

ways to pick up about 20,000 square feet. It is not efficient but it allows us to continue to operate. We also picked up some more space from the Air Force on the Cape Kennedy side which we had to pay for. However it is still not an efficient arrangement. The prior residential structures used for storage on which there was considerable discussion last year are continuing to cost us more money. There is more security surveillance involved. Some of the studies that we have done show that the operation and maintenance is costing us about \$3.50 a square foot under these circumstances whereas the cost is less than a third of that amount in our regular warehouses. Now, in terms of technical facilities at the Mississippi Test Facility and at the S-IV B SACTO location, we may well be back to the Congress for those facilities as a special reprogramming action this year if we are not able to live without them. At Mississippi, one of the things we are waiting for is the first test firing of the S-IC flight stage. We know we have to change the cooling holes and so forth in the deflector plate for the S-IC test stand. I will have to wait and see if we have to come back for a large amount. In the case of the S-IV B as you know, we had the S-IV B accident out at Sacramento. We are evaluating that problem to determine whether or not we will replace the damaged stand or if there is a different way of meeting our requirements. I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't have to use the emergency authority provided to us by the Congress to go ahead and repair the S-IV B at SACTO. That will mean that we will have to take R&D funds, which are already tight in order to carry out the repairs.

I can't say specifically that the items that we have deleted so far have delayed us. Since we wouldn't have had the facilities completed yet anyway, I can't really tell. However, I feel that these items are a requirement and should be done.

When the Lunar Receiving Lab was reduced from \$9.1 to \$8.1 million we had to take certain specific actions. In restudy, we did reduce the total area of the proposed facility, which was around 87,000 square feet. We were able to reduce this down to about 83,000 square feet, but our major planned saving so far is that whereas we had originally proposed having what is called a dual vacuum system, we have now removed one leg of that vacuum system so that we have a single vacuum system in the Lunar Receiving Lab. As far as we can tell right now, the major disadvantage of the change will be some delay in being able to process the lunar samples and get them out to the universities. That will be the major result.

When you are running widely spaced trips to the lunar surface it won't have such an adverse effect on the handling capabilities, but if you have two, say, within a 3 or 4 month interval, you could be accumulating a backlog in the Lab without getting the samples out quickly. The major drawback would be the delays in the handling of the samples.

However, the change does not degrade the quality of the facilities in terms of the quarantine function.

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Gurney.

Mr. GURNEY. I have a question here on communication costs. I notice you have provision for an increase of about a third of a million dollars. Why should your communications go up?