

that involve some of our most distinguished competent scientists. These requests are unique.

I don't visualize many such requests coming through at any one time.

Mr. LUKENS. All right.

Now, we have talked in numbers of persons that could be made available for this program. And you mentioned the number of 25, which I didn't understand. Does that relate to the persons that did service under the original IGY or is that the requested number you thought would be possible to service this program in the future?

Dr. GALLER. Mr. Lukens, in point of fact, I think that in its heyday, at the height of its activity, the IGY had a staff that was larger than 25, but I will defer to my colleagues who really have the complete information.

Mr. DADDARIO. It might be helpful if you could get that for the record for us.

Dr. GALLER. I will be very glad to get that for the record, Mr. Chairman.

(Information for the record is as follows:)

According to the staff office of the U.S. National Committee of the International Biological Program the staff personnel of the IGY fluctuated between 20-25 persons during the most active phase of the IGY.

Dr. GALLER. The figure of 25 is kind of an educated guess on my part based on my experience over the last 20 years. Considering the potential magnitude of our national effort in the IBP I believe that 25 would not be an unrealistic number of staff for the U.S. National Committee.

Mr. LUKENS. For your peace of mind, I might state that I intend to support this request with qualification. Basically, I am interested in how fast we are going to move. I think there is no doubt we have to pursue it. I am all for it, but I would like to know whether we are pursuing this in an orderly way.

Now, to follow this—if you don't mind my taking a couple of minutes.

Mr. DADDARIO. No. Take all the time you want.

Mr. LUKENS. To follow this, what do you think will be the ultimate outcome in terms of a 5-year projection of this program? Would you see any reason to divorce financing or financial requests from the NSF or the National Academy of Science at any point in the future?

Dr. GALLER. I think that as a formal program the IBP, as would be the case in any formal program, should have a cutoff date. It should not go on indefinitely. However, it will go on de facto because the research that is being initiated as part of the IBP will in turn instigate other kinds of research in the future that will involve an increasing number of scientists, technicians, and graduate students. But at some point, the formal program in my opinion should come to a formal conclusion. The IGY has come to a formal conclusion. But I submit that the research initiated during the IGY continues in many forms, in many countries, and in many disciplines.

As a result of the impetus given by the IGY we are receiving fundamental information and will continue to receive fundamental information that is being used in an increasing number of ways. I would hope that the same would hold true for the IBP.