

area, fire safety and so forth. Right now, this is not capable of a precise analysis.

Senator ALLOTT. The figure of \$590,000 that you use for collection cost is not truly an accurate figure in that a portion of those services would have to be charged to other duties.

Colonel MEANOR. That is correct, sir.

Senator ALLOTT. Could you say what portion of that should be charged to other duties?

Colonel MEANOR. If I did, sir, it would only be an estimate.

Mr. GURNEE. At the present time, recognizing the impreciseness of these figures, we think that our costs and our income are about equal.

Colonel MEANOR. I do feel that by March 1968 we will have much better figures, at least from the data we have collected, not counting the fact that some admissions were by Golden Eagle passports, which we do not have figures on.

Senator ALLOTT. At the conclusion of this season, would you see that my office is informed of the figures for this season?

Colonel MEANOR. We will, sir.

Senator ALLOTT. Thank you.

(The information requested to August 31, 1967, is as follows:)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,
Washington, D.C., February 19, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your recent letter and accompanying inclosure concerning the cost of collection of user fees at Corps of Engineers facilities in relation to the amount of revenues derived from such fees for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

In 1967 there were 168 access recreational areas at projects of the Army Corps of Engineers where entrance fees were collected. The following costs for the fee collection system were incurred during the period 1 April to 31 August 1967:

Personnel cost.....	\$451, 845
Travel, equipment, material, supplies, prosecutions, and miscellaneous costs	145, 698
General expense and overhead.....	62, 957
Total	660, 500

Collections during the same period totaled \$594,000. However, sale of the \$7 annual permit at numerous sources and for multiple area use does not permit full accountability from any one agency.

While the above figures show an adverse ratio of fees collected to cost of collection, there are benefits not easily accounted for or otherwise reflected, such as the availability of the roving ranger to advise and assist visitors. In view of these benefits which are difficult to evaluate, it has been concluded that the collections during the period involved do not reflect a complete picture.

While the above period does not cover the entire recreational year, collection by the Corps of Engineers at most charge areas was suspended soon after Labor Day. It is proposed to update the above figures at the end of the recreational year, 31 March 1968. I will be able to furnish you a more complete analysis late in April 1968.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. CASSIDY,
Lieutenant General, USA,
Chief of Engineers.