

you know. I want to know what the procedure was that they followed, and that is why I have asked these questions.

Do you know, Mr. Cliff, of anyone in the Treasury Department that qualifies as a recognized forestry expert in the field of forest management?

Mr. CLIFF. I have no knowledge of any professional official in forestry in Treasury. They may have some people with this background but if they do, I do not know of it.

Senator MORSE. Now, one other matter and then I will turn to my colleagues. I read in the paper last week a story in the Washington Post which has been put into the record in these hearings. We have referred on several occasions. The Department of Agriculture has announced that there will be a cut of some \$21.5 million in the Forest Service budget for this next year. Are you familiar with that story?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, sir.

Senator MORSE. Is it an accurate report?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, it is.

Senator MORSE. Are you in a position to advise the committee this morning as to just where you are going to make the cut of \$21.5 million in the Forest Service budget, which is certainly no small item?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, I can testify to that, Senator.

Senator MORSE. I want you to know, as always, I protect any witness before any committee in which I am a participant in regard to any matter of privilege. But in view of the fact that this is now a public statement, and in view of the testimony you have just given that that is the figure that you plan to cut, I would like to have the record show, if you consider it at this point a proper question, where the \$21.5 million is going to be cut out of the Forest Service budget.

Mr. CLIFF. This reduction, of course, was part of the larger reduction made by the Department of Agriculture. I think every agency in the Department was involved in one way or the other in these reductions, and they were made in response to the resolution passed by the Congress suggesting that 2-percent reduction be made in payroll and 10 percent in other controllable program obligations.

Coming after half the fiscal year was passed, and for our agency when about two-thirds of our money was spent or obligated makes this kind of a reduction rather difficult to make on the balance of the funds for the balance of the fiscal year. Necessarily we have to place the reductions where we have unexpended balances, and on some of the larger items that would take more than the smaller items. After a lot of soul searching, our reductions were spread as follows:

Reforestation, timber stand improvement \$2,080,000, soil and water management \$600,000, land classification adjustments and surveys \$270,000, structural improvements for fire and general purpose, \$1,500,000, acquisition under the Weeks Act \$680,000, acquisition under special acts \$50,000, forest, roads and trails, \$15 million, forestry research \$1,235,000, making a total of \$21,415,000.

Senator MORSE. You just increased my admiration for you by your willingness to respond to the question. As one who for 25 years has battled away here in the Senate to try to build up the administrative jurisdiction of the Forest Service, to increase our access roads, and we have increased them under your leadership, I will not take the time to put in the record of that increase, but most people do not