

ship for the management of those resources. We preach this every day. We think it all the time. We, I think, have a very harmonious attitude within the Department as a whole. I think the trouble with some of the reorganization proposals in the past has been that—I am not critical in the sense that I think that type of thinking should not be done—any time that you propose to do things with one fell swoop you then unite all of the opposition and nothing is done.

The Hoover Commission report was a good example, because they proposed—and I think quite wisely—that a Department of Natural Resources be created, but they proposed it in such a sweeping fashion that nothing actually was done. And yet what I am trying to point out, Mr. Chairman, is that in a very quiet pragmatic, piece-by-piece way, in the last 7 years very significant things have been done to make to do this, let us tidy up. If we are ~~Natural Resources~~ ^{Natural Resources}. I think it is, to tidy up, so we will take the Indian Bureau out of the Department; and we will take the Office of Territories out of the Department. It is usually laid down as the price for changing the name of the Department.

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Well, to me, we do not have a clear-cut concept here, and we do not live in an ideal world either. My Department has had as one of its first missions its relationship with the Indian people and with their resources. After all, the Indian people of this country own over 2 percent of the land. They have resources. The management of those resources is one of our important functions.

The Indian people also have a close emotional tie with my Department, as Secretary Gardner and I found when we talked with some of the Indian leaders last winter about this whole problem and reorganization of the Indian Bureau.

If you were to say today—to me as an administrator—that you would change the name of the Department, at least take that one step, but as the price for doing that you would insist that the Indian Bureau and the Office of Territories—we have administered historically these things quite successfully—that they be