

Lands Management ask for more technical people to inspect claims, to make title searches and to find the individuals who are the claimants. We do not know the addresses of claimants or where they are or who has title to any particular claim. Finally, we think BLM should have more hearing examiners to preside at the trials.

At present there are only seven hearing examiners to hear all BLM cases and there is only one assigned to the pending contests. So far he has been considering only motions to dismiss or motions to postpone and that sort of thing.

Senator ALLOTT. I do not know whether this would run contrary to the executive department policy but would it be possible for you to submit to this committee by a separate statement the extra personnel that you think would be required and their categories, Mr. Barry, for the purpose of expediting this entire program? This has been with us for a long time, not only in this administration but in the two preceding administrations, and I think it would be helpful to this committee if you could.

Mr. UDALL. Senator, I think we can provide the committee with this information and I think this will also give us an opportunity to really focus on what we are going to need during this calendar year to get the right level of effort underway so that we are tackling the main problems that are there and in a vigorous fashion.

Senator ALLOTT. Thank you very much.

(The information requested is as follows:)

The Department has made a thorough analysis of the additional manpower and funding required to carry out a full-scale investigation and adjudication program to clarify title to lands encumbered by outstanding mining claims. The total first-year impact of such a program, by Bureau or office, is as follows:

|                                              | Manpower | Funds      |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Bureau of Land Management <sup>1</sup> ..... |          |            |
| Bureau of Mines <sup>2</sup> .....           | 49       | \$610, 000 |
| Geological Survey <sup>2</sup> .....         | 4        | 100, 000   |
| Office of Solicitor .....                    | 3        | 75, 000    |
| Total .....                                  | 11       | 120, 000   |
|                                              | 67       | 905, 000   |

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of \$120,000 currently programed for contest actions already pending, BLM also forecasts a gradual reduction in this activity to 16 man-years and \$200,000 annual cost by fiscal year 1973.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of one man-year and \$25,000 in Bureau of Mines and 2 man-years and \$50,000 in Geological Survey which can be diverted from related work to claim evaluation.

These requirements are being assembled with the detailed justifications which the Bureau of the Budget will require for a supplemental appropriation requests.

Senator ALLOTT. Now, moving on to your second point, which is the blocking up program, I have just two short questions. Am I correct in my understanding that this is going to be an exchange on an equivalent basis dollar for dollar, considering all of the mineral content?

Mr. UDALL. I think this is the way it would have to be.

Senator ALLOTT. Or just the shale content?

Mr. UDALL. No. It would have to be all mineral values.

Senator ALLOTT. And in the case of the piece of shale that you just held up, where the dawsonite or nahcolite may not be acceptable or recoverable, what would you do in a situation like that?

Mr. UDALL. Well, we are going to have to develop, it seems to me, Senator, a scientific and sound technique for ascertaining values, prob-