

Mr. ROONEY. You requested \$28 million in fiscal 1967 and you were granted \$28 million.

General McKEE. That is right.

Mr. ROONEY. This was \$11 million less than you requested in fiscal 1966. So why don't you request more money?

General McKEE. I think in that regard, Mr. Rooney, we have to look at the overall situation in the U.S. Government. All of the agencies of the Government, obviously, would like to have everything they think they want. Obviously, if everyone got what they thought they wanted, we would have a budget many billions of dollars more than the budget we have today.

I am only a part of an administration. We have to take into account the other problems. We have a problem in Vietnam. We have problems of highway safety. We have problems of marine safety.

So there are a lot of things that are highly desirable but, nevertheless, in the priority system we can't justify them.

Mr. ROONEY. You are now talking like the Director of the Bureau of the Budget. You told me that you needed the money, that we needed the facilities, and yet you don't request the money to install radar installations throughout the country.

Let's get back to 100,000 itinerant operations. That is a misnomer. We at the Allentown-Bethlehem Airport have 103,000 itinerant operations, but unfortunately, 37,000 of those are local. What difference does it make if you have a local plane landing and taking off to go to Washington and return to the A-B Airport? If you have 100,000 flights in and out of that airport, why can't they qualify for radar?

Mr. THOMAS. The reasoning behind it is that the local flights are familiar with the area and by our definition are those that are generally within the traffic pattern. From our viewpoint, those that require more traffic handling, particularly a function of the Federal Government, are those from away from that airport. Those in the traffic pattern we did not count.

We have been giving consideration to counting those as well. At the time they occupy the runway they look just like any other airplane.

Mr. ROONEY. I have two final questions.

General McKEE, I would like to ask one other question about the 1966 request of \$51 million for new facilities and equipment. You were granted \$49 million. How much of that was spent?

General McKEE. This was in 1966?

Mr. ROONEY. Yes.

General McKEE. We asked for \$51 million and were granted \$49.8 million. Do you want the status of the expenditures?

Mr. ROONEY. You were granted \$49 million in 1966. How much was unexpended?

General McKEE. I don't have that figure with me.

Mr. ROONEY. It is in the neighborhood of \$25 million.