

the work and improving the plans for national assessments in the interim between the intensive peak periods. And then, we need enough money to hire temporary staff, consultants and computer time in the periods of intensive activity to come out every 2 or 3 years—whatever the requirements are—to come out with a periodic national assessment.

Now, we have a continuing problem of funding for the national assessment as well as the peak problem, and that is the problem we have in financing in this particular activity.

Senator ANDERSON. You could specify jobs and could not specify dollars; I think you ought to try to put in the proposal exactly what you really want.

Mr. HOLUM. The second question is, "In reviewing principles, standards, and procedures for the planning of water resource projects, such as the appropriate interest rate, the Council utilizes committees and work groups composed of personnel from other agencies. This insures the consideration of the various problems and viewpoints of the agencies involved, but it fragments the research and administrative support among staff personnel of those agencies who are not directly responsible to the Council. Will additional administrative and lower grade technical support be necessary to facilitate the performance of this function?"

Mr. CAULFIELD. If I get the thrust of the question properly, I would say that the need for the staff of the Council is because we do not have what I referred to before, as a critical minimum of staff. We have to call upon the agencies too often for doing, literally, staff work for the Council. This is not to say that the agencies should not participate, and even including staff work, in the work of the Council. I think it is highly desirable that they do so. Otherwise we would get a divorce between Council staff and the agencies. We are not seeking that, because I do not think you can have an effective Council without intimate relationship between the staff of the departments and the staff of the Council.

The point is that the Council needs additional administrative and lower grade technical support—I would say really the problem is one of higher grade professional support, grade 14's and 15's, with the necessary secretaries, and so forth, to go with that. The type of work that grades 14 and 15 perform in professional activity is the critical element in the staff work for the Council.

I hope that is responsive to the question.

Senator ANDERSON. No. 3.

Mr. HOLUM. Question 3, "the comprehensive river basin studies are participated in by a number of Federal agencies. The total budget for the effort is reviewed by the Council, but portions of the funds are included in the budget requests of a number of agencies which come before different appropriations subcommittees. The situation is further complicated by contractual arrangements and fund transfers among the agencies involved. Is it advisable in the future to consolidate some part of the comprehensive river basin funds under the Council's budget request?"

Mr. CAULFIELD. We, the Council and the Bureau of the Budget, have not given consideration to the question of whether the appropriations for comprehensive river basin studies should be made to the Council