

Mr. CARTER. I believe the Surgeon General said it would only cost an additional \$800,000 to establish this Eye Institute which in this day and age of huge spending is merely a drop in the bucket.

Mr. KYROS. I have to disagree that \$800,000 is a drop in a bucket. Just the other day we cut out a project in Maine that would cost \$800,000.

Mr. CARTER. If I remember correctly, that project in Maine would be something over a billion dollars once you get your foot in the door with \$800,000.

Am I not correct in saying the final cost of that would be \$1,500 million?

Mr. KYROS. No, sir.

Mr. CARTER. Since you brought up this subject, please state what the final cost of the Dickey-Lincoln project would be.

Mr. KYROS. The fact is \$800,000—

Mr. CARTER. Quiet please. I didn't get your reply.

Mr. JARMAN. I think it might be more appropriate to get this information apart from this testimony.

Mr. KYROS. The fact is that \$800,000 additional would have to be spent to set up an additional Eye Institute.

Dr. RYAN. I have no figures to support that.

Mr. KYROS. These are the figures presented by the Surgeon General.

Dr. RYAN. I am sure the present Institute could be used as the nucleus to establish a separate Eye Institute.

Mr. KYROS. The Surgeon General said yesterday the problem was not just obtaining money but it was obtaining the personnel for the Institute.

He suggested they were simply not available and by taking them out of the current program they now have at the National Institute you would just dilute that program.

How do you answer that argument?

Dr. RYAN. I fail to see in what way it would dilute it. I think one would still have the same number of research workers available as before.

With a separate Eye Institute there would be a chance of interesting more people in going into research, I believe. I believe that that one factor would be instrumental in increasing the interest in eye research, and the interest in eye research and the funds precede the availability of trained personnel.

I would say it would enhance that effort instead of discouraging it.

Mr. KYROS. If you have an opportunity, I would like to get a copy of the Surgeon General's statement for you because he said the main problems are in the area of trained manpower and good research ideas.

I thought he suggested that was the main problem rather than the problem of setting up a new council or adding new money.

Dr. RYAN. I fail to see at all how making a separate institute could make less people available or make it more difficult to get trained personnel and also the same goes for ideas and research.

I would think a separate institute would create more interest and enhance the likelihood of getting ideas for research because the people of the country would have something to look toward as an entity.

I feel at the present time that a good portion of the people of the United States do not realize that we even have any research institute