

they are building plants that produce 1,200,000 kilowatts of electrical power with this same type reactor. These bigger plants, starting with the Connecticut Yankee plant and the other plants that have followed are competitive and economical.

Senator ANDERSON. Senator Jordan?

Senator JORDAN. Commissioner Ramey, I think we are all agreed that systems management is necessary when you have such diverse interests as were joint venturing the Bolsa project. But before we get to that point now, in order to revive the interest and get a prototype program going again, you suggest that perhaps a joint venture concept between Interior and AEC—a joint office concept, rather, between Interior and AEC—would be better than just a loose kind of cooperative relationship such as you presently have. You mentioned that you have such a joint office relationship with Navy and with NASA?

Mr. RAMEY. Yes, sir.

Senator JORDAN. And it works very well in those two instances?

Mr. RAMEY. Yes, sir, it works excellently. In the case of the Navy program, Admiral Rickover is the director of the AEC's Division of Naval Reactors and he is also an Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Ships on the Navy side.

Senator JORDAN. Yes.

Mr. RAMEY. And that is a very closely integrated program and is run as one program.

Senator JORDAN. Yes.

Mr. RAMEY. And it has been from the start. I happen to have been this counsel in Chicago that wrote the original contract for the development of the *Nautilus* prototype and it has been run as a joint effort all the way through.

On the NASA work, we have a joint office with NASA that Harry Finger originally headed up and now Milt Klein heads up. Harry Finger came from the NASA organization, but he was working for both NASA and AEC. The money has been split on the development of the NERVA rocket and the development of these smaller electric power sources that are used on the moon and on satellites. The present director happens to be an AEC employee, but the office and the effort are run as a single organization. We believe, especially if we come to a large prototype project in the nuclear desalting area, this joint office setup would probably provide the best means of coordinating the activities. The AEC is a very development and systems-oriented organization having had great experience with industry and we believe that we can make a real contribution. OSW, of course, has done a great job of bringing the desalting technology to where it is today but they do not have as much industry experience as we do.

Senator JORDAN. You believe, then, that as an essential constructive first step it would be important to have a joint office set up between Interior and AEC in order to revive and get a prototype project going again?

Mr. RAMEY. I do not think it is an essential first step, Senator, but I think it would help. I think somewhere down the line, though, where we are working on getting a proposal and so on, it would be useful. And once a project is authorized, it is essential.

Senator JORDAN. All right, I will ask you the same question I asked the Secretary then. If this committee decides to include a 1-year pro-