

month that I was in the Congress. As I question the Secretary and those with him today, I have no intention at all of being argumentative and I shall simply try to write the record so that, when we go to write up this bill, we will have before us different thinking that has to do with the proposed project. The letter to the Secretary was written for the sole purpose of getting the additional information that seemed to me to be necessary after the other body had passed the central Arizona project as such in the form of S. 1004 and because of the additional problems that have arisen since last year.

Mr. Secretary, first I want you to know and those associated with you that I consider your statement this morning to be fully responsive to my letter of December 29. I am particularly pleased that you brought into the discussion this matter of the additional problem that has to do with the Indian reservation. I do, however, have some questions, of course, to clarify the record with respect to the information furnished.

I have already asked of the chairman that the letter be placed in the record.

Mr. Secretary, before asking the questions I have which are directly related to your statement, I have a few general questions which I think are appropriate.

First, Mr. Secretary, do you now support the principles of H.R. 3300?

Secretary UDALL. My answer to your question, Mr. Chairman, is that we support in principle those aspects which are consistent with our report to the committee.

Mr. ASPINALL. What is your present position as it relates to the Senate-passed bill, S. 1004?

Do you support also that bill in its entirety?

Secretary UDALL. Yes. The difficulty is that I do not want to commit myself to every detail, but in principle and with regard to its main provisions, the answer is "Yes," Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Secretary, I would like to show the timing of the change of the Department's position with respect to the construction of dams on the Colorado River. I know that you appeared before the committee of the other body in connection with its consideration of a Southwest water plan in support of both dams on the river. When was that?

Secretary UDALL. It was either 1964 or 1965. I think it was the 89th Congress.

Mr. ASPINALL. In the 89th Congress, you appeared before us with a recommendation of only one dam; is that correct?

Secretary UDALL. That is correct.

Mr. ASPINALL. Do you have the date of that appearance before this committee?

Secretary UDALL. August of 1965, I believe, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ASPINALL. Last year in the 90th Congress, you appeared with a recommendation that there be no dams built at all.

Do you have the date of the adoption of this position by your Department?

Secretary UDALL. This was in mid-March last year.