

Senator BIBLE. I think there is something fascinating about mining. I think it attracts a lot of people. And I would like to see it.

I want to ask you about section 8. I want to develop what you could do on a patented mining claim, or an unpatented one, either one.

Section 8 says:

The Secretary may cooperate with other Federal agencies, with State and local public agencies, and with private individuals and agencies in the development and operation of facilities and services in the area in furtherance of the purposes of this act, including, but not limited to, the restoration and maintenance of the historic setting and background of the old mining town of Atlanta and the frontier ranch-type town of Stanley.

Now, that is colorful and intriguing and very gripping language.

How much will it cost?

Mr. CLIFF. The town of Atlanta is the old mining town, Stanley is an old western ranch town. They will both be outside of the boundaries of this national recreation area, but right next to it.

The land and the improvements, the facilities are privately owned. We would anticipate that the restoration of these towns, and building up the flavor of the Old West in them, would be accomplished largely by private owners, private enterprise. We would be prepared to give technical advice and maybe help with research. We could enter into cooperative arrangements with private individuals or communities to provide these kinds of technical assistance.

Senator BIBLE. I think all this is wonderful. But my question is, how much of the Federal dollar would it take?

Mr. CLIFF. The amount is very minimal, compared with the figures we have been talking about. And I would be glad to supply that to you.

Senator BIBLE. Very minimal is what—a hundred thousand dollars, \$200,000, \$500,000, or a million?

Mr. CLIFF. I would prefer if I could, Senator, to go through a little thinking about what that would be. It depends a great deal on just how much cooperation we can get from the citizens.

Senator BIBLE. That is what worries me. Because if you don't get the cooperation—you will be coming to the Appropriations Committee, in which I wear another hat, and I will be hearing you, because you have appeared—I happen to be on the subcommittee that the Forest Service comes before repeatedly—and I am just wondering how much money you will be asking to restore the old mining town of Atlanta and the frontier ranch type town of Stanley. I am not saying that this is wrong or it is bad, but in a day of tight budget restrictions I want to be sure we know exactly what it looks like at the other end of the room.

Mr. CLIFF. Our proposal contemplates that this will be done primarily, almost exclusively, with private capital. And we would be there trying to get it, encourage it, and furnish some technical assistance.

Senator BIBLE. I wish you would place some type of overall Federal limitation on it if you can. I realize that these are your hopes. But you want this private cooperation, and if you don't get it, will you go forward?

Senator CHURCH. I want to emphasize at this point that these two towns are not included within the recreational area.

Mr. CLIFF. That is correct.