

sibility would they, in fact, be directing the program? Is this what you want them to do?

Dr. CAIN. We have no problem. Our relationships with NSF are excellent, not only in understanding one another but they have the experience in cooperating in funding with other agencies of the Government of which this committee is not one. Isn't this correct, if the IBP new money is identified in one budget, it would still be spent through several budgets because there are several granting agencies that have an important stake in the IBP program?

Mr. DADDARIO. Let us talk about this for a minute.

Dr. BENNETT. In terms of the overhead and the expenses of running the committee, if this came to \$300,000 a year and if under the hypothetical circumstances that this were money in the NSF budget, I am quite sure they would turn it over to the National Academy of Sciences in terms of the overhead. They would make a grant to the National Academy of Sciences. I am speaking only of overhead moneys.

Mr. DADDARIO. Following procedures presently in effect of other programs that have worked out properly through such filing arrangements.

Dr. BENNETT. Yes, indeed. It is quite commonly done. You would not then have the National Science Foundation doing anything but obtaining the funds and the responsibility would then in fact be the committee's.

Mr. DADDARIO. The committee would then have the responsibility of accounting for those funds. Is there some wisdom in doing it that way?

Dr. BENNETT. I would say on the basis of past experience that it is a relatively common procedure for granting agencies to turn over funds of this type to the national academy when the national academy takes over this type of responsibility which it does with great frequency.

Mr. YEAGER. It wasn't clear to me when you mentioned the \$15 million figure because the bell was ringing, but you are talking about the money for the operation and overhead of the committee?

Dr. BENNETT. That is correct.

Mr. YEAGER. It is not phase 2 money?

Dr. BENNETT. No; it would be utilized during phase 2 to support committee activities.

Mr. YEAGER. It is not research money.

Dr. BENNETT. No; if it was in the NAS budget, it would be dispensed in accordance with the procedures set up for it.

Mr. DADDARIO. Even though these funds are administrative type funds, it does put the responsibility on the committee to coordinate all of these activities and it would be a point to which we could look for explanation as to accountability and what have you?

Dr. BENNETT. Yes, indeed.

Mr. DADDARIO. I think that is an important phase of this.

Dr. CAIN. I would like to make one other point on the relationship between the national committee and the NSF or any other agency. I doubt that if the national committee said about a proposal that it did not fit the IBP, I doubt that they would fund it unless it fits something