

west and Mexico—to determine whether this power would be purchased in the future?

Mr. DOMINY. The projections of the power needs of the Southwest indicate that if the desalting plants were phased over a period as we proposed, the first one in 1990, the second in 2000 and the third one about the year 2010, this schedule would fit in very well with the growing power needs of the Southwest. The power producers that serve the market of the Southwest could very well be interested in installing these power features of the dual purpose plant.

Mr. TUNNEY. One last point I would like to make. This is that yesterday in the discussion, there were figures given that perhaps 640,000 acre-feet of water could be salvaged in the Lower Basin. One of the items that was mentioned as a possibility for salvaging water was the lining of the All-American Canal. To make the record clear on this point, I would like to refer to page 243 of the House Interior Committee hearings of March 13 through 17, 1967, a statement by Robert Carter who is the general manager of the Imperial Irrigation District, which indicates that losses along the main branch of the All-American Canal are within allowable tolerances for a lined canal. The point simply is that if we are thinking in terms of lining a canal that does not lose sufficient water to make this desirable or make it compulsory, then we are talking about just throwing away \$80 million, which is what the cost would be to line this main branch.

Would you not agree, Mr. Commissioner, that your studies indicate that along that main branch, there is not that loss of water?

Mr. DOMINY. I would like Regional Director West to comment on that.

Mr. JOHNSON. Will you come forward and identify yourself, please?

Mr. WEST. I am Arleigh B. West, Director of Region 3, Bureau of Reclamation.

As Congressman Tunney has said, there has been over the last several years a lessening in the losses from the All-American Canal. We undertook some comprehensive studies in cooperation with the district and the USGS which corroborated the figures that were introduced into the record by Mr. Carter last year. We think that perhaps the reason for this is that during the several decades that the All-American Canal has been in service, it has, of course, lost a great volume of water. This is undoubtedly now asserting itself in the form of a hydrostatic head which, in effect, makes it very difficult for water to seep out of the All-American Canal, for the reason that there is underground hydrostatic pressure preventing it.

Mr. TUNNEY. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman at this point, I would like to ask unanimous consent to introduce into the record a statement by Mr. Bob Carter, general manager of the Imperial Irrigation District, plus some attachments thereto.

Mr. JOHNSON. You have heard the request of the gentleman from California, Mr. Tunney. Is there objection?

(No response.)

Mr. JOHNSON. Hearing none, it is so ordered.