

Mr. ASPINALL. Under what authority?

Mr. McCLURE. Contract No. 263.

Mr. CRAFTS. Under the Organic Act of the Bureau which allows us to enter into contracts.

Mr. ASPINALL. Bureau of Recreation?

Mr. CRAFTS. Yes, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. Did you ever advise this committee that you were making that kind of study?

Mr. CRAFTS. I cannot recall, Mr. Aspinall, whether we advised this committee. We advise the Appropriations Committee each year of the contracts that we have. I think during the life of this Bureau, we have had about 20 contracts for work of a variety of sorts. I would be glad to submit a list of them.

Mr. ASPINALL. You haven't had 20 contracts for this?

Mr. CRAFTS. No, sir; just this one pilot study with Battelle is all.

Mr. ASPINALL. Thank you.

Mr. McCLURE. Did I understand you to say that it had not influenced your decision?

Mr. CRAFTS. I would not say it had not. It certainly has not controlled it. I don't even remember what the Battelle report recommended.

Mr. McCLURE. If it did not play a significant role in the selection of the rivers to be included, can you explain why the rivers recommended by that report are included in all the bills?

Mr. CRAFTS. You may know more about the Battelle report than I do. As I say, we retained the Battelle people more to develop procedures for us than otherwise. Mr. Tkach is trying to say something to me, and I don't understand it, so I will let him speak for himself.

Mr. TKACH. In addition to the Battelle study, there was the Forest Service study, and the joint Agriculture-Interior field studies on the various rivers. The Forest Service study was also considered as a primary basis.

Mr. CRAFTS. For all the rivers?

Mr. TKACH. For the Salmon and Clearwater.

Mr. CRAFTS. You see, the way we went about this—we set up a study team for each of these 22 rivers.

Mr. McCLURE. I am concerned about how you got down to the number "22," first.

Mr. CRAFTS. We made reconnaissance surveys, which I mentioned sometime today. Our reconnaissance surveys were airplane surveys—flying the rivers, setting down and driving into occasional points on the rivers. There were consultations with the people that knew the rivers. Then we exercised our judgment based on this type of reconnaissance. We used aerial photographs where they were available. In all cases we consulted with the States involved.

I don't mean to infer that in all cases the States agreed. I don't know. I would have to go back and check this. But they were brought in.

When we went into the detailed studies, we set up specific study teams which traveled the rivers to study them in much more depth. The Governors of the States were advised, they were invited to assign participants, and in most instances they did join with us, that is, the appropriate State departments as indicated by the appropriate Gov-