

If the Marin County people would cooperate with us, we might be able to work out with a lease-back arrangement—something that would permit those who wish to remain doing what they are doing because they don't detract from the park, they actually add to the scene. At the same time we would not have to pay some of these millions of dollars that some have talked about. It would save very substantially in enlarging the park to its full boundaries which I would like to see us ultimately do and the Senator knows that, I am sure.

Senator KUCHEL. I do, indeed. I think that is important because, regardless of the fact that the appraisal of the property in the original instance was not sound and regardless of the fact that there was unhappily an intervening period between authorization and the time any money was available which left the land speculator to come in and build houses and skyrocket values, the fact of the matter remains it is the people out there who will be short-changed if we don't change it.

I respectfully call attention to my fellow Senator from New Mexico, there are millions of people in the San Francisco area who would use expanded facilities. I just seek his counsel and guidance when we are going to be dealing with that particular subject.

In fairness to the people of Marin County I believe that the record should show that they are at least as interested in preserving Point Reyes as is the Department. I am informed that the county counsel advised them that creation of the national seashore deprived the county of authority to zone within its boundaries. I do know that they have taken other steps to impede real estate development on the peninsula. Purchase and sell-back may or may not be the answer. What is clear is that the problem must be solved.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Anderson.

Senator ANDERSON. I am very happy, Mr. Secretary, with your testimony.

I am very glad to say to my friend from California we are all entitled to our thoughts on the situation.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Allott.

Senator ALLOTT. I have just one or two questions, Mr. Secretary.

I have in my hand here a booklet entitled "Recreation Land Price Escalation," put out by the Department of the Interior. It is covered by a letter from you on January 19, 1967, about a year ago. In that, on page 6, paragraph 2, the recommendations of the Department are to deposit into the fund the receipts from public lands received pursuant to the mineral leasing laws except receipts from lands in naval petroleum reserves and the Outer Continental Shelf, national forests and national grasslands.