

Mr. CURTIS. I do too. I am surprised that there haven't been comments on this and the inconsistency of the administration's program in urging that we increase the amount of efforts that we are making to encourage tourists to come to this country and relate that to the proposed cutback in investments abroad.

The thing to me that is so tragic is that others who are concerned as you are, talk about the help of Government. My goodness sakes, this is such a healthy business. You really can make a buck here, and I am glad you can. Why do you have to come to the Government?

Our problem, believe me, of inflation is overspending by the Government. If we are going to really do the job we have to get our Federal spending down within our means, and here is an area where clearly the private sector in my judgment could be expanding, and you are doing it. Yet the administration comes here and says it wants to expand Government spending abroad for this very same purpose and yet wants to restrict private.

It is so inconsistent that I wanted to make these comments.

Well, it would be helpful if somebody in your general industry would come in and give us further data on the growth and planned expansion that has been going on in tourism in the United States. You have given it for your industry and I was very glad to get this. But let's get an understanding of what is the total expansion.

What does the USTS spend? About \$2 million?

Mr. FUGAZY. I believe it was under that.

Mr. CURTIS. I do too. What do you suppose is actually spent in the private sector? I would be guessing that it would be \$50 million at least, with all the airlines, what you spend, and everyone else. Would you hazard a guess?

Mr. FUGAZY. I understand that the figure you just asked me for is \$1.4 million. It is under \$2 million. I wouldn't be able to guess as to what the airlines, Pan American and TWA, and the various members of the Discover America program, have spent. I don't think it is that considerable.

Mr. CURTIS. I think one of them spent more than \$1.4 million. I think we have had testimony to that.

Mr. FUGAZY. Yes, sir.

Mr. CURTIS. Just one airline alone. So the question is what is the total spending in the private sector in this area. I don't know what you spend. It doesn't matter whether foreigners are spending it in your setup or you yourselves. How much money is being spent in the private sector on encouraging tourism in the United States? I think when you begin to look at it you look pretty silly in asking the Federal Government to even be spending \$1.4 million.

It is inconsequential. Then when you take a look at what the Government is doing I would think that you would want us to save the money. They are not very efficient at spending money effectively for this kind of purpose, I would argue.

Mr. HERLONG. Mr. Battin.

Mr. BATTIN. Mr. Fugazy, how effective do you really think this proposed tax would be as a deterrent to travel based on your experience?

Mr. FUGAZY. I don't think it is going to be that effective because I believe there is a report of "Working Party One" where it said that out of the \$198 million travel deficit, only approximately 46 percent