

Secretary UDALL. From the general Treasury, and I think quite properly.

Mr. WYATT. What you are really saying, as I take it from your testimony, is that this is a question to be determined by the Congress.

Secretary UDALL. Yes.

Mr. WYATT. Mr. Secretary, is there a present policy, and I am talking about February 1968 of the administration as to whether or not Marble Canyon and Hualapai Dams should be part of this legislation we are considering now?

Secretary UDALL. The administration position is that the Marble Canyon area should go into the Grand Canyon National Park and, as I described a moment ago, Congress should reserve to itself the decision on the Hualapai situation.

The Marble Canyon provision, and we have no objection to this, is not in this legislation. It will be handled separately and I think this is a good way to handle it.

Mr. WYATT. And the decision on Hualapai you think should be reserved, which implies it should not be included in this specific legislation.

Secretary UDALL. That is right, let Congress reserve to itself the right to make that decision.

Mr. WYATT. One final question.

Will you state whether or not the administration has a policy position on whether there should be a study of interbasin transfers in connection with this specific legislation we are considering today?

Secretary UDALL. The administration's basic position, and that is the reason for its support of the National Water Commission, is for broad authority for studies of water problems by such a Commission. This has been our basic position all along.

Mr. WYATT. Of the entire United States?

Secretary UDALL. Of the entire United States and of all aspects of water—economics, water rights, the whole broad picture.

Mr. WYATT. Then by implication, I would assume that you would not specifically favor an interbasin transfer study of this specific area in this specific legislation?

Secretary UDALL. We have not proposed this. If the Congress wants to have some studies made and have them fed through the National Water Commission, I think this is a prerogative of the Congress. But this is not what we have proposed. We have proposed that a National Water Commission be the focus and also that the National Water Resources Council and the Federal Government, too, be in the process.

Mr. ASPINALL. Would the gentleman from Washington yield to me?

Mr. FOLEY. Yes, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. You already have the authority in the Bureau of Reclamation through the Council to do this very thing, do you not?

Secretary UDALL. You are referring to making reconnaissance studies?

Mr. ASPINALL. Yes.

Secretary UDALL. The answer, I am told, is yes.

Mr. ASPINALL. Why, of course you do, and we put it in the National Water Commission authority. So far, this bill, H.R. 3300, is just duplicating what we already have; is that not right? I just want the record clear.