

we maybe should put the program in the Department of the Interior. You could say, "It is a health problem, put it in HEW." You could say "It is a resource problem, put it in Interior." And, in fact, part of the responsibility, some of the responsibility was put in my Department. It would not surprise me if this evolves, if we do what we ought to do. These are really not wastes. It is inefficiency. And we are going to be recycling and reusing these resources rather than dumping them. And if we do, we are recycling resources, and this might evolve to the point, like water pollution, where at some point the logic of having it come to my Department would be rather clear.

At this point—and I am not arguing that this is the time to do it—we have decided that it is a health problem and that primary responsibility should be in HEW, but this is something new. The Federal Government did not really get into this field—it, in my judgment, is getting into it late—until 2 or 3 years ago. But this is what I mean when I talk about things evolving.

Senator Moss. Planning, yes. The Council, yes; the planning.

Secretary Udall. Well, I think the Council is still on trial. I think it is working very well, and I think it gives us a very good focus for a type of overall thinking, in having the Federal Government have one mind when it approaches water problems, and have the big decisions made by a council of this kind. I think this is very vital, and I think it is going to work increasingly well as we go along.

It always seemed to me that this was a pretty logical approach to the problem. This is one approach to the problem. But, as I say, part of this, in my judgment, is already being done through the Water Resources Council in terms of a certain aspect of the planning, as far as coordinating the national water planning effort and goals.

Senator Moss. You are still dealing with the same old problem.