

Mr. JONES. Can you, through that scheme, have complete control of the stream?

General NOBLE. Conceivably, sir, in the proper situation; yes, sir.

Mr. CLAUSEN. At what point? Where would you have the control?

Colonel SHAFFER. In Omaha, sir.

Mr. JONES. Where?

General SHAFFER. It would be primarily through the city of Omaha, sir.

General NOBLE. What you have here, you have small projects on tributaries which act together to give you protection on the main stem. That is the concept here.

Mr. JONES. Who would manage the regulation of the flow, the Corps of Engineers?

Colonel SHAFFER. The Corps of Engineers.

Mr. JONES. And in such a method what would be the role of the local communities in the various reservoir areas of the State or municipalities? What role do they play?

General NOBLE. Well, sir, in reservoir control as you know, the reservoirs are operated by the Federal Government. We very often have a control center where we have the advice of various agencies that have an interest in flow, but the final decision is made by the Federal Government. It is a Federal project devoted to Federal purposes and is so regulated.

Mr. JONES. And would it be maintained and operated as a Federal responsibility?

General NOBLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Could you point out on the map the point at which you will receive flood control benefits?

Colonel SHAFFER. It would be through that main part of Omaha, the Little Papillion Creek along the Big Papillion Creek and the western portion.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Is there any flood damage currently in and around the Offutt Air Force Base complex?

Colonel SHAFFER. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Minimal or extensive?

Colonel SHAFFER. I would have to supply that information for the record, sir.

(Information requested is as follows:)

Flood damages under 1966 conditions would amount to approximately \$42,000 annually on that portion of Papillion Creek adjacent to and within the Offutt Air Force Base complex.

Mr. JONES. With that many projects, I am surprised.

Mr. CLAUSEN. You do have a coordinated flood control planning on the part of the political subdivisions?

Colonel SHAFFER. It is considerably more accurate in this field than it has been in the past.

Mr. JONES. I hope so. The justifications keep coming up here for local protective works. We are advised of local ordinances and then after the project is constructed the local people start giving licenses and permits to use the areas. So I think we ought to pay greater attention to this matter. There is no use building these projects if they are going to be meaningless in a short period of time.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I might add, Mr. Chairman, this would become increasingly important if the flood insurance program as now included in the housing bill actually becomes enacted into law, because there is