

in the Department could do that would be good for the country. We always face the situation.

Senator HATFIELD. The question I asked is, Could you use effectively and efficiently this amount of money. I believe your response to be yes.

Secretary UDALL. Yes; I think so.

Senator HATFIELD. Mr. Secretary, let me ask you this: If we did not have this war and other such restraints in our budget and additional money was therefore available, what would you think about the formula for the acquisition of greater amounts of money? On page 3, we have the basic formula outlined by our chairman in his bill. Could you give us a little indication as to where you feel the additional money might come from if not according to this formula? I am speaking of the deletions you recommended; that is, the natural forest receipts and the mineral receipts and so forth.

Secretary UDALL. Senator, you see, the land and water conservation fund is an unearmarked money-type fund. We originally looked at several sources but since we are talking about an increase in the range of \$100 million at this point and since the Outer Continental Shelf revenues are forecast from here on at about a half billion dollars, we felt it was clearer and simpler to earmark the Continental Shelf revenues for this conservation fund rather than take mineral leasing revenues that now go into the general Treasury. I think it is easier to do it that way.

Senator HATFIELD. If you want to double the amount, I understand you would still recommend it be taken from a single source rather than from a multiple source.

Secretary UDALL. I would think so.

Senator HATFIELD. Would you under any circumstances consider earmarking portions of the national forest receipts for this purpose?

Secretary UDALL. This could be done. It is another way of doing it. Those unearmarked receipts now go into the general treasury.

Senator HATFIELD. Then if your Department's commitments or programs required these additional funds on other contingencies, like the war, you would consider under some circumstances the use of unearmarked national forest receipts?

Secretary UDALL. I think if the committee chose to do it that way, this is another way to do it.

Senator HATFIELD. What would be your recommendation to the committee about such funds?

Secretary UDALL. My recommendation is to do it with one stroke from the Continental Shelf revenues. If the committee wants to go above or below, I think we could tie it to the Continental Shelf revenues and be very certain that the amount of money would be there.

Senator HATFIELD. Under the best of circumstances where we would possibly go above that which we are not now discussing in terms of total amount of dollars, would you then consider the national forest receipts as some future possible source for such funds?

Secretary UDALL. Personally, I would hope we don't have to look to the national forest receipts and we can look to the Continental Shelf. To me, it is a sound way of taking money we receive for natural resources that is depleting and plowing it back into land acquisition which builds up the national estate. I like that as a philosophy.