to decide on an appropriate amendment and then submit it to the committee and the committee can give it its usual attention. This committee has been, and I think very wisely, generous with Indian tribes in all parts of the country when their land was taken, when their damsites were taken. The proposals in the earlier bills with regard to Hualapai Reservations I think were very generous and I think appropriately so. So I think in this pattern, we can work something out and we will be working very strenuously on it in the next few days.

Mr. JOHNSON. Could you give us an idea of the size of the reservoir and the amount of land that is involved?