

Mr. BROOKS. I would like to see that concisely and with relevance. We may want to talk about that later.

Mrs. HECKLER. And would you include a statement of the procedures for reconsideration of allocation in an area?

Mr. HYDE. A petition can be filed at any time for a rulemaking proposing a change. We would be obliged, under the Administration Procedure Act of 1946 to examine it and make some judgment upon it.

Mrs. HECKLER. What factors would you consider in making that decision?

Mr. HYDE. One very important factor, would the proposed change be conducive toward an equitable distribution of facilities—one of the basic policy factors—equitable distribution of facilities as between States and communities.

Mrs. HECKLER. I still do not know what you mean.

Mr. HYDE. Fair and equitable and still give appropriate attention to—

Mrs. HECKLER. I am particularly interested because in a recent disaster area in my district the local radio station, which was allowed to broadcast only until a certain hour, was on the air all night. The town—city of roughly 70,000 people—was tuned in to this station, and the next night there was such a feeling of emptiness because the station was not permitted to be on. Everyone in the city discussed this and people were saying, "Isn't it unfortunate that we are not able to get the news and be informed in the evening." This raises a question of how would a city provide for better distribution.

Mr. HYDE. May I make just one brief observation about this problem. We have 1,800 or 1,900 daytime-only stations in the AM band. The reason they are limited to daytime is that engineers found they could operate during these hours without causing untoward interference with previous broadcasting stations, so the facilities would be available only for daytime.

We do have an allocation for FM and there are many communities where FM assignments are available and where they could provide both day and night service, and, normally, an FM channel will give better service—a more uniform signal.

For instance, the nighttime service area will correspond pretty closely to the daytime one. However, interest in this area has not been nearly as great as in AM because we have the distribution of sets for AM reception, the small transistor ones and so forth.

There is an increasing interest in FM now. Channels which have gone begging for a long time are being sought now. More sets are being made for FM reception, including automobile sets; and I do believe, although I do not have in mind the details of this particular community, that the probabilities are that there would be a way to resolve this problem by FM. I would be glad to have somebody look into it.

Mrs. HECKLER. It would not help in this situation but I would be glad to talk about it.

B. PROGRAM III—BROADCAST

Mr. BROOKS. Could we get Mr. Smith to give us a rundown on his broadcast bureau, what he does, and how many people?