

perhaps they are hoping that the Federal Government will take more interest in this.

It is to me absurd that we do not, because our involvement in areas around the world is continuing and developing and, as I say, we have now an international frontier which we are concerned with. These areas of the world which we concerned ourselves a little with when the Rockefeller Foundation was beginning and pioneering are now a commonplace to us as the world shrinks, and our citizens are involved in terms of knowledge in Central and South America, in Africa, in Asia, and parts of the tropical world where perhaps we little thought we would ever be involved. And so we should know about this part of the world. It is quite urgent and vitally important, and simply a matter of how you put the pressure on to get things done. It is a matter in which I take great pride being involved with the Smithsonian, as I say, because historically this is the sort of thing we do, although the mainstream of biology has passed us by.

Fortunately, we still preserve these 19th-century traditions of inquiry, on which perhaps much of the future will depend.

Mr. MOSHER. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Mosher.

Mr. MOSHER. If the Congress were to authorize increased expenditures for this type of effort, in which agency budget would the money go? Would it go into the Smithsonian's?

Dr. RIPLEY. We have approached it—the members of the committee of the international biological program have approached it in the first instance, Mr. Mosher, with the idea that the cost would be shared through several agencies, and we would each try to find some money out of various funds which in effect were central to these issues of the program. The total amount thus garnered, however, would scarcely cover initial planning expenses and would not be a source of continuing research funds.

We found in our own budget an amount I think of \$34,000 to \$35,000 which we could ill spare. For being a very small agency this was something quite substantial for us.

The model which perhaps might be more successful than this, which seems to me to be made out of bits of string and not really a very impressive model in this case, would be the International Geophysical Year model in which actually money was assigned in a line-item-like category to a budget for these activities, thus not detracting from other budgets and forcing us to compete with our own missions for these funds.

Mr. MOSHER. It would be difficult to write legislation, would it not, to authorize appropriations that would go into a pool, a little bit from one agency and a little bit from another agency?

Dr. RIPLEY. Yes.

Mr. MOSHER. And I am not a skilled writer of legislation, but I should think this would be very difficult. Wouldn't it, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. DADDARIO. Well, I would think, although Dr. Ripley is here to answer questions, this is a good point to discuss because this has come up during the last set of hearings on this subject. Apparently there is present authority to find funds and then to pool them at the inter-agency levels. That is correct, is it not, Dr. Ripley? This \$35,000 or so