

as much direction, but still if you had more employees would the automobile be a safer vehicle?

Secretary BOYD. Yes; and we need more employees, but you have to bear in mind that the Highway Administration has no operating responsibilities. It doesn't operate the highway system in this country. The basic function of the Highway Administration is in the Bureau of Public Roads to handle the Federal trust fund, the highway trust fund grant program, to examine the engineering of the proposed highway projects and things of that nature. It does not have any operating responsibility.

Now, the Highway Safety Office does have major safety responsibilities and it doesn't have enough people.

Mr. THOMPSON. How many people do you have in that Office of Highway Safety?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Authorized, 619.

Mr. THOMPSON. How many fatalities do we have on the road a year?

Secretary BOYD. 53,000 for the last 2 years, which really represents an improvement because the exposure was greater in 1967 than it was in 1966. With the fatality rate remaining constant, it represents an improvement. Now, this is a new program. It is not like FAA, which got started—its predecessors got started in 1926. This highway program will build, and it should. There is a tremendous payoff in highway safety, but we are not going to do it overnight.

General MCKEE. Just to give you some figures, in planning air traffic in 1968, our agency operates and maintains 334 flight service stations relaying flight and weather data; 27 air traffic control centers regulating movement of interstate traffic; 320 air traffic control towers, and more than 4,000 other major navigation and traffic control facilities. So this is a tremendous operation that we have got all over the country.

PART 2—PROGRAM REVIEW

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Secretary, we would like now to turn to the questions on your program breakdown and submit for the record the remainder of the exhibits.

(The exhibits appear throughout the remainder of the hearing transcript.)

Mr. BROOKS. I will insert at this point the exhibit showing the expenditures for the Office of the Secretary and related activities. We have discussed these pretty thoroughly in the first part of the hearing.

(Exhibit F follows:)