

Secretary UDALL. As far as the reconnaissance studies, I would say that there is not necessarily any conflict.

Mr. ASPINALL. That is right.

Mr. WYATT. I have no more questions.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary, and Mr. Foley.

Mr. JOHNSON. We will now return to Congressman Foley, of Washington.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Secretary, almost 2 years ago, I think it was Mr. Dominy who testified that there had been a comparative cost study undertaken by the Bureau of Reclamation balancing the estimated costs of desalting as a method of augmentation of the Colorado River with interbasin transfers.

Is that correct?

Mr. DOMINY. No, sir: I testified that there had never been any real reconnaissance study. There had been the United Western study back about 1950, there had been some reviews of possibilities of moving water from the Pacific Northwest including some directed to the Snake River. Now, everybody recognizes that with the potential developments already underway and planned and under construction, if there is any surplus water in the Columbia, it would have to be assumed to be in the very lower reaches of the river. There have not been any real studies on that basis.

Mr. FOLEY. You did not testify that there had been some studies limited to cost comparisons of desalting and more conventional methods?

Mr. DOMINY. Only the kind of study you might make using existing topographical sheets and very broad judgment calculations.

Mr. ASPINALL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FOLEY. Yes.

Mr. ASPINALL. This cost the U.S. taxpayers about \$500,000, if I am correctly informed, and it took place at the headquarters at Salt Lake City. We do not have these studies available to us here. We do not necessarily need a copy of this, Mr. Dominy, as far as the matters before us at the present time. But would it be possible for you to supply the committee with a copy of the report you made at that time? This is not to be inserted in the record, but just to let the committee have it for its deliberations.

Mr. DOMINY. The United Western report has been made available in the past. We will certainly be happy to make a copy available to the committee.

Mr. ASPINALL. We do not have it. The gentleman from Washington is bringing up, I think, a very fine point with regard to the studies which have been made in the past on what is proposed here—not what has been recommended, but what is proposed.

Mr. DOMINY. We certainly will be happy to make available the United Western report. It went nowhere, and just died on the vine. Of course, the cost statements and everything else would be completely unrealistic as of today.

Mr. SAYLOR. Will the gentleman yield to me?

Mr. FOLEY. Yes.

Mr. SAYLOR. I just wanted to say for the defense at least, to the Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, that I have copies of them. Of course, I got a lot of things that a lot of other people did not