

Mr. DADDARIO. This would be one governmental activity which is presently in such a position so that it could conform as a national project.

Dr. GALLER. Indeed, sir.

Mr. DADDARIO. With the International Biological Program, too.

Dr. GALLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Lukens?

Mr. LUKENS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I must admit that I am a novice in this field and yet it is somewhat intriguing to me, Dr. Galler. I think you made an excellent presentation. I have some basic questions perhaps which may seem to be coming from misinformation or a lack of information but I would like to pursue them anyway.

No. 1, how many subcommittees are there on the National Committee that could result in requests similar to that you made before this committee today? I am a bit concerned about opening Pandora's box. If we allow one subcommittee to be funded separately or through the NSF, then others may come along with a similar request and with the same justification. I would like to know how many other subcommittees do you think could possibly make the same request of this committee.

Dr. GALLER. Congressman Lukens, I feel that the likelihood of any subcommittee coming directly to Congress with a financial request is nonexistent. The organization of the U.S. National Committee—and forgive me for not having perhaps explained this fully—the organization of the U.S. National Committee is such that it sits at the apex of a pyramid of subcommittees, each subcommittee organized to delve into a particular research problem area. I am not here as a member of a subcommittee nor as a member of the National Committee. I am here as an individual.

However, the subcommittee actually formulates the working programs. These programs are then submitted to the U.S. National Committee for Review and Assessment. And ultimately the program that develops will be the program not of any one subcommittee but the program of the full U.S. National Committee.

Mr. LUKENS. So as a result, this request actually, although made as an individual, perhaps is the result of an effort of the National Committee of the IBP?

Dr. GALLER. No, sir; not the result of the National Committee, but in support of the Committee's efforts.

Mr. LUKENS. All right. Now, along the same line, sir, is it not possible that other programs of other scientific disciplines could also originate in this same request? I just wondered what the likelihood is of similar or identical requests in other scientific disciplines. They are multitudinous, are they not?

Dr. GALLER. Yes, Mr. Congressman, I certainly feel that there is such a possibility. There has been in the past, there is at present and I think there will continue to be so in the future.

Again, the IGY is one example. The International Quiet Sun Year is another example. But if you keep in mind that these are not splinter requests. These are requests for support of unique national scientific endeavors that are carefully coordinated among many groups, and