

Mr. FOLEY. You are not including in there the effect of mixing the water?

Secretary UDALL. I am including everything. I am including full development in the upper basin, the central Arizona, and full use of California's entitlement. In other words, I am assuming full development and use of the river.

Mr. WYATT. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FOLEY. Yes.

Mr. WYATT. With the indulgence of my colleague, I have an engagement I have to keep. I wonder if I might interrupt and presume on the committee to ask a few questions at this time?

Mr. FOLEY. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. WYATT. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Secretary, I am not as suspicious as my good and beloved friend from Florida that what the Department is really intending to do here is go to the Columbia River for augmentation. But I think for the record, perhaps you might like to comment on that and somewhat dispel the charge.

Secretary UDALL. I thought we made a pretty good record about a year ago and I would say the judgment of the administration has not altered since that time with regard to augmentation.

We are basically committed to the idea that there is time and that there is a national interest in having something like the National Water Commission take a broad look at the Nation's future, at the difficult alternatives, at economics, the kind of broad water look that has not been taken, and that we should prudently look at all of the alternatives, study them thoroughly, and make our judgments in a very deliberate way with regard to what we want to do. That means that at this point certain studies of the kind I have indicated are in order, but decisions are not in order until studies are complete, until we know more about it.

Mr. WYATT. What I am really inquiring about is to confirm that there has been no prejudgment as of this time by the Department on the ultimate need to augment by an interbasin transfer?

Secretary UDALL. I would say that is a very good summary of it and I think the whole tenor of our statement has shown that.

Mr. WYATT. I have a few questions of the Commissioner if I may.

Relative to the reconnaissance report, Commissioner Dominy, I am sure the record is clear on this, but what is the projection for the cost of the desalted water at the oceanside?

Mr. DOMINY. Our reconnaissance studies show, based on the advancement of the science that can be expected to occur in the next 25 years in the judgment of the Atomic Energy people and desalinization experts, that we could produce the water from the ocean at the plant at about 9.8 cents a thousand gallons. That is roughly \$30 an acre-foot.

Mr. WYATT. Approximately \$30 an acre-foot.

Mr. DOMINY. Yes, sir.

Mr. WYATT. What is the cost that you have projected for conveyance for pumping the water from the ocean to Lake Mead?

Mr. DOMINY. This would add about another \$50 to it. The conveyance cost, in other words, would be the greater part of the total cost.