

Marine Sciences and Engineering, and really put on that Commission the job of very fundamental recommendations to Congress which we will be getting toward the end of this year in the Commission's report.

Can we expect that type of report ultimately from this Committee on Environmental Quality?

Dr. BENNETT. Let me say I am quite sure the deliberations and analyses of this interagency committee will result in the identification of problem areas that will eventually be brought to Congress for action. However, at the present time, we do not feel a need for another study group. This area has been studied by many, many groups and the initial problem was to take the existing recommendations, to compare them with what is going on, and to see what additional authority might be needed and where additional research might be needed. The authority already exists for the Office of Science and Technology to be the focus for these activities.

You will recall that the President's Science Advisory Committee had a panel a few years ago that published a report, one of those which described the problems of restoring quality to the environment, but that panel then went out of existence. The recognition of the fact this is a continuing problem has led now to the decision to reestablish this panel on a continuing basis and not as an ad hoc group that makes recommendations and then disbands. Thus, there will be an arm into the agencies through the Federal Council Committee, there will be an arm to the outside public, to the private sector, through the activities of this PSAC panel and, as I have already indicated this has necessitated an increased effort in the Office of Science and Technology devoted to this broad area of environmental quality. So that we feel the authority exists and the creation of this Committee of the Federal Council for Science and Technology really triggered these other actions which are not surprising. I think there was a realization that something of this sort was needed, but the committee is what finally made things begin to move.

Mr. MOSHER. Mr. Chairman, can we assume there will be a continuing and active liaison between this subcommittee and its staff and the Committee on Environmental Quality?

It seems to me there is a need for probably more communication than there has been in the past between this committee and the Congress.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Mosher, there has been. Since we had our last hearings on the subject, we have continued such a relationship and it certainly is our intention that we will continue it. I think the question you ask is a very good one as to what recommendations we might expect from the activities that are going on under the aegis of OST. And I, too, think a corollary to that would be recommendations to be made as to how mechanisms can be developed within the executive branch so interagency problems can be adjusted.

I offhand would disagree with Dr. Hornig where he said in answer to one of my questions that the proliferation of activities going on in all of these agencies is the way in which to do it. I would think it ought to be more concentrated; perhaps not in one agency but certainly not spread around as much as it presently is.