

Coast of Dade County, Fla., between Government Cut and Bakers Haulover Inlet, including Miami Beach and a number of small communities, and Haulover Beach Park, in the interest of beach erosion control and hurricane protection. It is responsive to the River and Harbor Act of 1930 and to Public Law 71, 84th Congress.

There is no existing Federal project for beach erosion control and hurricane protection in the area. Shore recession is causing loss of valuable beaches and property and is placing seawalls and other structures under direct wave attack. Many of the most intense hurricanes have passed over or near the area, and hurricane tides and waves have caused major flooding.

The recommended plan of improvement calls for construction of protective beaches and dunes and periodic nourishment for beach erosion control and hurricane protection. Placement of about 15 million cubic yards of material would be required for all the proposed work. Total cost is estimated at \$29,480,000 of which \$11,805,000 would be Federal. Federal costs could increase to \$17,701,000 and non-Federal costs decrease proportionately with the establishment of public ownership and use of all area beaches. The benefit-cost ratio is 2.7. The usual items of local cooperation are required and assurances have been received that such cooperation will be furnished. All interested Federal and State agencies favor the project.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to submission of the report to Congress. However, it notes that the preponderance of benefits estimated for the proposed project between Government Cut and Bakers Haulover Inlet would accrue, on the basis of existing shore-front ownership, to beaches presently in public ownership and use.

As a result, it believes the economic justification for the proposed improvements along shorefront presently in private ownership is questionable. The Bureau states that assurances of public access and use of these beaches would provide opportunity for dispersion of projected recreational use along the entire length of the project and opportunity for possibly even greater recreational use than estimated in the report. Further, it agrees fully with the view of the Secretary of the Army that it is important to insure that the expenditure of Federal funds for this project will result in commensurate public benefit. The Bureau of the Budget, therefore, concurs in the recommendation of the Secretary of the Army.

The Secretary recommends that the projects for beach erosion control and hurricane protection be authorized in accordance with the plans and subject to the conditions recommended by the Chief of Engineers in his report; provided that, in addition thereto, prior to construction, local interests furnish assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that they will establish and continue public use of all of the new beach fill seaward of the landward limit of the project.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.

Mr. JONES. That last sentence—will you explain what you mean there?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, at the present time we have a situation where the beaches have eroded, and we are addressing as the landward limit the existing shoreline, which in most cases we find that the waves are attacking the sea walls as they have been built. It is the property owner's line as the landward limit at the present time, sir.