

results. You can take a man who has been specifically dedicated to one particular field and if you pay him enough money, you can move him.

Dr. RIPLEY. That is a challenging statement to me. I happen to feel that is not entirely true.

Mr. WAGGONNER. But do you admit it is partially true?

Dr. RIPLEY. I think in terms of career setting, for people in a profession it is somewhat true. That is, I remember as a young teacher in biology that most of our bright minds as graduate students went on into medical school simply because they knew they could get married a little quicker and they could perhaps have a little more successful, fiscally speaking, career when they might have wanted to stay in biology, when it was not well paid, when there were no grants and very few fiscal attractions.

Mr. DADDARIO. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. WAGGONNER. Sure.

Mr. DADDARIO. These grants which we are talking about have been developed through support which as a matter of policy the Congress has funded. Therefore it has determined what fields ought to be supported or not. You are saying now that somewhere along the line we have missed the boat and that there are some areas which deserve support where a vacuum exists. You are asking that this be filled so that at least they can be competitive.

Dr. RIPLEY. I am afraid I am.

Mr. WAGGONNER. I am afraid the chairman put it in much better words than you have, Dr. Ripley.

Dr. RIPLEY. Well, I am delighted. That is the chairman's special prerequisite.

Mr. MOSHER. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Mosher.

Mr. MOSHER. Dr. Ripley has made the point that this type of information and research is of vital concern to our culture. Now you still have to make a case, don't you, for this being a concern where taxpayers' money should be used? You have to make a case for a priority for this in relation to the many other governmental priorities, including Vietnam.

Dr. RIPLEY. Of course.

Mr. MOSHER. Just to use the thing that hangs over all of us. And you do make that case?

Dr. RIPLEY. Yes.

I believe that over the period of years encompassed in this program, this relatively small investment is of equal significance to that of the International Geophysical Year.

We assume that they made a case then and thought that this was a worthwhile thing, and I believe it was.

Mr. MOSHER. Fifty million dollars is relatively small, to be sure, as related to many other governmental expenditures. Yet to the constituents of every one of us here, \$50 million is a tremendous sum of money. We have to justify such an expenditure for the purpose you are suggesting. And I know—even as sympathetic as I might be personally—that it would be quite difficult to try to persuade my constituents that this is of crucial national interest.