

Senator CHURCH. Will the Senator yield for clarification?

Senator JORDAN. Yes, indeed.

Senator CHURCH. It is possible that the revised regulation the Department presumably intends to promulgate will take into account many of the arguments you have presented to us.

Mr. EMIGH. We hope that is the case, Senator. We have not seen them.

Senator CHURCH. I have had communications with the Secretary because of the importance of the phosphate mining industry in Idaho and the impact it was feared that the proposed regulations would have on the industry. Presumably these arguments have been taken into account by the Department in the process of its review of the original regulations. Now what the result of this will be we won't know until we see what the revised regulations are. But that is where we stand at the moment vis-a-vis the Department; isn't that correct?

Mr. EMIGH. That is correct.

Senator CHURCH. Thank you.

Senator JORDAN. I want to get into the economics of the things a bit with Mr. Power.

Mr. Power, in your statement you dealt with economics somewhat. You heard me ask other witnesses what the surface condition of the land was and what use it was put to before the mining operation was commenced and to what economic use the land was put after the body of ore was extracted, and what would it be useful for.

You heard me ask for a delineation of the economic resources that were removed, that were taken out in the mining operation.

I now ask this question of you: You said in your statement: "We have contributed millions of dollars of cash flow to the people of our States in the form of payroll, taxes, supplies, and purchase of power, railroad rate, and so forth. In 1967, our annual payroll was \$122 million."

That is only 1 year, Mr. Power. Is that an average year?

Mr. POWER. Yes.

Senator JORDAN. How many years has the industry been operating?

Mr. POWER. We started about 20 years ago. Of course, 20 years ago we were starting to grow. So it would not have been that high at that point.

Senator JORDAN. This would hardly be average then. You would have come up from a small beginning to an annual payroll of \$122 million in 1967?

Mr. POWER. That is right, sir.

Senator JORDAN. " * * * our plant investment directly related to western phosphate was in excess of \$654 million over the Nation."

Mr. POWER. That is correct.

Senator JORDAN. " * * * out of this we have disturbed in the past 20 years, 1,781 acres, all of which will eventually be reseeded."

Now in our western area, to what use was this land put before you started disturbing the surface?

Mr. POWER. This land is basically cattle and sheep country.

Senator JORDAN. With a carrying capacity of about one sow to 20 acres?

Mr. POWER. Senator, I have been in the cattle business for 25 years along with mining. My estimate is that the 1,781 acres we have dis-