property reviews. These steps should give added impetus to the identification and reporting as excess of real property not required to meet program needs.

TRANSFERS OF EXCESS REAL PROPERTIES

Thirty-five excess real properties with an acquisition cost of $40 million were transferred to other Federal agencies during the first 6 months of this fiscal year for continued use, 10 more properties than were so transferred in the first half of fiscal year 1966. The increase is attributable in part to emphasizing the practice of disposing of excess real properties by exchange for privately owned properties needed to fulfill current Federal requirements, thus substantially reducing the amount of funds needed to be appropriated for new acquisitions.

SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY STRESSED

We stress disposal of surplus property by sale to (1) return its full cash value to the Treasury, (2) reduce maintenance costs, and (3) return property to the local tax rolls and to the civilian economy as a source of jobs and payrolls in local communities. During the first 5 months of fiscal year 1966 six properties were sold to user-buyers returning $14.6 million to the Treasury and providing job opportunities for 3,450 employees, bringing to the affected communities payrolls estimated to total $21.5 million annually. An excellent illustration of sales to user-buyers which accomplishes such objectives was the sale of the Connecticut Advanced Nuclear Engineering Laboratory at Middletown, Conn., to the United Aircraft Corp. for $14.6 million in August of 1966.

During fiscal year 1966 GSA sold a total of 365 surplus real properties valued at $125 million, an alltime record high. Cash receipts during the year from surplus real property totaled $79.3 million.

COST OF MIDDLETOWN, CONN., NUCLEAR LAB

Representative GRIFFITHS. Could you put at this point in the record the original cost of this nuclear engineering laboratory at Middletown, Conn.?

Mr. KNOTT. Yes.

(The information referred to follows:)

The initial cost to the Government for land, improvements and equipment of the Connecticut Advanced Nuclear Engineering Laboratory, Middletown, Connecticut, as reported to GSA by the owning agency, AEC, was $43,329,771.

REAL PROPERTY DISPOSALS OTHER THAN SALES

Mr. KNOTT. Although, as stated, we stress disposal of surplus real property by sale, we give due recognition to disposals for non-Federal public uses which qualify under existing law for conveyance at discounts up to 100 percent, with restrictions as to use. Such disposal during fiscal year 1966 includes:

135 properties for health and education uses.

26 properties for park and recreation uses.