

That was in 1947.

As far as your memory is concerned, Mr. Dominy, that was the position of the Bureau at that time, was it not?

Mr. DOMINY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. All I am trying to do is get the record. You see, what bothers some of us on the committee, Mr. Secretary, and the members of the committee staff, is that when we begin to talk about a project authorization we also have the best information possible in favor of the project. I want this project to be a success. I want it to serve the area and not disturb other users on the Colorado River in the future. As far as I am concerned, I just want to be sure we know what we are doing.

Mr. Secretary, can you imagine spilling an average of more than a million acre-feet of water annually from a completely full Lake Powell, water which, as I understand your operation study, the upper basin would not get credit for? That in fact is what the summary of your operation study shows, is it not?

This is the guts of this whole matter and I want a straightforward answer. If you want to have permission to change your answer or modify it before the final record is printed, this will be all right with me.

Secretary UDALL. Mr. Chairman, this issue is so important, I would like Mr. Riter, who is one of our specialists, to answer the question. I also would like to put in an explicit and exact answer to this question so that as far as the Department is concerned, there is nothing left uncertain.

Mr. ASPINALL. I would ask unanimous consent that the Secretary's request be granted.

I would also like to hear from Mr. Randy Riter. On the other hand, I want to hear from the Department.

Mr. JOHNSON. Is there objection?

Mr. HOSMER. Reserving the right to object, would the Chairman restate the question so we have it firmly in mind?

Mr. ASPINALL. The question is as follows:

Can you imagine spilling an average of more than a million acre-feet of water annually from a completely full Lake Powell, water which, as I understand the operation study, the upper basin would not get credit for?

In other words, they base the future of the central Arizona project now proposed on the spillage of a million acre-feet of water from Lake Powell starting sometime in the future and continuing annually thereafter. I wanted the answer and we will get it completely as far as that is concerned, with the promise of the Secretary and now from Mr. Riter.

Mr. HOSMER. I withdraw my reservation.

Mr. JOHNSON. The reservation is withdrawn.

Are you ready to testify, Mr. Riter?

Mr. RITER. Yes.

I am quoting from page 236 of the hearings before this subcommittee, dated from August 23 to September 1, 1965. This shows the following average annual spills which are averages for a 60-year period of study.