

Mr. ASPINALL. I do not care about the Secretaries. The Secretaries listen to a whole lot of minorities.

Mr. CRAFTS. All right. We picked 22 rivers. First we started with 650. We obtained suggestions from everybody we could think of. We screened those 650 by an office procedure—by maps, by knowledge of people who knew about the river. This was an office job. We cut down the list of rivers to 67. Then we went in and looked at places. Again it was a judgment procedure. We eliminated some of those 67, and within the limits of our financial resources and manpower, we concentrated on 22, which seemed to be the best. Of these 22, five had received previous study.

Then we did a field job on the remaining 17. We got reports on each of the 22.

The Allagash was thrown out. I can go down that list of 22. The Allagash was thrown out because the State of Maine is administering it as a wilderness waterway.

The Buffalo, Arkansas, was not put in because we think a proposal may be submitted for a somewhat different approach on that river.

Mr. ASPINALL. The fact is there is opposition to the Buffalo?

Mr. CRAFTS. No, sir; that is not why we threw it out.

Mr. ASPINALL. It may not be why you threw it out, but there is opposition to the Buffalo, and it has been before me for the last 3 years.

Mr. CRAFTS. The Buffalo in Tennessee is one which we would like very much to have put in.

I do not know how to answer your question better, Mr. Chairman, other than to say we exercised a judgment among this group of 22 within the limits of what we thought was financial possibility, and within the limits of what we thought were highest priorities. I cannot give you any better answer.

Mr. ASPINALL. And to authorize anywhere from 12 to 20 rivers for establishment immediately in the scenic river category—we would have the Bureau of the Budget making the determination as to what rivers were to be given attention, wouldn't we?

Mr. CRAFTS. You probably would.

Mr. ASPINALL. Now, Dr. Director, will you please furnish for the committee—I do not want it at this time—the procedure by which you arrived at the \$50,000 apiece study for each one of the rivers in the study section.

Mr. CRAFTS. Yes. It is a very superficial procedure. But I will give you a statement on that for the record.

Mr. ASPINALL. I will be glad to have it. It just simply means to me more than likely we will be asked to come back and authorize another \$50,000 a river, or for some of them, anyhow.

(The information to be furnished for the record follows:)

JUSTIFICATION FOR STUDY COST OF \$50,000

Based on our experience during the Wild Rivers Study and experience of the National Park Service in its studies of particular rivers, we estimate the average cost per river of making a detailed study as called for in the proposed legislation to be \$50,000. This figure includes allowance for a field study team including development planning, the preparation of a study report, and travel and other related miscellaneous expenses.