

I would like to say to the committee, too, that I think we are all fortunate in that conservation has a very great friend in the Bureau of the Budget, the Deputy Director Sam Hughes. I would like to pay my compliments to him.

Senator HATFIELD. Am I not clear that you are speaking for the administration?

Secretary UDALL. Of course.

Senator HATFIELD. I have before me the report of Deputy Director of the Budget from the Executive Office of the President indicating his view on this and it is in reference to what your report has already stated.

Secretary UDALL. That is correct.

Senator HATFIELD. I have before me the report of the Secretary of Agriculture who also indicates he is confirming your recommendations as given in your report.

Secretary UDALL. That is correct.

Senator HATFIELD. So, in a sense, you are speaking for the administration.

Secretary UDALL. That is correct.

Senator HATFIELD. I also have in your testimony the question that we might be under restraint here of budgets that are likely to preclude, for the present, appropriation requests, at the \$200 million level. That is on page 5 of your report to the committee. Is that correct?

Secretary UDALL. Yes.

Senator HATFIELD. What are the principal constraints that might preclude this from happening?

Secretary UDALL. Well, the constraints, Senator, you are right, is the overall budgetary situation and the overall national priorities.

Senator HATFIELD. Which includes the war?

Secretary UDALL. Yes; I would think so.

Senator HATFIELD. Now, if we did not have this war and other such restraints, if we were not involved in this fruitless pursuit in Vietnam, do I understand you feel that we could adequately and appropriately spend the amounts of money as originally proposed by our chairman in his bill?

Secretary UDALL. Senator, I do not agree with you that it is fruitless. I think that this is where the argument lies. I think this Nation must make up its budgets and its priorities in terms of its international commitments, its domestic priorities. I consider it fortunate in a stringent year that this is one of the few areas in my Department where we have a good program going and we can get additional money. I take some satisfaction in that, particularly with the type of international picture we have today.

Senator HATFIELD. If we were not spending such extraordinary amounts of money there we could more adequately, you feel, take care of this need as represented by this particular bill? In other words, you could adequately and efficiently and effectively spend the money recommended by our chairman in his original bill before you recommended the cut?

Secretary UDALL. I think that there is no question in my mind that we could spend more and spend it effectively.

Senator HATFIELD. So the answer to my question is "Yes."

Secretary UDALL. Yes, and if you want me to look into the crystal ball as to Vietnam, there are a lot of things that I am sure all of us