

Cohen, who is a member of the Secretary's advisory group, in the consideration of oil shale, one of the things that concerned Kenneth Galbraith and concerned Dr. Morris Garnsey, who appeared before the Antitrust and Monopoly Committee of the Committee on the Judiciary, is the possibility that the oil industry may, having gotten all the inducements that we can offer, not develop the oil shale resource as we hope it would be developed.

I am not an economist and I am not prepared to submit evidence to the committee which is the intelligent way to make that judgment. I do suggest, however, that this is an endeavor which has been made by knowledgeable people whose opinions are respected, and whose accomplishments are known, and before we make this approach, which precludes any alternative in this industry to encourage oil shale development, we ought to consider at least the possibility that the oil companies may not be presently disposed to make the kind of investments that a technology in successful oil shale exploitation requires.

Senator Hart has indicated, and I think properly, that in the development of a brandnew industry, as it were, it would be helpful if other corporate financial entities not presently engaged in the production of liquid petroleum would put their oar in the oil shale field as a means of encouraging competition, and the like. I think this monopoly aspect ought to be considered by this committee as well as by the Antitrust and Monopoly Committee, because, while the writ of the Antitrust and Monopoly Committee runs, in a sense, legitimately in this field, it is certainly in this committee and in the House Interior Committee that the basic legislative decisions are going to be made which will affect, for good or ill, the future of oil shale development in this country.

I thank you again, Senator Moss, and I thank Senator Jackson for the courtesy that he has shown in permitting me to testify today, and I thank the members of the committee for this opportunity to appear.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Mr. Lynch.

We are very glad to have you come and point in a little different direction from where the testimony had led us earlier, pointing to areas where, certainly, careful scrutiny must be exhibited and the matters must be considered by this committee.

Senator Allott, do you have any questions or comments?

Senator ALLOTT. Yes, I have one or two questions and comments, Mr. Chairman.

First of all, Mr. Lynch, I want to make it clear that you appeared here as a private individual.

Mr. LYNCH. That is true; yes, sir. I have been interested as a public official in what happens to the resource, but I do not appear in any sense as a representative of the university, nor express the opinion of the board of regents or any other members thereof.

Senator ALLOTT. Or of the department of natural resources of the State.

Mr. LYNCH. That is true.

Senator ALLOTT. Nor of the Governor.

Mr. LYNCH. That is quite true.

Senator ALLOTT. I must say that I am quite in sympathy with your feeling about the dreadful situation that we have gotten into, not