

and water resources. Their economic functions perhaps belong with the Small Business Administration or OEO or some place like this. If we could get to dealing with them in this manner, don't you think we might bring the Indians along to self-sufficiency sooner than keeping them as a ward of a particular Department to which they have an emotional attachment?

Secretary UDALL. Well, I hope, Senator, that you have misdescribed it a little bit. I would hope that the Indians—

I do not have any doubt in my mind that if the education function were transferred, probably HEW would do a better job. They would be on the spot, as Senator Ribicoff hinted, and I think they would have to do a better job than we are now doing, although we are trying we are putting great emphasis on education to do a much better job. I do not want to just put one specific in, that you are familiar with yourself, Senator. In the Navaho-Hopi Reservation in Arizona where they have large coal deposits and where the electric power companies are looking around for development—you are familiar with this, because it is something you and I have discussed—I could say to these electric power companies, "Look, I want you to develop this Indian coal. If you do, I will give you a water contract," because the Department has the right to contract for water out of Lake Powell. "And I will put this whole thing together, and we want these Indian resources developed."

Now, if a Secretary of the Interior just sat back, you will have what has happened everywhere else. You develop all the resources, and the Indians are just developed last. And this is what I mean when I say that if a Secretary is toughminded and if he is determined to put the Indians first in terms of development, there are many things that he can do.

Senator MOSS. Well, thank you, Mr. Secretary. I appreciate your clarifying these points that I have discussed with you. I would hope that out of the record that is made here there will be material on which to continue a dialogue here in the Congress and