

Mr. STEIGER. OEO has funds for only 50 new rural CAP agencies in fiscal year 1968. Do you think there should be more?

Secretary FREEMAN. I think there should be many more.

Mr. STEIGER. Do you think it is possible to effectively spend more than the President requested in the OEO budget?

Secretary FREEMAN. Yes, I think we could spend more money responsibly and effectively. I think we could spent a lot more money on other things that the Department of Agriculture would responsibly like to do. I would like to spend more money on soil conservation, watersheds, and in a number of other places which I could mention.

Mr. STEIGER. Could you guess how much more money OEO could effectively spend?

Secretary FREEMAN. No, I would hesitate to put a dollar sign on that. I am sure that in these CAPS they could use a good deal more.

Mr. STEIGER. Have you worked with OEO to encourage them to spend a greater share of their funds in rural areas?

Secretary FREEMAN. Very much so. We work very closely with them in that respect and have suggested from time to time that a little more emphasis in rural America might be in order.

Mr. STEIGER. I will yield the balance of my time to Mr. Quie.

Mr. QUIE. Following along the line of Mr. Steiger, you mentioned you wished you had some more money to use in the Forest Service and the Job Corps program operates 42 or 47 percent.

You also mentioned one of those two figures in your testimony.

What kind of work are these young men doing in the Forest Service which is fulfilling a need that had gone wanting for some time?

I am not talking about the help this program gives to the young men, but I am talking about the help they give to the Forest Service in trying to accomplish some of the work it is trying to do.

Secretary FREEMAN. Building trails, building camping and picnic areas, building recreation areas, doing tree planting and tree thinning where needed, fighting fires.

Mr. QUIE. Could you put a dollar figure on that, the value to the Forest Service, assuming the Forest Service was going to go out and hire this work done to accomplish its purpose?

Secretary FREEMAN. I don't have that figure, but I could get it and submit it for the record.

(Figure follows:)

We estimate the dollar value to the Forest Service from these services to be \$16,890,000.

Secretary FREEMAN. Incidentally, I saw it down in Indiana, at a place called Saddle Lake 10 days ago where the Forest Service built in conjunction with the Public Law 566 watershed recreational facilities for changing clothes, picnicking, camping, and necessary retention walls. They brought in sand and developed a really very, very attractive and very desperately needed swimming and boating and recreation area which would serve a lot of people and bring some money into that community.

Now, the difference between what it would have cost to contract that out than to have the boys do it I don't know, but I do know the project was extremely worth while from the standpoint of the end product.

Mr. QUIE. When the picnic tables are built, and the trails put in and so on within the area of the Job Corps camp, do you expect to be