

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Chairman, I have gotten so that I guard that money even tighter than my own personal funds.

Mr. O'HARA. I understand that. I am not critical.

Mr. FOSTER. Sixty percent of the jobs that we have appropriations for today are now estimated to cost more than the appropriations we have. This keeps me awake nights.

Mr. O'HARA. Do you have some coordination with other Federal agencies and what form does it take?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, sir. There is the Federal Construction Council of which the Commissioner is a member and that has representation from all of the Federal agencies that do construction; the military services, the Veterans' Administration, AEC, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Public Roads, and so on. There is the Buildings Research Advisory Board under the National Academy of Sciences which sponsors research by Federal agencies on building and construction problems.

Mr. O'HARA. Presumably they could be a little more active in terms of spreading out the Federal work.

Mr. FOSTER. They could. They could take this on as a major field of investigation and perhaps may have already looked at it. Of course, the Bureau of the Budget, I think, has a place to play in this too.

Mr. O'HARA. I am sure they do. I think what has to happen—and it is the fault of the Congress rather than the agencies—is that if we think this is a serious problem we have to build into this entire system an urgent priority for reducing seasonality in the industry so that administrators will have a directive, a policy guideline that has a high place in their priority of values: Is this important and, if so, we ought to say so and tell them that this is very important.

Mr. FOSTER. That is true.

Mr. O'HARA. With respect to whether or not we do that I presume you would rather not either urge or discourage it. You are going to leave that to us.

Mr. FOSTER. I defer to your wisdom, sir.

Mr. O'HARA. Thank you very much, Mr. Foster, for your testimony. We have appreciated having you here today.

Mr. FOSTER. It has been a pleasure, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you very much.

Mr. O'HARA. Could you supply us with a copy or copies of your labor market survey materials. In other words, if I were a regional administrator of GSA, and I were about to let a contract for a public building, I would have a set of forms on my desk and certain questions would have to be answered. I would like to see just what those questions are and what the instructions to the regional administrators are.

Mr. FOSTER. I have Xeroxed copies of two memorandums dated in the fall of 1966, one of which was an anonymous sample attached, a hypothetical example, if I may put that in the record.

Mr. O'HARA. Yes; we would appreciate that.

Without objection, that will be entered into the record at this point.

Mr. FOSTER. Thank you very much, sir.

(The information to be supplied follows:)