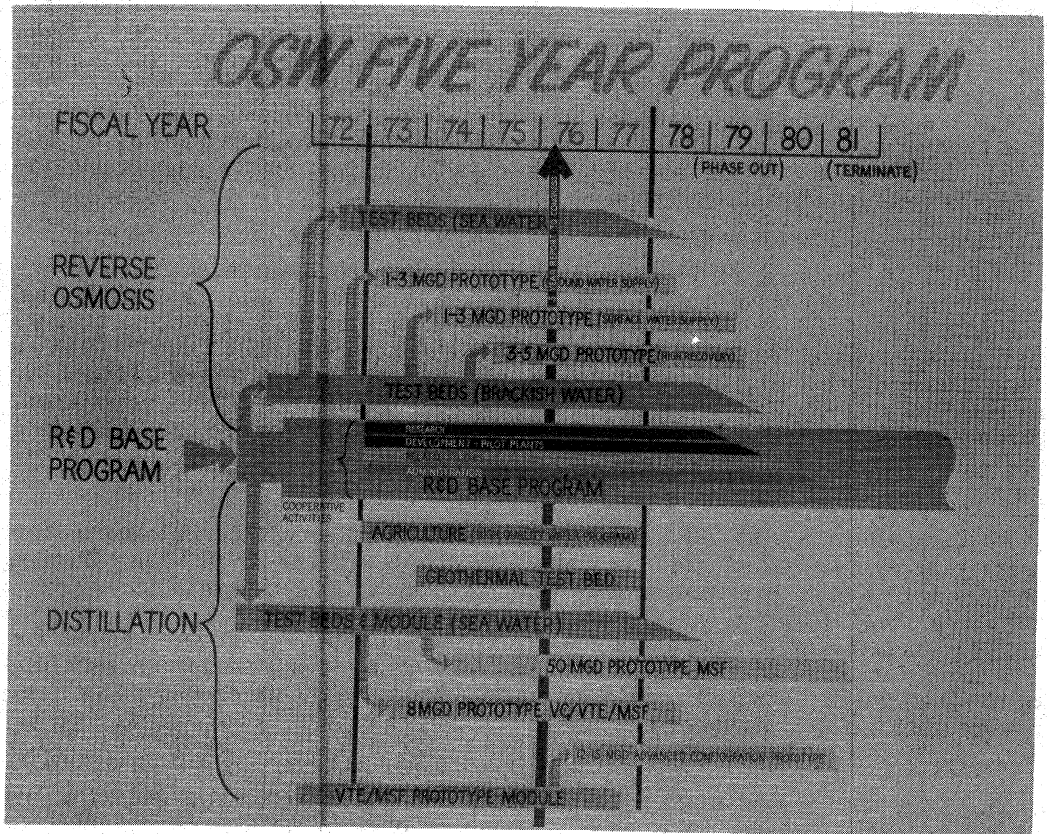


Senator ALLOTT. In connection with the Westwide water study you mention, it is supposed to be completed in 1977. Now, with the schedule which you have provided for the record, will you have any definitive results of the desalting program to incorporate in the Westwide study, and if so, what will they be?

Mr. SMITH. Hopefully, the large-scale prototype will be completed just about at that time, I think in 1977. All of the capital costs going into that large scale will be known at that time. The project should be



on time, and operating. I think the initial preliminary operating data will be available and of course, whatever is, will be cranked into the Western U.S. water plan study. I think perhaps the words "definitive results" are the heart of your question, Senator Allott. It will be as definitive as we can make it, consistent with the fact that the plant will not have been operated very long.

Senator ALLOTT. Well, now, let's take a look at this whole picture, where we are. The Senator from New Mexico, the chairman of this committee, and to many of the rest of us, he has really been one of the