

Report on the IBP would go far toward assuring sympathetic acceptance of this important program. I would also think that the judgments of the several involved agencies concerning the exact method used for highlighting the IBP in their budgets should be given due weight.

"I have sought the advice of the Bureau of the Budget concerning the problem of highlighting the IBP in the President's budget.

"I was told that, in principle, there is no objection to the identification of funds for a program such as the IBP. The fact that the IGY was circumscribed and involved a single year commitment whereas the IBP is intended to extend over a larger period may pose certain difficulties. In general, however, rather than a single "line item" which would be highly vulnerable to paring, the inclusion of a series of specific programs in the budget which could be identified as IBP activities in an overall analysis was suggested as a feasible approach. Indeed, it was pointed out that such a procedure might very well be backed up by including a special analysis of IBP activities in the overall administrative budget, thus highlighting the program without making funds specifically vulnerable.

"I neither sought nor received assurance that additional funds might be forthcoming for the IBP. This is a matter that will be up to the agencies involved as will be the presentation of arguments for according the IBP this type of identification.

"Without going into further detail, I would say that a report from this Subcommittee could be a major factor in assuring that the IBP would be accorded the attention it deserves."